

MATANUSKA-SUSITNA BOROUGH

Historical Preservation Commission Agenda

Edna DeVries, Mayor

Andrew Schweisthal
Kevin Toothaker
Deborah Burlinski
Jake Anders
Fran Seager-Boss
Vacant
Vacant
Vacant
Vacant

Adam Bradway – Staff



Michael Brown, Borough Manager

PLANNING & LAND USE DEPARTMENT
Alex Strawn, Planning & Land Use Director
Kim Sollien, Planning Services Manager
Fred Wagner, Platting Officer

February 10, 2022
REGULAR MEETING
6:00 p.m.

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- State your name for the record, spell your last name and provide your testimony.

- I. CALL TO ORDER
- II. ROLL CALL – DETERMINATION OF QUORUM
- III. APPROVAL OF AGENDA
- IV. LAND ACKNOWLEDGMENT

"The Matanuska-Susitna Borough Historical Preservation Commission acknowledge that we are meeting on traditional lands of the Dene people, and we are grateful for their continued stewardship of the land, fish, and wildlife throughout time immemorial."

- V. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE
- VI. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

- A. September 30, 2021, Regular Meeting Minutes

VII. ELECTIONS

VIII. AUDIENCE PARTICIPATION (*three minutes per person, for items not scheduled for public hearing*)

IX. HISTORICAL SOCIETY/MUSEUM UPDATES

X. STAFF/AGENCY REPORTS & PRESENTATIONS

- A. MSB Archive Organization Project
- B. Historic Preservation Plan Phase II Update
- C. HPC Code
- D. Correspondence

XI. UNFINISHED BUSINESS

- A. Amending 4/22/21 HPC Minutes

XII. NEW BUSINESS

- A. A resolution of the Matanuska-Susitna Borough Historical Preservation Commission Recognizing the service of Eileen Haines
- B. Work Planning for 2022

XIII. MEMBER COMMENTS

XIV. NEXT MEETING DATE:

- A. Next Regular Meeting – 05/12/22

XV. ADJOURNMENT

Disabled persons needing reasonable accommodation in order to participate at a Historical Preservation Commission Meeting should contact the borough ADA Coordinator at 861-8432 at least one week in advance of the meeting.

I. **CALL TO ORDER - ROLL CALL – QUORUM ESTABLISHED.**

The regular meeting of the Matanuska-Susitna Borough Historical Preservation Commission was called to order at 6:02 on Thursday, September 30, 2021, by teleconference via Microsoft Teams (1-907-290-7880).

Historical Preservation Commissioners present and establishing a quorum:

Deborah Burlinski

Andrew Schweisthal

Jake Anders

Fran Seager-Boss

Angela Wade

Staff and Agency Representatives in attendance:

Adam Bradway, Staff

II. **APPROVAL OF AGENDA**

MOTION: Jake Anders moved to approve the agenda. Deborah Burlinski seconded.

DISCUSSION: None.

VOTE: Motion passed unanimously.

III. **LAND ACKNOWLEDGMENT**

IV. **PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**

V. **APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

MOTION: Deborah Burlinski moved to approve the minutes of the previous meeting. Jake Anders seconded.

DISCUSSION: None.

VOTE: Motion passed unanimously.

VI. **AUDIENCE PARTICIPATION**

- Talon Boeve spoke about wanting to consistently attend HPC meetings.

VII. **HISTORICAL SOCIETY/MUSEUM UPDATES**

- Talkeetna Historical Society – Informed the HPC that they submitted a National Register nomination for the Dorothy Swanda Jones Cabin. Informed the HPC that the society is busy with rehabbing the museum building and that they had engineers on site this week to go over the building's needs.

VIII. **REPORTS:STAFF/CORRESPONDENCE**

Fran Seager-Boss: Gave an overview of the archeological investigations at Settlers Bay Coastal Park.

Adam Bradway: Informed the HPC about the Borough's effort to organize the archives stored in the Borough building. Also gave an overview of the Historic Preservation Plan update next steps.

IX. **UNFINISHED BUSINESS**

A. Old Willow Community Center

DISCUSSION: Discussion related to the Borough's work on the Old Willow Community Center and the open house. Discussed the Office of History and Archeology grant for the project and some of the changes being made to retain historic integrity.

B. Talkeetna Gravel Pit

DISCUSSION: Discussion related to the HPC's prior initiative to write a letter to the Borough that would use the Talkeetna gravel pit issue as an example of why the Borough needs more cultural resource support. The HPC discussed picking this initiative back up.

X. **NEW BUSINESS**

A. A Resolution of the Matanuska-Susitna Borough Historical Preservation Commission Recommending Continued Support of the Historic Preservation Plan Update

DISCUSSION: Discussion related to approving this resolution to allow staff to continue work on the plan update.

AMENDMENT: Deborah Burlinski moved to change the word "perusing" to "pursing" in the "Be it further resolved statement". Fran Seager-Boss seconded.

MOTION: Deborah Burlinski moved to pass the resolution as amended. Fran Seager-Boss seconded.

VOTE: Motion passed unanimously

B. Incorporating preservation into Borough Code – Deborah Burlinski

DISCUSSION: Discussion related to Borough Code and different models for a more robust preservation ordinance.

C. Talkeetna Teepee Issue

DISCUSSION: Information on a teepee in downtown Talkeetna. An opportunity for education about the Borough's history.

XI. **COMMISSION MEMBER COMMENTS**

XII. **ADJOURNMENT**

MOTION: Andrew Schweisthal moved to adjourn the meeting at 8:00 P.M Fran Seager-Boss seconded.

DISCUSSION: None.

VOTE: Motion passed unanimously.

Chair

DATED

Adam Bradway, Planner II – Staff

DATED



Matanuska-Susitna Borough

1. **PARTIES:** The Matanuska-Susitna Borough (hereinafter called the "Borough"), a municipal corporation organized and existing under the laws of the state of Alaska whose address is 350 East Dahlia Ave, Palmer, Alaska 99645, hereby enters into a records loan agreement with True North Sustainable Development Solutions (hereinafter called "True North"), whose address is 5715 S. Settler's Bay Drive, Suite #2, Wasilla, Alaska 99623, for the digitization of certain Borough records subject to the terms and conditions set forth herein.
2. **CARE & HANDLING:** Records and objects loaned to True North will remain in the same condition as when loaned. No records will be repaired, restored, or altered in anyway without the permission of the Borough. True North agrees to secure the records from theft, damage and/or deterioration.
3. **LOAN AGREEMENT:** The records described in the attached Materials Loan Agreement shall be used solely for the purpose described therein and shall be lent solely for the dates stated on the Materials Loan Agreement.
4. **TRANSPORTATION:** Packing and transportation shall be by methods approved in advance by the Borough.
5. **INSURANCE:** True North shall provide insurance per the insurance requirements attached in Exhibit A. True North shall supply a Certificate of Insurance prior to receipt of the records. If insurance is waived by the Borough, True North agrees to indemnify the Borough for any and all loss or damage to the records during the course of the loan.
6. **JURISDICTION:** Any civil action arising from this agreement shall be brought in the Superior Court for the Third Judicial District of the State of Alaska at Palmer. The law of the state of Alaska shall govern the rights and obligations of the parties.
7. **NON-WAIVER:** The failure of the Borough at any time to enforce a provision of this agreement shall in no way constitute a waiver of the provisions, nor in any way affect the validity of this agreement or any part thereof, or the right of the Borough thereafter to enforce each and every protection hereof.
8. **RETURN OF RECORDS:** The loan agreement may be terminated by either party for any reason or no reason at all, given ten (10) day notice in writing. Upon termination of the loan agreement, all records shall be returned to the Borough within thirty (30) days.
9. **TITLES:** The titles of the sections in the agreement are for identification purposes; they are not to be interpreted as limitations on the terms of the agreement.

