

MATANUSKA-SUSITNA BOROUGH Historical Preservation Commission

Regular Meeting May 21, 2026, 6:00pm MINUTES

I. CALL TO ORDER

Meeting was called to order at 6:19

II. ROLL CALL – DETERMINATION OF QUORUM

Present

Kevin Toothaker

Janet Kincaid

Fran Seager-Boss

Karla McBride

Vivian Smith

Absent

Bert Verrall

Andrew Schweisthal

III. APPROVAL OF AGENDA

Janet Kincaid moved to approve agenda, Vivian Smith seconded, agenda approved

IV. APPROVAL OF MEETING MINUTES

A. February 19, 2026 –

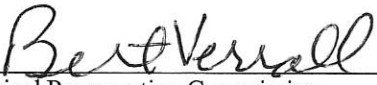
FSB moves to approved minutes, Janet Kincaid seconds, no objections, minutes approved.

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."

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

VII. HISTORICAL SOCIETY/MUSEUM UPDATES


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VIII. STAFF/AGENCY REPORTS & PRESENTATIONS

- A. Staff Report
 - 1. America 250 Alaska Celebration in the Mat-Su
 - 2. CAMP Training summary
 - 3. Alaska Historical Commission meeting summary
- B. Chair Report
- C. Re-Awakening Lajat – Fran
 - **“Making Dene people more visible on the landscape” through signage. Wasilla, Knik Tribe, Eklutna, Friends of Palmer Hay Flats are partnering**
 - **Knik Tribe – Great Land Trust partnership at O’Brien Creek for educational purposes.**

IX. UNFINISHED BUSINESS

- A. Historic Preservation Plan
 - i. **JK – important for the HPC to be there and give testimony about the importance of the plan and historic preservation**
 - ii. **Comments are due no later than July 1**
 - iii. **Have copies at meetings and presentations**
 - iv. **Consider a longer timeline for public participation**
- B. Mat-Su Historic Themes Study
- C. DePriest Family Farm NR Nomination Update
 - i. **No change, awaiting feedback from State OHA**

X. NEW BUSINESS

- A. Knik Museum CLG Grant Proposal
- B. New Section 106 Consultations
 - 1. Wasilla Main Street Rehabilitation Project
 - Finding of no historic properties affected – Wasilla Community Hall
 - 2. ARRC MP 152.1 & 152.3 Bridge Replacement Project
 - Adverse effect finding & mitigation strategy
 - Important to track this one
 - 3. West Susitna Access Road Programmatic Agreement
 - There may be a new RFP coming out for additional archeological survey. Chickaloon is very involved in providing comments, lots of back and forth in the process.**
 - 4. Denali National Park & Preserve 2026 Project List
- C. New Borough Project Reviews

1. Talkeetna Water Systems Upgrade
 - Water storage tank location concerns

XI. MEMBER COMMENTS

XII. ADJOURNMENT

**Janet Kincaid made a motion to adjourn, Fran Seager-Boss seconded.
Meeting adjourned at 8:00pm**

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Bert Verrall, HPC Chair

Date

Paul Clark

Paul Clark, MSB Staff

8/6/26

Date

