

INFORMATION MEMORANDUM NO. 97-15

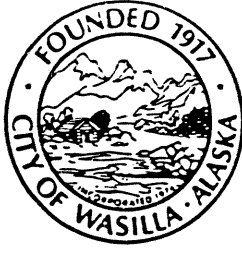
Date: April 8, 1997
From: Karol Kolehmainen, Assistant City Planner
RE: Planning Commission Resolution 97-12

BACKGROUND

In the fall of 1996, Staff revisited the concept of completing a community visioning project to determine Community values and aid in development of land use priorities and policies. Two proposals, a short and long term, were presented to the Planning Commission on December 13, 1996. The Commission elected to go with the long term proposal, with the Visioning project scheduled in the Spring of 1998, to give the Staff time to research project possibilities, allow for maximum Community involvement, and tie the project closely to the scheduled City Comprehensive Plan review. Also, at this meeting, the project assumed the nickname, the WAVE, symbolizing the Wasilla Active Visioning Experience.

A draft project timeline was presented to the Commission on March 18, 1997 as well as options for execution of the project. The three options included, 1) a series of small meetings to get people focused and generally identify "likes and dislikes", 2) a large "visioning" one day event with a follow on survey and project session in the fall, or, 3) a strategic planning process focusing on specific issues with community involvement. The Commission and Staff discussed a process which would be a blend of all three, as a first choice for the WAVE. The timeline identified April 1, 1997 as a target date for finalizing the scope of the project.

The need for a Community vision was discussed at joint Commission/Council work sessions held on January 7th, February 24th, and March 24, 1997. The February 24th meeting requested a timeline within thirty days to lay out the project. The Visioning timeline was presented at the March 24, 1997, joint work session with the three options (with a recommendation for a blend option), project parameters, possible impacts on Staff, and a budget also discussed. Per the timeline, the attached Resolution 97-12 was provided to the Commission and approved at their April 1, 1997 meeting. A copy of the Resolution is provided for Council's consideration during the budget review process.



**WASILLA PLANNING COMMISSION
RESOLUTION NO. 97-12**

A RESOLUTION OF THE WASILLA PLANNING COMMISSION OF THE CITY OF WASILLA, ALASKA, RECOMMENDING DEVELOPMENT AND EXECUTION OF A STRATEGIC PLANNING PROJECT, HEREINAFTER CALLED THE WASILLA ACTIVE VISIONING EXPERIENCE (WAVE).

WHEREAS, the Wasilla Planning Commission (WPC), the Wasilla City Council, and the City Planning Office, have determined it is desirable to involve the public in the City strategic planning process; and,

WHEREAS, the Commission recognizes the need to investigate the values of Community residents in order to develop appropriate goals and determine the priority for future land use and land use controls as part of the City Comprehensive Plan review process; and,

WHEREAS, the Wasilla Planning Commission now wishes to forward a recommendation to the Wasilla City Council regarding the need for an active strategic planning project, the WAVE, to be held in the Spring of 1998, in town meeting style; and,

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Wasilla Planning Commission, of the City of Wasilla, respectfully recommends that the Wasilla City Council approve, encourage and participate in the WAVE.

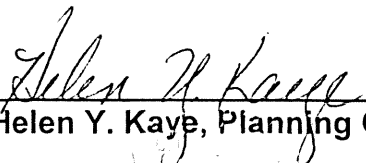
I certify that a resolution in substantially the above form was passed by a majority of those voting at a duly called and conducted meeting of the Wasilla Planning Commission this 1st day of April, 1997.

APPROVED:



John Cannon, Chair

RESPECTFULLY SUBMITTED:



Helen Y. Kaye, Planning Clerk

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