10. SEVERABILITY: If any section or clause of this agreement is held invalid by a court of competent jurisdiction, or is otherwise invalid under the law, the remainder of the agreement shall remain in full force and effect.

11. INTEGRATION: This agreement and all appendices and amendments hereto embody the entire agreement of the parties. This includes the Material Loan Agreement attachment which shall be periodically updated as records are loaned and returned. There are no promises, terms, conditions or obligations other than those contained herein; and this agreement shall supersede all previous communications, representations, or agreements, either oral or written, between the parties


IN WITNESS, WHEREOF, the parties hereto have set their hands the day stated in the acknowledgements below.

MATANUSKA-SUSITNA BOROUGH

 12/14/21

Michael Brown, Borough Manager Date

TRUE NORTH SUSTAINABLE DEVELOPMENT SOLUTIONS:

 12/9/2021

President/Principal Consultant Date

EXHIBIT A

Insurance Requirements for Professional Services

Consultant shall procure and maintain for the duration of the agreement insurance against claims for injuries to persons or damages to property which may arise from or in connection with the performance of the work hereunder by the Consultant, its agents, representatives, or employees.

MINIMUM SCOPE AND LIMIT OF INSURANCE

Coverage shall be at least as broad as:

1. **Commercial General Liability (CGL):** Insurance Services Office Form CG 00 01 (most current State approved language, or its equivalent thereof), covering CGL on an "occurrence" basis, including products and completed operations, property damage, bodily injury and personal & advertising injury with limits no less than **\$1,000,000** per occurrence/aggregate.
2. **Automobile Liability:** Insurance Services Office Form Number CA 0001 covering, Code 1 (any auto), or if Consultant has no owned autos, Code 8 (hired) and 9 (non-owned), with limit no less than **\$1,000,000** per accident for bodily injury and property damage.
3. **Workers' Compensation** insurance as required by the State of Alaska, with Statutory Limits, and Employer's Liability Insurance with limit of no less than **\$1,000,000** per accident for bodily injury, by accident, \$1,000,000 each employee by disease. *(Not required if consultant provides written verification it has no employees)*
4. **Professional Liability** (Errors and Omissions) Insurance appropriate to the Consultant's profession, with limit no less than **\$1,000,000** per occurrence or claim/aggregate.

If the Consultant maintains broader coverage and/or higher limits than the minimums shown above, the Borough requires and shall be entitled to the broader coverage and/or the higher limits maintained by the contractor. Any available insurance proceeds in excess of the specified minimum limits of insurance and coverage shall be available to the Borough.

Other Insurance Provisions

The insurance policies are to contain, or be endorsed to contain, the following provisions:

Additional Insured Status

Matanuska-Susitna Borough, its officers, officials, employees, and volunteers are to be covered as additional insureds on the CGL policy with respect to liability arising out of work or operations performed by or on behalf of the Consultant including materials, parts, or equipment furnished in connection with such work or operations. General liability coverage can be provided in the form of an endorsement to the Consultant's insurance.

Primary Coverage

For any claims related to this agreement, the **Consultant's insurance coverage shall be primary** insurance primary coverage as respects the Borough, its officers, officials, employees, and volunteers.

Any insurance or self-insurance maintained by the Borough, its officers, officials, employees, or volunteers shall be excess of the Consultant's insurance and shall not contribute with it.

Notice of Cancellation

Each insurance policy required above shall state that **coverage shall not be canceled, except with notice to the Borough.**

Waiver of Subrogation

The consultant waives all rights of subrogation against the Borough and its agents, officers, directors and employees for recovery of damages to the extent these damages are covered by the Commercial General Liability, Business Automobile and/or Workers' Compensation policies.

Self-Insured Retentions

Self-insured retentions must be declared to and approved by the Borough. The Borough may require the Consultant to purchase coverage with a lower retention or provide proof of ability to pay losses and related investigations, claim administration, and defense expenses within the retention. The policy language shall provide, or be endorsed to provide, that the self-insured retention may be satisfied by either the named insured or Borough.

Acceptability of Insurers

Insurance is to be placed with insurers authorized to conduct business in the state with a current A.M. Best's rating of no less than A:VII, unless otherwise acceptable to the Borough.

Claims Made Policies

If any of the required policies provide coverage on a claims-made basis:

1. The Retroactive Date must be shown and must be before the date of the contract or the beginning of contract work.
2. Insurance must be maintained and evidence of insurance must be provided ***for at least one (1) year after completion of the contract of work.***
3. If coverage is canceled or non-renewed, and not ***replaced with another claims-made policy form with a Retroactive Date*** prior to the contract effective date, the Consultant must purchase "extended reporting" coverage for a minimum of one ***(1)*** year after completion of contract work.

Verification of Coverage

Consultant shall furnish the Borough with original Certificates of Insurance including all required amendatory endorsements (or copies of the applicable policy language effecting coverage required by this clause) and a copy of the Declarations and Endorsement Page of the CGL policy listing all policy endorsements to the Borough before work begins. However, failure to obtain the required documents prior to the work beginning shall not waive the Consultant's obligation to provide them. The Borough reserves the right to require complete, certified copies of all required insurance policies, including endorsements required by these specifications, at any time.

Subcontractors

Consultant shall require and verify that all subcontractors maintain insurance meeting all the requirements stated herein, and Contractor shall ensure that the Borough is an additional insured on insurance required from subcontractors.

SUBJECT: AN ORDINANCE OF THE MATANUSKA-SUSITNA BOROUGH ASSEMBLY AMENDING MSB 4.46 HISTORICAL PRESERVATION COMMISSION IN ORDER TO INCREASE COMMISSION EFFICIENCY AND ALIGN COMMISSION RESPONSIBILITIES WITH STATE GUIDELINES.

AGENDA OF: February 15, 2022

ASSEMBLY ACTION:

MANAGER RECOMMENDATION: Introduce and set for public hearing.

APPROVED BY MICHAEL BROWN, BOROUGH MANAGER: _____

Route To:	Department/Individual	Initials	Remarks
	Originator - A. Bradway		
	Planning Director		
	Borough Attorney		
	Borough Clerk		

ATTACHMENT(S): Fiscal Note: YES ____ NO x
HPC Resolution No. 19-01 (6 pp)
HPC Resolution No. 20-04 (2 pp)
Ordinance Serial No. 22-015 (7 pp)

SUMMARY STATEMENT:

The Matanuska-Susitna Borough Planning Department currently facilitates eight boards and commissions, including the Historical Preservation Commission (HPC). During recent budget cycles, Borough staff has been asked to review current tasks and duties to identify ways to improve efficiencies. Planning staff conferred with the Assembly and asked for direction as to what product or task the Assembly would like to see each board accomplish.

