

**HAINES BOROUGH PLANNING COMMISSION  
WORKSESSION MINUTES  
APRIL 1, 2004**

1. **CALL TO ORDER:** 6:00pm
2. **PLEDGE TO FLAG:** Led by Jim **STANFORD**.  
**ROLL CALL:**

Present: Dawne **THOMSEN** (chair, via teleconference), Rob **GOLDBERG**, Lee **HEINMILLER**, Bill **STACY**, Jim **STANFORD**, Herb **VANCLEVE**

Absent: Harriet **BROUILLETTE**

Staff Present: **SCOTT HANSEN** (Administrative Assistant)

Visitors: Lucy **HARRELL** (Borough Assembly representative), Norm **BLANK**, Burl **SHELDON** (Haines Friends of Recycling), Carolyn **WEISHAHN**, George **FIGDOR**

**3. OLD BUSINESS:**

a) Revised Draft Comprehensive Plan

**STANFORD** reported that the March 29 public comment deadline passed, and thankfully a significant number of written comments were received. He opened the meeting to public comment on the Comprehensive Plan.

**HARRELL** noted that there is a goal: the Comp Plan, intended to guide wise government and planning. There is also a product: the Comp Plan. There is also an ending phase: now. The work is done, and the process can continue. She recommended collecting the comments and consider a more polished document within a year or so. The Borough should meet its consolidation deadlines so that the state has no qualms about granting the Borough \$400,000.00 to consolidate. **SHELDON** presented written and oral comment for the Comp Plan from Haines Friends of Recycling. **FIGDOR** suggested more studies need to be done and suggested adding information from the community's 1995 "Haines 2005" survey. He discussed the importance of lifestyle descriptions in the Comp Plan and several other issues, encouraging the Commission to consider his written comments. He noted that the Conditional Use permit process should be the expression of the people's desire for government. **WEISHAHN** noted several issues reflected in her written comments. **STANFORD** called for more discussion and then ended the public comment period. He noted that all written Comprehensive Plan comments received will be considered.

**GOLDBERG** said that he'd read all the written comments, and they should be considered prior to the deadline. **HARRELL** warned that the Borough is using borrowed money, and the deadlines are very important. **STACY** agreed with moving forward, but there may be essential issues needing to be in the Comp Plan prior to sending it to the Assembly. **VANCLEVE** agreed, saying that the public comments should either all be reviewed or they should all be saved for a second review period. **HEINMILLER** agreed to the idea of moving the Comp Plan forward, suggesting that it would be constructive to establish a final date to review it again.

**M/S STACY/HEINMILLER** moved to submit the plan, as presented, to the Assembly.

After much discussion **STACY** and **HEINMILLER** decided to withdraw the motion. All agreed to expeditiously sort through the comments, identify the necessary items, and place those in the plan. The Commission reviewed the entire file of written public comments. Changes were noted on specific written comments. Some were categorized as needing to be immediately changed, and some comments were deferred to a later review date, to be arranged by further motion. A list was made based on notes jotted on the comments in the file.

b) Recommendation to Assembly

**M/S STANFORD/STACY** to forward to the Borough Assembly for their April 7 meeting a revised Comprehensive Plan reflecting oral and written comments submitted on or before March 29, 2004.

Motion carried unanimously.

**HEINMILLER** noted that the Comp Plan would need to be complete by 2:00 pm Monday, April 5.

**M/S STANFORD/THOMSEN** to inform the Assembly, through Lucy **HARRELL**, that if a further Comprehensive Plan revision is required after public hearings the Assembly approach the Local Boundary Commission for an extension to the consolidation deadline adequate to complete the Comprehensive Plan and code of ordinances.

Motion carried unanimously.

**M/S GOLDBERG/STANFORD** that since so much public comment was deferred to a future date that the Planning Commission will

review all submitted comments and review the Comprehensive Plan comments accordingly for possible revision within one years' time.

Motion carried unanimously.

4. **PUBLIC COMMENT:** no further comment

5. **MEMBER COMMENT:** no further comment

6. **NEXT MEETING DATE:**

a. Regular meeting - Thursday, April 8, 2004, 6:00 pm, in the Assembly Chambers.

7. **ADJOURNMENT**

**M/S STACY/VANCLEVE** to adjourn.

Motion carried.

The meeting adjourned at 8:55 pm.

Respectfully submitted:

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**SCOTT HANSEN**, Haines Borough Administrative Assistant