

MATANUSKA-SUSITNA BOROUGH
Historical Preservation Commission
Regular Meeting: February 6, 2025
DSJ Building, Room 203/TEAMS
Minutes

I. CALL TO ORDER

Chair Bert Verrall called the meeting to order at 6:01

II. ROLL CALL – DETERMINATION OF QUORUM

Present:

Bert Verrall
Andrew Schweisthal
Kevin Toothaker
Fran Seager-Boss
Janet Kincaid
Vivian Smith

III. APPROVAL OF AGENDA

FS moved to approve the agenda as written; JK seconded
No objection, motion passed unanimously

IV. LAND ACKNOWLEDGMENT

BV read land acknowledgement:

"We acknowledge that we are meeting on traditional lands of the Dena'ina and Ahtna Dene people, and we are grateful for their continued stewardship of the land throughout time immemorial."

V. ELECTIONS

A. Chair

JK nominated Bert Verrall for Chair VS seconded; BV accepted the nomination.
No objection, motion passed unanimously

B. Vice Chair

JK nominated Kevin Toothaker for Chair, VS seconded; KT accepted the nomination.
No objection, motion passed unanimously

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

Sue Deyoe – Formar Director Telkeetna Historical Society

Maria Lewis – CLG grant coordinator

Jesse Depriest – DePriest Family Trust

Anne Depriest - DePriest Family Trust

VII. HISTORICAL SOCIETY/MUSEUM UPDATES

BV – Meeting March 6th Rebarch

- Palmer 90th brings the community around something positive in 1935; everybody is talking about it. Mary Joe Parks

SD – Telkeena Museum gets half a million to revitalize the building, the schoolhouse listed on the NRHP

VIII. STAFF/AGENCY REPORTS & PRESENTATIONS

A. Staff Report – Maggie

John DePriest – DePriest Family Trust arrived at 6:11pm

B. Certified Local Government Grant Presentation – DePriest Family Trust

Jessie DePriest – Presentation on Barn

FS – Made comments on nominating the entire property and not just the barn

**BV made a motion support the DePriest Family Trust CLG grant application: FS seconded
No objection, motion passed unanimously**

C. National Heritage Area – Fran Seager-Boss had discussion

IX. NEW BUSINESS

A. HPC Vacancy

B. Scheduling 2025 Meetings

April 24, 2025 @ Knik – Maggie works with KT to secure a spot

C. Commission Participation at DOT&PF Meeting to Negotiate a Programmatic Agreement – Commission does not plan on attending

X. MEMBER COMMENTS

JK – Thank you and DePriest Family

FS – Talked about concerns about West-Su

KT – Shared sort Dena'ina story

AS – Thanks Sue, Maria, and the DePriest family

XI. ADJOURNMENT

AS moved to adjourn the meeting, seconded by KT

No objection, motion passed unanimously

Adjourned at 7:23pm

Bert Verrall

Bert Verrall, Chair

12/18/25

Date

Paul Clark

Paul Clark, Planning Division Staff

12/18/25

Date

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