On January 3, 2017, the Assembly approved a motion to "direct the offices of the Manager, Clerk, and Planning together to conduct a comprehensive review of all boards and commissions and bring forward draft ordinances that would make changes to the tasks, duties, make up, and meeting frequency of the boards and

commissions as deemed appropriate to clarify responsibilities and expectations to make the boards function more efficiently and further the goals of the Assembly beginning with the following five boards: Transportation Advisory Board, Aviation Advisory Board, Historical Preservation Commission, School Site Selection Committee, and Health and Social Services Board."

Due to staffing changes, staff shortages, HPC quorum challenges, and a detail-oriented commission, the Historical Preservation Commission is the last remaining board/commission for which this revision needs to be completed.

Staff presented a draft code ordinance for the HPC to review in the spring of 2017, meant to clarify the HPC's responsibilities and improve efficiency, as directed by the Assembly. The HPC responded with substantial changes in their own draft code ordinance. The HPC's proposed changes would substantially increase the responsibilities of the HPC and its staff.

Staff discussed the potential impact of the HPC's proposed changes with the HPC and suggested changes that would further the HPC's goals without additional staff burden. The HPC felt strongly that their changes were important and needed to be considered by the Assembly. The HPC adopted HPC resolution 19-01 on December 5, 2019, recommending their proposed amendments to MSB 4.46.

After many more discussions between staff and the HPC, the HPC agreed to amend their resolution to ensure that the proposed changes did not substantially increase HPC and staff responsibilities. On October 22, 2020, the HPC adopted HPC resolution 20-04, amending their 2019 resolution. Ordinance 22-015 reflects substantial cooperation between Borough staff and the Borough Historical Preservation Commission.

Ordinance 22-015:

- Reduces meetings to quarterly, or as requested by the administration, Assembly, or commission chairperson.
- Reduces the board from nine members to seven to alleviate quorum issues.
- Aligns HPC responsibilities with State of Alaska Certified Local Government guidelines. The Matanuska-Susitna Borough is a part of the Certified Local Government program. This program is related to the National Historic Preservation Act and is implemented through the HPC. HPC code should mirror the state guidelines for the program.

RECOMMENDATION OF ADMINISTRATION:

Matanuska-Susitna Borough Assembly adoption of Ordinance 22-015 amending MSB 4.46 Historical Preservation Commission.

DRAFT

From: [Richard Martin](#)
To: [Vanderhoek, Richard \(DNR\)](#); [GROVER, MARGAN A GS-12 USAF PACAF 673 CES/CEIEC](#); [Angie Wade](#); [marcl@eklutna.org](#); [Adam Bradway](#)
Subject: Letter of support
Date: Friday, January 14, 2022 11:19:31 AM
Attachments: [Fish Creek Research Design.docx](#)
[Form Letter of spt.docx](#)

[EXTERNAL EMAIL - CAUTION: Do not open unexpected attachments or links.]

Hi All

Knik tribe will be applying for a NPS Tribal Heritage Grant this year. The goal of the project is to completely survey and map K'enakatnu Village (ANC-00037) located near the mouth of Fish Creek south of Knik on State Land. This project will expand of previous investigations conducted as part of KABATA project. This parcel was identified in the KABATA PA as a parcel to be turned over to the Tribes as partial mitigation if that project had been fully funded. The goal is to record and create a map in all of the cultural features so as to create a GIS dataset to help plan for eventual conservation of this important partial. I have attached a project proposal and blank form letter of entity to be addressed in letter. I would appreciate if this could be sent back to Knik Tribe no later than Friday, January 21.

Thanks,

Richard L. Martin M.A.
Historic Preservation Officer/Tribal Mapper
Knik Tribe
P.O. Box 871565
Wasilla, AK 99687
Wk 907-373-3170
Cell 907-885-8968

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Mike.Brown@matsugov.us

January 24, 2022

Megan Brown, Chief
State, Tribal, Local, Plans & Grants Division and
Certified Local Government Program National Coordinator
National Park Service
1849 C Street, NW Mail Stop 7360
Washington, DC 20240

RE: K'enekatnu Village (ANC-00037) Cultural Resources Survey and Mapping Project

Dear Ms. Brown,

The Matanuska-Susitna Borough (MSB) supports Knik Tribe's National Park Service Tribal Heritage Grant proposal to survey and map K'enekatnu Village. MSB is the Certified Local Government that serves the region of the proposed project, facilitates a local Historical Preservation Commission, and works to support the documentation and protection of local cultural resources.

The proposed site is approximately 32 acres of State of Alaska owned land, located near Fish Creek within the MSB. K'enekatnu Village is an important Upper Cook Inlet Dena'ina Village that is ancestral to many tribal members residing in the MSB. The Village also contains the remnants of even older cultures that predate the Dena'ina occupation.

MSB supports the need for an accurate map of the estimated 500-plus cultural features known to be present at this site. The area has seen rapid usage growth, largely from the popular public fishery located at Fish Creek. There is also concern related to ATV damage and natural gradual erosion at the site. The results of this project will provide a vital tool for land managers and potential future preservation efforts. MSB applauds the Knik Tribe for their efforts to survey and map cultural resources and enthusiastically supports their application for funding through a National Park Service Tribal Heritage Grant.

Sincerely,

A blue ink signature of Michael Brown, consisting of stylized initials and a surname.

Michael Brown
Borough Manager

From: [Lewis, Maria A \(DNR\)](#)
To: [Adam Bradway](#); [Manager Talkeetna Historical Society](#)
Subject: Paul Bruhn Historic Revitalization Grants Program
Date: Friday, January 14, 2022 11:29:02 AM

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Hi Adam and Sue,

Our office is considering applying for the Paul Bruhn Historic Revitalization Grant and offering subgrants if we receive it. We are looking for interest from CLGs, individuals, and non-profits. Please send us a list of potential projects.

We have a tight deadline to submit our application and need your feedback by Thursday, January 20, 2022.

Thanks,
Maria

Maria Lewis

Architectural Historian
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Office of History & Archaeology
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Anchorage, AK 99501-3561
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<http://dnr.alaska.gov/parks/oha>

I. **CALL TO ORDER - ROLL CALL – QUORUM ESTABLISHED.**

The regular meeting of the Matanuska-Susitna Borough Historical Preservation Commission was called to order at 6:00 on Thursday, April 22, 2021, by teleconference via Microsoft Teams (1-907-290-7880).

Historical Preservation Commissioners present and establishing a quorum:

Deborah Burlinski

Andrew Schweisthal

Jake Anders

Fran Seager-Boss

Kevin Toothaker

Angela Wade

Staff and Agency Representatives in attendance:

Adam Bradway, Staff

II. **APPROVAL OF AGENDA**

MOTION: Jake Anders moved to approve the agenda with the addition of “Historical Society/Museum Updates” after agenda item VII. Andrew Schweisthal seconded.

DISCUSSION: None.

VOTE: Motion passed unanimously.

III. **LAND ACKNOWLEDGMENT**

IV. **PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**

V. **APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

MOTION: Deborah Burlinski moved to table the approval of the January 21, 2021 minutes to the next regular meeting. Jake Anders seconded.

DISCUSSION: Table in order to gather meeting notes from commissioners on brainstorming session from January 21 meeting.

VOTE: Motion passed unanimously.

VI. **AUDIENCE PARTICIPATION**

VII. **HISTORICAL SOCIETY/MUSEUM UPDATES**

- Talkeetna Historical Society – spoke about their intent to stabilize and rehabilitate the museum building, they also briefly mentioned some of the HPC meeting agenda items including the gravel pit and clg grants.
- Wasilla Museum – discussed the COVID protocols they have been operating under the past year and their efforts to reopen and rehab their building. They discussed joint exhibits with local tribes.
- Willow Historical & Wildlife Foundation – included information regarding the rehabilitation of the Old Willow Community Center, a National Register Building being renovated by the Mat-Su Borough. The asked for HPC support in maintaining the historic character of the building.
 - **MOTION:** Deborah Burlinski moved to have the Chair draft a letter in support of maintaining the historic character of the Old Willow Community Center with a resolution to follow. Fran Seager-Boss seconded.
 - **DISCUSSION:** Discussion related to the most expedited way to support the Willow Historical & Wildlife Foundation. First the Chair could draft a letter of her own accord, followed by a resolution approved by the board as a whole.
 - **VOTE:** Motion passed unanimously.

VIII. **REPORTS:STAFF/CORRESPONDENCE**

Adam Bradway: Gave a presentation about the Historic Preservation Plan explaining the contract with True North Sustainable Development Solutions, a brief review of the HPC Work Plan, and an opportunity for preservation education.

IX. **UNFINISHED BUSINESS**

A. Talkeetna Gravel Pit Discussion

MOTION: Deborah Burlinski moved to draft a resolution to the Assembly in support of historic preservation, with a emphasis on the need for preservation staff at the Borough and with specific reference to the issues surrounding the Talkeetna gravel pit. Fran Seager-Boss seconded.

DISCUSSION: Discussion related to the Talkeetna gravel pit and the section 106 process. Talkeetna Historical Society gave background. Jake Anders explained why the section 106 process may have gone awry and why he hadn't drafted a letter since the last meeting.

VOTE: Motion passed unanimously.

X. **NEW BUSINESS**

A. Section 106 – Palmer Airport

DISCUSSION: Discussion related to the section 106 process. Staff asked for any information on historic resources in the area.

B. Future OHA Grant Opportunities

DISCUSSION: Discussion related to pre-writing HPC resolutions in anticipation of grant opportunities. Also discussed possible grants for the Borough including community CLG grants for Talkeetna and possibly other historical organizations.

MOTION: Jake Anders moved to extend the meeting no later than 8:10 P.M. Kevin Toothaker seconded.

DISCUSSION: None.

VOTE: Motion passed unanimously


XI. **COMMISSION MEMBER COMMENTS**

XII. **ADJOURNMENT**

MOTION: Jake Anders moved to adjourn the meeting at 8:06 P.M Fran Seager-Boss seconded.

DISCUSSION: None.

VOTE: Motion passed unanimously.



Angela Wade, Chair

05/25/2021

DATED



Adam Bradway, Planner II – Staff

5/25/2021

DATED

HPC meeting minutes

Recorder = Adam Bradway

Location: Microsoft Teams

Date: 4/22/21

Meeting Times: START= 6:00 END= 8:06

Attendees:

- Board-
 - Present =
 - Absent =
 - Quorum Present? YES NO
- Staff-Adam Bradway
- VIP's/Speakers-
- Public - see sign in sheet

Audience Participation (more space for additional comment on last page):

	<u>Person</u>	<u>Topic</u>	<u>Position</u>
1.	<u>Talbot</u>	<u>Building rehab, talbot quarry, Cfg grant opportunities</u>	
2.	<u>Basilla</u>	<u>Post Covid ramp up, working with tribes for new exhibits</u>	
3.	<u>Dillon</u>	<u>Dillon Community Center building stage</u>	
4.		<u>Sim Houston + Medeliza Goethe</u>	
		<u>Asking for support in preserving original building</u>	

1. Agenda Item: Approval of Agenda

Motion: To include "Historical Society/Museum update" after audience participation. and approve the agenda as amended.

Moved By: Jake

Seconded By: Andrew

Amendment1:

Amendment2:

Moved:

Second:

Moved:

Second:

Amendment Votes:

Amend1: For Against.

Amend2: For Against

Amend1: Passes

Fails

Amend2: Passes

Fails

Discussion:

Motion Vote: For/Ayes Against/Nays ()

Motion Vote RESULT: Passes Fails

2. Agenda Item: Approval of Minutes

Motion: Approve and address ledger

Moved By: Jde

Seconded By: Deb

Amendment1:

Amendment2:

make the be "LPC" specific

Moved:

Second:

Moved:

Second:

Amendment Votes:

Amend1: For Against.

Amend2: For Against

Amend1: Passes

Fails

Amend2: Passes

Fails

Discussion:

Motion Vote: For/Ayes Against/Nays ()

Motion Vote RESULT: Passes Fails

3. Agenda Item: Minutes

Motion: Table minutes to Next meeting

Moved By: Nes

Seconded By: Tde

Amendment 1:

Amendment2:

Moved:

Second:

Moved:

Second:

Amendment Votes:

Amend1: _____ For _____ Against.

Amend2:_____ For _____ Against _____

Amend1: Passes

Fails

Amend2: Passes

Fails

Discussion:

Motion Vote: _____ For/Ayes _____ Against/Nays (_____)

Motion Vote RESULT: Passes Fails

4. Agenda Item: _____

Motion: ~~Take and from draft a resolution to the Assembly~~
~~in support Chair draft letter in support of the historic~~

Moved By: Des

Seconded By: Fran

Character
of the
Building.

Amendment 1:

Amendment2:

Moved:

Second:

Moved:

Second:

Amendment Votes:

Amend1: For Against.

Amend2: ____ For ____ Against

Amend1: Passes

Fails

Amend2: Passes

Fails

Discussion:

Motion Vote: _____ For/Ayes _____ Against/Nayes (_____)

Motion Vote RESULT: Passes Fails

7. Agenda Item: _____

Motion: Schedule a special meeting May 2e.

Moved By: Joe

Seconded By: Fran

Amendment1:

Amendment2:

Moved:

Second:

Moved:

Second:

Amendment Votes:

Amend1: ___ For ___ Against.

Amend2: ___ For ___ Against

Amend1: Passes

Fails

Amend2: Passes

Fails

Discussion:

Motion Vote: ___ For/Ayes ___ Against/Nayes (_____)

Motion Vote RESULT: Passes Fails

8. Agenda Item: _____

Motion: Adjourn

Moved By: Fran

Seconded By: Joe

Amendment1:

Amendment2:

Moved:

Second:

Moved:

Second:

Amendment Votes:

Amend1: ___ For ___ Against.

Amend2: ___ For ___ Against

Amend1: Passes

Fails

Amend2: Passes

Fails

Discussion:

Motion Vote: ___ For/Ayes ___ Against/Nayes (_____)

Motion Vote RESULT: Passes Fails

9. Agenda Item: _____

Motion: _____

Moved By: _____

Seconded By: _____

Amendment1:

Amendment2:

Moved:

Second:

Moved:

Second:

Amendment Votes:

Amend1:____ For

____Against.

Amend2:____ For

____Against

Amend1: Passes

Fails

Amend2: Passes

Fails

Discussion:

Motion Vote: ____ For/Ayes ____Against/Nayes (_____)

Motion Vote RESULT: Passes Fails

10. Agenda Item: _____

Motion: _____

Moved By: _____

Seconded By: _____

Amendment1:

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Amendment Votes:

Amend1:____ For

____Against.

Amend2:____ For

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Amend1: Passes

Fails

Amend2: Passes

Fails

Discussion:

Motion Vote: ____ For/Ayes ____Against/Nayes (_____)

Motion Vote RESULT: Passes Fails

11. Agenda Item: _____

Motion: _____

Moved By: _____

Seconded By: _____

Amendment1:

Amendment2:

Moved:

Second:

Moved:

Second:

Amendment Votes:

Amend1: ____ For

____ Against.

Amend2: ____ For

____ Against

Amend1: Passes

Fails

Amend2: Passes

Fails

Discussion:

Motion Vote: ____ For/Ayes ____ Against/Nayes (_____)

Motion Vote RESULT: Passes *Fails*

12. Agenda Item: _____

Motion: _____

Moved By: _____

Seconded By: _____

Amendment1:

Amendment2:

Moved:

Second:

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Amendment Votes:

Amend1: ____ For

____ Against.

Amend2: ____ For

____ Against

Amend1: Passes

Fails

Amend2: Passes

Fails

Discussion:

Motion Vote: ____ For/Ayes ____ Against/Nayes (_____)

Motion Vote RESULT: Passes *Fails*

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MISC. NOTES/ NEXT MEETING AGENDA ITEMS

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STAFF TO-DO TASKS:

1. Resolution template Joe + Fran
2. Letter template to Fran + Joe
3. Fran - Airport History
4. Done sites
5. Have steel
- 6.
7. Grants - line up resos
- 8.



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January 17, 2022

Ms Eileen Haines
PO Box 1102
Chickaloon, AK 99674

Dear Ms Haines,

Members of the Assembly and I express sincere gratitude for your service on the Historical Preservation Commission, Member 1 position and wish to recognize you by presenting the enclosed Certificate of Appreciation.

Serving on a public board takes time, energy, and commitment. I am confident that the residents of the Borough benefited greatly from your service.

I wish you every success in future endeavors.

Sincerely,

MATANUSKA-SUSITNA BOROUGH

EDNA DEVRIES
Borough Mayor

cc: Adam Bradway

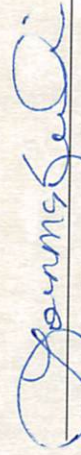
MATANUSKA-SUSITNA BOROUGH CERTIFICATE OF APPRECIATION


AWARDED TO

Eileen Haines

For excellence in public service by serving as a member of the
Historical Preservation Commission

Dated this 17th day of January, 2022


Lonnie R. McKechnie, CMC
Borough Clerk


Edna DeVries
Borough Mayor

**MATANUSKA-SUSITNA BOROUGH
HISTORICAL PRESERVATION COMMISSION
RESOLUTION SERIAL NO. 22-01**

A RESOLUTION OF THE MATANUSKA-SUSITNA BOROUGH HISTORICAL
PRESERVATION COMMISSION RECOGNIZING THE SERVICE OF EILEEN HAINES.

WHEREAS, Eileen Haines served on the Matanuska-Susitna
Borough Historical Preservation Commission from 2016 to 2021; and

WHEREAS, Eileen Haines was a reliable member of the Commission
and dedicated to preserving the Borough's history; and

WHEREAS, Eileen Haines made the long, and often treacherous
drive from Glacier View, AK to Palmer, AK in order to attend
meetings and serve her community; and

WHEREAS, Eileen Haines brought thoughtful discussion and
insightful stories to discussions; and

WHEREAS, sought through her work on the Commission to improve
the quality of life of Borough residents; and

WHEREAS, HPC members enjoyed serving with Eileen Haines and
wish her well.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Matanuska-Susitna
Borough Historical Preservation Commission recognizes the service
of Eileen Haines.

ADOPTED by the Matanuska-Susitna Borough Historical
Preservation Commission this 30th day of September, 2021.

Chair

ATTEST:

Adam Bradway, Planner II

HISTORIC PRESERVATION PLAN

PHASE ONE REPORT

WHY INVEST IN HISTORIC PRESERVATION PLANNING IN THE MAT-SU BOROUGH?



What preservation is and why it's important

History tells a story. Preserving our heritage ensures these stories live on into the future. With guidance from the Secretary of the Interior's Standards for Preservation Planning, the Matanuska-Susitna Borough (MSB) is engaging in a systematic and community-led process to develop a vision, goals, and priorities for the preservation of our ~~historic and~~ cultural resources. Investing in historic preservation planning, enables strategic use of resources and provides our community with a clear path to retain and grow our region's shared identity.

Why we're doing this plan

The importance of historic preservation for MSB is a direct reflection of the value ~~and meaning~~ our citizens place on preservation. A voter initiative prioritizing historic preservation led MSB to create a Historical Preservation Commission (www.matsugov.us/boards/hpc) in 1982. In 1987, the Mat-Su Borough was the first in Alaska to enter the certified local government (CLG) program and become an active partner in the Federal Historic Preservation Program. Our original historic preservation plan (HPP) was also adopted in that year. Through an extensive process of surveying and inventorying historic sites, MSB has built a solid foundation for historic preservation going forward.

However, it's likely that the Mat-Su region of 2020 would be unrecognizable in some respects to those who developed the 1987 HPP. With the fastest growing population in Alaska for many years and significant developments in our economy, in tourism in particular,



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The Dorothy Page Museum, the original Wasilla townsite, is now housed at the Wasilla Museum.



the Borough's historic preservation needs and priorities have changed. It's in an environment of rapid growth and continued local support that we wish to create a HPP that helps to better protect our ~~historic assets~~ and relay our historic stories for residents and visitors alike.

What happens next

This Phase I plan summarizes and synthesizes recent HPP planning efforts and recommends next steps for the completion of the plan update ~~in Phase II~~. The final HPP will serve as a strategic action plan to coordinate MSB and volunteer efforts to protect, preserve, and share our history.

As the Mat-Su region ~~grows~~, so too will our historic preservation needs and priorities. Our aim moving forward is to update the HPP every 10 years to ensure its continued relevance.



What we're living through is going to be something people want to know about 100 years from now.

— SUE DEYOE, EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR, TALKEETNA HISTORICAL SOCIETY & MUSEUM



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The historic depot in downtown Palmer.



