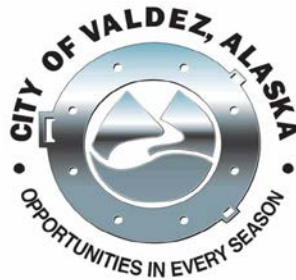


City of Valdez

*212 Chenega Ave.
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Meeting Minutes

Wednesday, June 17, 2020

12:00 PM

Regular Meeting

Council Chambers

Flood Mitigation Task Force

I. CALL TO ORDER

Capital Facilities Director, Nathan Duval called the meeting to order at 12:05 PM.

II. ROLL CALL

Members Present: Capital Facilities Director Nathan Duval, City Manager Mark Detter, Task Force Member Dwaine Dunning, Task Force Member Allen Crume, Project Manager Scott Benda, Public Facilities Director Rob Comstock, Task Force Member Donna Schantz, Dowl Euan-Argus Macleod, Dowl Katie Conway, Dowl Bradley Melocik, Council Member Alan Sorum, Planning Director Kate Huber

III. DISCUSSION ITEMS

1. Discussion Item: Glacier Stream Report

Attachments: [IDL camera](#)

Capital Facilities Director Nathan Duval gave an update on the outburst at the Valdez Glacier Stream. Scott discussed the event and stated the greatest concern is the area across from the land fill in the area of the old Haltness bid, it is eroding. Most of the equipment has been moved out, what remains is well away from the bank but we will continue to monitor it. Bradley Melocik from Dowl stated that the pictures were a good resource for the flows and they showed the proactive work that was done, accomplished what it was supposed to.

2. *Discussion Item: Lowe River Gravel Extraction - verbal report*

Capital Facilities Director Nathan Duval stated that there have been more communications with Department of Natural Resources and Scott will give that update. The City is closer to material extraction but it is now in the Public review process. Project Manager Scott Benda then gave an update from the Department of Natural Resources as of Monday. DNR has to complete an agency review. Then issue a preliminary decision which then goes out to Public comment for 30 days. Which is then followed by a final finding which would address any comments received. The final finding has a 20 day appeal period followed by a consecutive 10 day reconsideration period. Once that is completed then they can issue a decision to authorize us to proceed. That process equates to about 60 days, it looks like this fall. Project Manager Benda stated that the good news is it is moving forward.

3. *Discussion Item: Lowe River Survey Flyer*

Attachments: [Postcard-1-v2](#)

Capital Director Nathan Duval stated that based on the last meeting there was positive feedback received from the Task Force. The survey will be mailed to the entire town to get some baseline feedback. The survey will not stop progress, we will continue to move forward and incorporate the feedback as appropriate. Project Manager Scott Benda stated the survey was anonymous and if you don't get it in the mail it will be available on the Website. The website is Valdez Flooding.com and there will be a link on the City website also. Discussion continued on the survey.

4. *Discussion Item: Lowe River Groin 2 Repairs - verbal update*

Capital Facilities Director Nathan Duval then turned it over to Project Manager Scott Benda who explained the different options. Capital Facilities Director Nathan Duval then explained that the intent was to do the most productive and robust response during the short window of time.

5. *Discussion Item: Trans Alaskan Pipeline System erosion update*

Attachments: [785 erosion 200606r](#)

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Capital Facilities Director Nathan Duval stated this was more of an informational point. He explained the issues related to the erosion. Project Manager Scott Benda stated that the river has shifted which is good news for the subdivisions but is a problem for TAPS. Capital Facilities Director Nathan Duval stated we are still monitoring and working on solutions for everyone involved. He then asked if there were any more issues that needed to be discussed. Task Force Member Dunning stated that the water at Mile post 4 seemed to be high. Capital Facilities Director stated that hopefully this application that we have applied for is for the whole River so we can monitor any issue not just at 4 mile or Alpine woods. We could work with the State also and they may be able to use our permit and assist in those areas that they have problems with. Task Force Member Donna Schantz stated that she thought the task force was started in 2015 and asked if the Goals for the task force could be included in a future meeting and if we have accomplished them. She wanted to make sure that there would be a schedule to make sure that follow-up is continued.

IV. ADJOURNMENT

Capital Facilities Director Nathan Duval adjourned the meeting at 12:36 PM.