

MATANUSKA-SUSITNA BOROUGH
Historical Preservation Commission Agenda
February 19, 2026
REGULAR MEETING
Minutes

IN-PERSON: Sutton Library, 11301 N Chickaloon Way, Sutton, AK 99674

I. CALL TO ORDER

BV called the meeting to order at 6:11pm

II. ROLL CALL – DETERMINATION OF QUORUM

Present

Bert Verrall

Karla McBride (via Teams)

Kevin Toothaker

Fran Seager-Boss

Vivian Smith

Absent

Janet Kincaid

Andrew Schweisthal

Quorum is confirmed

III. APPROVAL OF AGENDA

FSB moved to approve the agenda, KT second, no objections, agenda approved.

IV. APPROVAL OF MEETING MINUTES

A. Dec 18, 2025

One correction was identified by the HPC

FSB moved to approve minutes as corrected, KT seconded, no objections, corrected minutes approved

V. LAND ACKNOWLEDGMENT

"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."


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- VI. AUDIENCE PARTICIPATION (*three minutes per person, for items not scheduled for public hearing*)
Nancy Dryden
Angie Wade
- VII. HISTORICAL SOCIETY/MUSEUM UPDATES
- VIII. STAFF/AGENCY REPORTS & PRESENTATIONS
- A. Staff Report
- NAPC Commission Assistance and Mentoring Program (CAMP) training available in Anchorage in April
 - **FSB indicated she was interested in attending this training**
 - NAPC Forum travel scholarship application
 - **MSB/Paul will submit a grant application for one HPC member to attend**
- B. Chair Report
- C. *Re-Awakening Lajat* – Fran
Postponed to next HPC meeting when the other project presenter will be available
- IX. UNFINISHED BUSINESS
- A. Historic Preservation Plan
1. Historic Themes Confirmation
 2. Goals/Objectives Confirmation
 - **BV provided comments about the importance of communication and the challenge of accomplishing goals with very limited capacity**
 3. Supplemental Narrative Project
- B. DePriest Family Farm NR Nomination Update
- **Fran will reach out to contractor working on nomination to assist as needed.**
- C. Section 106 Consultations
1. Talkeetna communications tower – SHPO finding of no impact
- X. NEW BUSINESS
- A. CLG Grant Cycle – what projects are out there?
- **Fran mentioned a possible interpretive signs project for the Lajat / Scout Ridge trail, possibly for the next grant cycle.**
- B. America 250 Alaska Celebration
1. Baseball – banners at the State Fair + Week of Dreams
 2. What else is going on in the Mat-Su? What do we want to do?
 - a. Mayoral Proclamation

C. Revisiting the Mat-Su National Heritage Area Concept

- HPC is interested in exploring the possibility of an NHA designation in the Mat-Su.
- Paul will make previous draft NHA feasibility report available to HPC to review.

D. Officer Elections for 2026

- BV moved to have KT remain as Vice Chair, VS seconded. No objection, KT remains as Vice Chair in 2026.
- KT moved for BV to remain as Chair, FSB seconded, no objection, BV will remain Chair in 2026.

E. Create History / Cultural Resource / Historical Preservation Contact List

F. New Section 106 Consultations

- HPC reviewed consultation initiation packet from ADOT regarding the Glenn Highway Arctic Ave to Palmer-Fishhook.
- FSB noted that there are sites in the APE that should be surveyed based on topography and the likelihood of historic and pre-historic use of the area.

G. New Borough Project Reviews

XI. MEMBER COMMENTS

XII. ADJOURNMENT

- KT moved to adjourn meeting, FSB seconded, no objection, meeting adjourned at 8:00pm

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Bert Verrall, HPC Chair

Date

Paul Clark

Paul Clark, MSB Long Range Planner

8/6/26

Date