PHASE 1 PLANNING EFFORTS

MSB contracted with Information Insights to coordinate and facilitate public meetings and develop the Phase 1 report based on input from the general public and stakeholders representing ~~the municipality~~, tribal organizations, local government, interest groups, and historical sites. The purpose of this community engagement was to develop a vision, goals, and priorities for the historic preservation plan. This process was split into stages, each allowing opportunities to gather and refine input and identify gaps in involvement for further engagement as the project advanced.

Phase 1 started in late February, 2020 with in-person public and stakeholder meetings planned throughout the year. However by mid-March, it was clear that stakeholder and public engagement would need to take place entirely remotely due to COVID-19. Original plans and timelines were adjusted to creatively and quickly transition the planning effort to an entirely virtual process. Our first adaptation was to conduct in-depth, one-on-one stakeholder interviews. These led to a deeper understanding of emerging themes and interests at the outset of Phase 1, providing a springboard for activities throughout the process.

Virtual engagement was achieved through use of multiple communications tools, including the MSB website (www.matsugov.us/projects/historic-preservation-plan-update-2020), social media and email outreach, electronic flyers, online surveys, and online stakeholder and community meetings via Zoom.

Information Insights and MSB designed and facilitated remote meetings to encourage active participa-



tion by using best practices for virtual engagement. Participants were encouraged to join by video if able, and facilitators moderated the discussion and employed break out rooms so everyone had the chance to speak. ~~Given the size of the Mat-Su Borough—an area roughly the size of West Virginia—a silver lining of the need for virtual meetings was the ability to engage a full room of community members across great distance.~~ In all, about 50 stakeholders and members of the public actively participated in Phase I.

Stakeholder interviews: March to May 2020

Stakeholder interviews were not part of the original plan. When Phase 1 shifted to an entirely remote process, it was clear a deeper level of engagement was needed at the beginning to cultivate and maintain interest in the process. Informal feedback underscored the value of these discussions for the stakeholders themselves. Several interviewees shared that having the focused hour to reflect on and discuss the history and future of historic preservation in the Mat-Su region was restorative during a stressful time. Themes collected in the interviews also provided valuable content and focus for subsequent online meetings.

Ten hour-long interviews were scheduled and conducted with stakeholders of varied backgrounds, interests, and perspectives. During interviews, stakeholders were asked to share and discuss:

- Histories in the MSB they are most familiar with (including historic themes or sites);
- Histories they believe to be well-represented in planning, preservation, and education throughout the Borough, and those underrepresented;
- Challenges that prevent us from fully realizing the potential of historic preservation in the Borough.

Interviewees:

- **Sue Deyoe**, Executive Director, Talkeetna Historical Society and Museum
- **Bethany Buckingham Follett**, Curator, Wasilla Museum and Visitor Center
- **Jessica Winnestaffer**, Environmental Stewardship Director, Chickaloon Village Traditional Council
- **Sheri Hamming**, President, Palmer Historical Society
- **Linda Frey**, Co-Secretary, Wasilla-Knik Historical Society
- **Madeline Gocke**, President, Willow Historical and Wildlife Foundation



- ▶ **Fran Seager-Boss**, Mat-Su ~~Historic Preservation Council~~
- ▶ **Nancy Dryden**, President, Alpine Historical Society
- ▶ **Sam Dinges**, Executive Director, Palmer Museum of History and Art
- ▶ **Sherry Jackson**, Executive Director, Museum of Alaska Transportation and Industry
- ▶ **Bonnie Quill**, President/CEO, Mat-Su Convention & Visitors Center.
- ▶ Knik Tribal Council, invited

As a result of these one-on-one interviews, Phase 1 started with deepened engagement in the process from key stakeholders.

The following themes emerged from the interviews. These prominent themes were used to inform the first stakeholder meeting and the first draft of the vision, mission, goals, and objectives for the MSB HPP.

Why is historic preservation in the MSB important?

- ▶ **It promotes a deeper understanding of and connection to the region.** History tells a story. It creates a sense of place and connects people to each other and to the land through shared understanding and experience. This fosters a sense of collective identity and stewardship.
- ▶ **History gives our past a future.** What we're living through is going to be something that people want to know about 100 years from now. We will face adversity and come through it as others did before us. We will have our own stories to tell.
- ▶ **Healing happens through understanding and acknowledgment of shared history.** Understanding histories—pre-contact and post-contact—is part of a healing process for Tribal citizens, and an important part of the healing process for the community as a whole to help move beyond stereotypes/preconceptions.

What people, places, stories, and events are important to the Borough's history?

- ▶ **Natural history; Arrival of people** 14,000 years ago; **Alaska Native heritage and continued cul-**

ture (Denai'na, Ahtna, potentially Alutiiq); **transportation** (River travel, Iditarod Trail, mushing, railroad); **mining** (gold, coal), **smallpox; Russian in-migration; agriculture** (homesteading, colony, the Matanuska Experiment Farm), and **numerous site-specific histories** across the region.

Which historic contexts are well represented in the MSB?

- ▶ Palmer, especially the colony history
- ▶ Talkeetna
- ▶ Agriculture
- ▶ Iditarod and dog mushing
- ▶ Historic buildings

Which historic contexts are underrepresented?

- ▶ Indigenous histories
- ▶ Colony history throughout MSB, not just Palmer
- ▶ Pre-Colony history in Palmer
- ▶ Homesteading

Summer schedules in Alaska make it difficult to organize well-attended meetings, particularly online. Phase 1 engagement activities paused during June and July, resuming in early Fall 2020.

Stakeholder Survey: September 2020

Although interviewees were included and encouraged to also fill out the survey, the primary purpose of the stakeholder survey was to hear from a larger group of identified HPP stakeholders. Qualitative analysis of the survey data provided a more well-rounded understanding of stakeholder interests than interviews alone, supporting design of an effective stakeholder meeting framework and identification of emerging themes.

The survey requested information on stakeholders' familiarity with historic preservation planning as a concept and with previous ~~HPP~~ efforts in the MSB. It asked about stakeholder priorities for historic preservation planning, which histories are generally well-represented across the region, and which may have been neglected or de-emphasized.

Themes from the stakeholder survey have been integrated with the themes from interviews listed above. These were collated and shared with the full stakeholder group prior to the first stakeholder meeting.

When people talk about history, they sometimes shy away from adversity. I see history as a gem with many facets, and in order to get that brilliance you have to have all the facets show. It doesn't mean they're all wonderful or shiny, but all together they make that brilliant gem that you see.

In order to appreciate one's heritage, history's very important. You have to know what went before you to know what's ahead. If we don't have any elements left from the past, it doesn't give future generations a tangible bridge to that history.

— FRAN SEAGER-BOSS, MSB HISTORICAL PRESERVATION COMMISSION



Stakeholder and Public Meetings: October to November 2020

Stakeholder Meeting #1 – October 1, 2020

The goal of the first full stakeholder meeting was to develop a vision to guide historic preservation in the MSB. Nineteen people participated, representing the Alaska Historic Commission, Chickaloon Village Traditional Council, Knik Tribe, Mat-Su Borough, Mat-Su Convention and Visitors Bureau, MSB Historical Preservation Commission, Native Village of Eklutna, Palmer Museum, Talkeetna Historical Society and Museum, Wasilla Knik Historical Society, Wasilla Museum and Visitor Center, and the Willow Historical and Wildlife Foundation.

