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**MATANUSKA-SUSITNA BOROUGH  
PLANNING COMMISSION RESOLUTION NO. 17-02**

A RESOLUTION OF THE MATANUSKA-SUSITNA BOROUGH PLANNING COMMISSION RECOMMENDING ADOPTION OF THE FISHHOOK COMPREHENSIVE PLAN.

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WHEREAS, in January, 2012, the Fishhook Community Council requested assistance from the Matanuska-Susitna Borough to develop a comprehensive plan; and

WHEREAS, the Matanuska-Susitna Borough Assembly authorized the planning staff to engage in the comprehensive planning process in June, 2012; and

WHEREAS, Borough planning staff, in accordance with Planning Commission Resolution 09-14(AM), sent a mailing to all property owners based on the assessment records of the Borough which notified owners of the planning action and requested applications from people interested in serving on the Planning Team for the area; and

WHEREAS, thirty-three people applied to be on the planning team, and thirty-three people were appointed to the planning team in January, 2013; and

WHEREAS, the planning team began meeting in February, 2013; and

WHEREAS, the planning team heard from a number of guest speakers on a variety of topics from transportation to Hatcher Pass plans, to the theoretical build-out of the Fishhook area; and

WHEREAS, the planning team developed a survey which was sent to all property owners and put on the Borough's website in January, 2014; and

WHEREAS, a community workshop reviewing the results of the survey with the community was held in August, 2014; and

WHEREAS, over the period of the next 11 months, planning team members discussed, drafted and reviewed draft language, made adjustments, and used the survey as a guide to draft a plan with ten chapters; and

WHEREAS, the planning team developed in compliance with Alaska State Statute Sec.29.40.030. Comprehensive Plan, goals and strategies in seven broad categories including Land Use, Public Facilities, Transportation, Trails and Recreational Sites, Water Resources, Emergency Preparedness and Natural Community Assets; and

WHEREAS, the community was kept up to date at quarterly community council meetings, postings on the Borough website, and flyers in the community; and

WHEREAS, the draft plan was presented for review at the 2015 Annual Meeting of the Fishhook Community Council; and

WHEREAS, the public comment period ran from October 23, 2015 to January 8, 2016 and resulted in comments that led to modification of the plan by the planning team; and

WHEREAS, the draft plan was discussed and debated at community council meetings in February, August and October, 2016, including a page by page review in August; and

WHEREAS, the final vote to approve the plan was taken on October 27, 2016, and passed by a vote of 106 to 73 of community council members to recommend approval of the draft plan and request it be forwarded to the Planning Commission and the Borough Assembly.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Matanuska-Susitna Borough Planning Commission hereby recommend assembly adoption of the Fishhook Comprehensive Plan.

ADOPTED by the Matanuska-Susitna Borough Planning Commission this 6<sup>th</sup> day of February, 2017.

  
COLLEEN VAGUE, Acting-Chair

ATTEST

  
MARY BRODIGAN, Planning Clerk

(SEAL)

YES: *Vague, Anderson, Glassman, and Rauchenstein*

NO: