

Rachel James, Planning Assistant

ABSENT were:

Jeanne Galvano, excused
Glenn Hart, excused

SPECIAL ORDERS, PRESENTATIONS AND REPORTS

City Administration Report. Mr. Martin reported that Mike Yarborough had completed the archaeological report for the Alaska SeaLife Center project. He stated that the State Historic Preservation Office had offered the City of Seward a travel grant to send two people to the National Commission Forum in Denver, Colorado at the end of July. He added that, based on the recommendation of SHPO to send one Commissioner and one staff member to the conference, Commissioner Martin and Planning Assistant, Rachel James, would be attending.

Report on Essex County National Heritage Transportation Corridor. Hearn reported on a recent visit to the Essex County National Heritage Corridor in Massachusetts. He noted that Heritage Corridor's were not regulatory but supported efforts to preserve and interpret the designated areas. He commented that Moose Pass, Cooper Landing and Hope would benefit the most from the proposed Kenai Mountains National Heritage Corridor.

CITIZENS' COMMENTS ON AGENDA ITEMS NOT SCHEDULED FOR PUBLIC HEARING

LOUIS BENCARDINO, 1103 Second Avenue, reported that the Kuevit Foundation was developing plans to rehabilitate the Jesse Lee Home as a hotel with associated conference rooms and a gift shop. He stated that the Kuevit Foundation consisted of the property owner, and Dan Claugus, who had previously obtained a Conditional Use Permit from the Planning and Zoning Commission to develop the property as a hotel. He commented that this may be the last opportunity to save the historic buildings before they deteriorate to a condition beyond repair, and requested a letter of support from the Commission.

The Commission requested that the administration prepare a letter expressing the Commission's support of efforts to save the historic Jesse Lee Home, provided that it maintains its National Register of Historic Places status.

APPROVAL OF AGENDA AND CONSENT AGENDA

MOTION (Martin/Seavey)

Approve the Agenda and Consent Agenda.

Ms. Martin requested that the April minutes be corrected to reflect that she was present at the meeting. She noted that Bob Satin was incorrectly identified as a Commissioner at the April meeting.