During the two-hour online meeting, participants engaged in a series of historical visioning/brainstorming exercises. The opening meeting prompt encouraged participants to ground their thinking in their particular interest, but then to think more broadly about how their interest connects to a shared future:

Bring to mind a specific history—whether a historic theme, site, or regional history—you are passionate about in the Mat-Su Borough. Try to be specific: a story, place, feature that carries meaning for you. Imagine that it's 10 years from now. Think about this specific history you care about, and what successful preservation of this history looks like to you.

Write down 3 words to describe what that's like.

Stakeholders shared these three words in breakout

rooms and with the full group. The need for broader education, cultural recognition and celebration, and preservation of specific sites emerged as themes, which were later integrated into the draft vision, mission, goals, and objectives. Stakeholders also discussed specific needs within the region and their ideas for historic preservation activities, including continued coordination of stakeholders and innovative ideas for public education (see *Next Steps for the HPP*, p.8).

In October 2020, Information Insights and MSB drafted Vision, Mission, Goals, and Objectives based on stakeholder engagement to date, including interview, survey, and stakeholder meeting themes distilled into categories.

Public Meeting: November 2, 2020

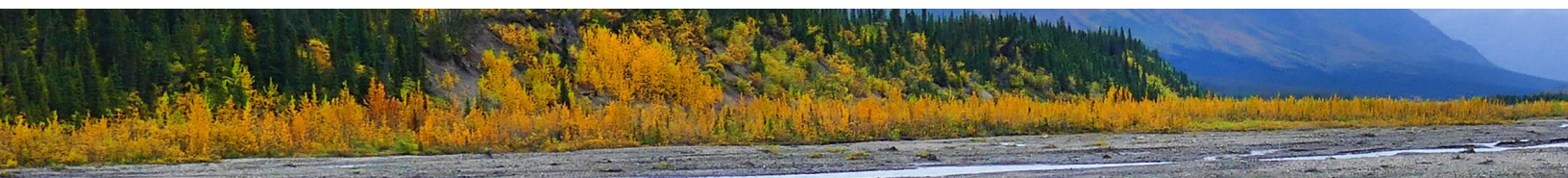
Stakeholder Meeting #2 – November 9, 2020

A public meeting and a second stakeholder meeting were held in November via Zoom to review the draft vision, mission, and goals and provide additional input.

The public meeting started with a presentation on what historic preservation is and HPP activities needed to update the 1987 plan, followed by an overview and discussion of the draft vision, mission, and goals. Attendance at the public session was small, so a public survey was subsequently designed to invite additional input.

The final stakeholder meeting walked through each section of the draft vision, mission, goals, and objectives, and encouraged stakeholders to identify action items needed to achieve the objectives. Discussion prompts asked stakeholders to identify what resonated for them, what was confusing, and what was missing.


Stakeholders were generally aligned and supportive of the vision, mission, and goals. Participants made few edits to the vision and mission, and agreed with the draft goals. Robust discussion followed review of each objective, generating additional action steps and suggestions for rephrasing. Overall, there was general agreement on objectives, with some suggested edits, and interest in continuing to develop action steps.



Eighteen people participated, representing the Alpine Historical Society, Chickaloon Native Village, Friends of State Parks, Glacier View Community Association, Knik Tribe, Mat-Su Borough, MSB Historical Preservation Commission, Native Village of Eklutna, Palmer Historical Society, Palmer Museum, State Historic Preservation Office, Talkeetna Historical Society, and the Willow Historical and Wildlife Foundation.

Public survey: November to December 2020

This online survey provided additional opportunity for public input during Phase 1 beyond the public meeting. Distribution methods included MSB and partner Facebook pages, stakeholder emails, and emails to community groups with distribution lists, such as community councils and Chambers of Commerce. Eighteen people participated.

 The survey asked respondents to rank and provide feedback on the draft HPP vision: *Across Alaska's Matanuska-Susitna Borough, the rich, interconnected history of the region is preserved, accessible, and celebrated. Shared understanding and experience of the Borough's unique history connects people to each other and to the land, creating a sense of place.* Ranking of the vision was positive or neutral, with no negative responses.

The draft HPP mission also generated exclusively positive and neutral responses: *To protect, share, and celebrate the cultures, histories, and special places of the Mat-Su Borough.*

Respondents were asked to rank the draft goals in order of importance. The intent was not to remove any of the goals, but to understand perceived importance and priority. Based on public survey input, these three goals were prioritized:

- ▶ Elevate Alaska Native presence and histories across the region,
- ▶ Support existing and emerging historic preservation efforts, promote collaboration, and share resources, and
- ▶ Identify and preserve cultural resources and landscapes.

Participants emphasized Native representation in particular. One respondent wrote: *"There needs to be an acknowledgement of the Native People who have lived here for thousands of years."*



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The oldest known cultural feature near Upper Knik Arm is from an early Dena'ina site, circa 1100 AD, revealed by a series of cultural depressions. Inset: A large Dena'ina cache pit at Settlers Bay Coastal Park near Crocker Creek provides another clue to early history.

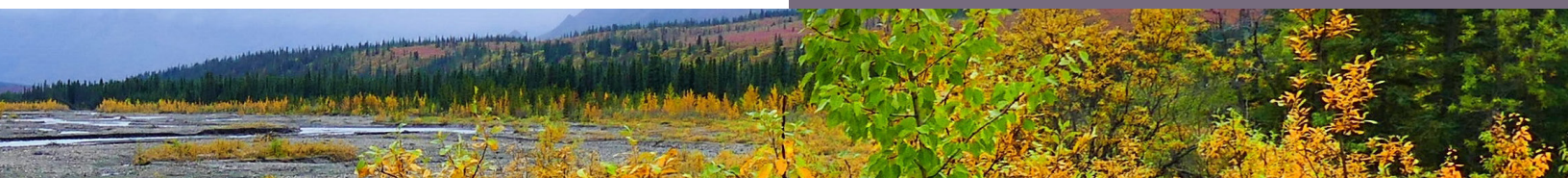


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Visitors learn about local Athabaskan culture at the Alpine Historical Park in Sutton-Alpine. The six-acre site also includes exhibits on coal mining and early road construction in the Mat-Su Valley.

Anything that happens to the land influences the people.... There are hundreds of Ahtna place names that have been passed down through oral history over generations. The maps we have represent how the land was used and how people related to it for thousands of years.

— JESSICA WINNESTAFFER, ENVIRONMENTAL STEWARDSHIP DIRECTOR, CHICKALOON TRIBAL COUNCIL



A STRATEGIC FRAMEWORK FOR THE MSB HPP

Draft Vision, Mission, Goals, and Objectives to Guide Historic Preservation Planning

The Phase 1 HPP process was guided by local expertise and input, building buy-in along the way and ensuring the community's unique desires, strengths, and capacities are reflected in the final plan. Stakeholder and public meetings provided MSB HPP stakeholders and the general public with opportunities to learn about ongoing preservation planning and to help shape the HPP vision, goals, objectives, and priorities.

The HPP Vision will broadly define what success looks like for historic preservation across the MSB in the future:

A vision statement is a forward-thinking statement that provides guidance on the purpose and characteristics of a world we want to build in fulfillment of our mission.

Mission defines how this vision is achieved. ~~A mission statement focuses on today. It describes what we do and our purpose~~ 

Goals provide a broad framework to achieve the vision. Goals broadly define what we must achieve in order to fulfill our vision and our mission. Each goal represents a subset of objectives and action steps specifying how it will be fulfilled. 

Objectives provide specific, measurable steps for fulfilling each goal, in line with the guidance provided by the mission and vision. 

VISION

Across Alaska's Matanuska-Susitna Borough, the rich, interconnected history of the region is preserved, accessible, and celebrated.

Shared understanding and experience of the Borough's unique history connects people to each other and to the land, creating a sense of place.

MISSION

To protect, share, and celebrate the cultures, histories, and special places of the Mat-Su Borough.

GOALS

1. Elevate Alaska Native presence and histories across the region.
2. Support existing and emerging historic preservation efforts, promote collaboration, and share resources.
3. Identify and preserve cultural resources and landscapes.
4. Improve and coordinate community engagement and education to increase public awareness of the Mat-Su Borough's cultural resources.
5. Connect historic preservation with regional and local planning.

OBJECTIVES

Below each goal are specific objectives and examples of action steps developed during stakeholder conversations. Measurable outcomes and action items for each objective will be developed in Phase II.

GOAL 1: Elevate Alaska Native presence and histories across the region

- Engage Indigenous leadership in developing and fulfilling objectives within this goal.
- Recognize Indigenous peoples and heritage through the renaming of places.
- Represent Indigenous lands and significant sites on maps. **Example action item:** *Display historic and prehistoric Indigenous land use, including trails, fishing, and hunting sites, on maps.*
- Conduct land management, planning and historic preservation activities in partnership with Tribes.
- Incorporate land acknowledgments in public meetings and gatherings.
- Celebrate Indigenous heritage and support Alaska Native language, cultural education, and activities.



GOAL 2: Support existing and emerging historic preservation efforts, promote collaboration, and share resources

- Centralize and improve preservation and usability of archival resources. **Example action item:** *Catalogue MSB-related historical resources housed in collections across the state.*
- Grow collaboration and partnering within the preservation community. **Example action item:** *Foster increased collaboration between local historic preservation groups and MSB.*
- Support information and resource sharing in historic preservation. **Example action items:** 1) *Identify and share examples of what is working in historic preservation across the MSB (e.g., pedestrian experiences in Palmer and Talkeetna).* 2) *Create collaborative educational opportunities to improve technical preservation knowledge in MSB communities.*
- Promote existing funding sources and preservation incentives. **Example action item:** *Reinstate ability to apply for bed tax grant funding.*
- Explore new funding sources and preservation incentives.

GOAL 3: Identify and preserve cultural resources and landscapes

- Maintain and update historic contexts.
- Inventory known cultural resources.
- Identify and inventory undocumented cultural resources.
- Encourage appropriate treatment of cultural resources.
- Conserve land to preserve the historic character of sites within the region.

GOAL 4: Improve and coordinate community engagement and education to increase public awareness of the Mat-Su Borough's cultural resources

- Elevate local histories in K-12 education, in and outside the classroom. **Example action items:** 1) *Include MSB histories in K-12 curriculums.* 2) *Build on existing Tribal educational resources, such as Knik Tribe's cultural exchange grants fostering school outreach.* 3) *Identify creative opportunities and tactics to elevate regional history, such as inter-school competition during historic preservation week.*
- Support and create opportunities for tourists to connect with MSB history. **Example action item:** *Contact tourism companies to elevate MSB museums and other opportunities.* 
- Expand and coordinate promotion of historic preservation across the Borough.
- Use technological solutions to create centralized educational resources. **Example action item:** *Create online multimedia museum.* 
- Create volunteer opportunities to support historic preservation efforts.

GOAL 5: Connect historic preservation with regional and local planning

- Include preservation in land use planning and land management efforts.
- Regularly update preservation planning documents.
- Advocate for additional funding allotments for planning and cultural resource management.
- Establish historic preservation guidelines for unincorporated areas of the MSB. **Example action item:** *Establish a local register of historic properties.*

NEXT STEPS FOR THE HPP

This Phase I report is intended to serve as a springboard for Phase II of the MSB historic preservation planning process. Guided by the Secretary of the Interior's Standards for Preservation Planning, Phase II will be led by the Borough Planning Department with input and approval from the MSB Historical Preservation Commission (HPC) and additional stakeholder and public engagement.

Building on Phase I, this next phase of the planning process will:

- ▶ **Establish historic contexts.** A historic context is an overarching theme used in historic preservation planning: "Information about historic properties representing aspects of history, architecture, archeology, engineering and culture must be collected and organized to define these relationships. This organizational framework is called a "historic context." – National Park Service. **Actions:**
 - *Coordinate with community members and historic preservation stakeholders to gather key histories of the region to inform the historic context framework.*
 - *Reach consensus with key stakeholders on the framework.*
 - *Work with the HPC to adopt historic contexts for the region. Once adopted, as per the Secretary of Interior's planning standards, a goal for each historic context will need to be defined with community involvement.*
- ▶ **Adopt the Vision, Mission, Goals, and Objectives.** Reach consensus with historic preservation planning stakeholders to recommend adoption of this strategic framework to guide planning. **Action:**
 - *Convene multiple stakeholder sessions to review and approve the vision, mission, goals, and objectives for the MSB HPP.*
- ▶ **Define action steps.** Building on the objectives and actions identified during Phase 1, identify additional actions to strengthen preservation planning and implementation efforts prior to formal adoption of the plan. **Actions:**
 - *Organize Tribal-specific stakeholder group ses-*



Talkeetna then and now.



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sions to support meaningful dialogue and input throughout planning efforts.

- *Develop an on-going historic preservation working group to grow momentum, share knowledge, and identify collaboration opportunities across the MSB.*
- *Identify opportunities for culture sharing, celebration, education and promotion, historic preservation trainings, volunteer opportunities, and shared resources throughout historic preservation dialogues.*
- *Identify opportunities to connect historic preservation with regional and local planning.*
- ▶ **Create the plan.** Using the national standards and HPP elements approved by stakeholders, draft an updated HPP to guide MSB preservation activities for at least the next 10 years. **Actions:**
 - *Identify a lead to coordinate HPP development.*
 - *Develop strategic, actionable steps for realizing goals and objectives through a public involvement process.*
 - *Prioritize historic context goals according to the overarching HPP vision, mission, and goals.*
- ▶ **Implement the plan.** Develop next steps and work plans to support historic preservation activities in line with the overall HPP vision and framework. **Actions:**
 - *Adopt the HPP.*
 - *Coordinate tracking and implementation of action items via the HPC.*