

Dear Assembly Member,

January 18, 2010

The Long Range Planning and Economic Development Commission (LRPEDC) is going through an identity crisis. We have therefore looked to the ordinance that established this commission to find some direction. In doing that we determined that the ordinance is perhaps outdated in parts, it may need editing and we are asking you for clarification. We rendered the ordinance in bulleted form and have added comments or made suggestions where we feel the ordinance needs attention. Please accept this as a place to start to think about this commission and the work that you would like us to undertake. Our hope is that as you think about this commission you can clarify for us what you think we should be working on and give us some direction. There is always a possibility that this commission is redundant.

Please find our comments below in BLUE, the original ordinance language is in black. Thank you for your time and attention.

Sincerely, Cleo Brylinsky, Chair LRPEDC

2.32.010 Establishment.

- There shall be a Sitka long-range planning and economic development commission to undertake long-range community planning,
- to maintain and collect current economic data and trends concerning community activities, -suggested change: to review economic trends and data concerning community activities.
- to annually formulate an economic plan for local government purposes, - please give us some clarification about what was intended here.
- to annually review the Sitka Comprehensive Plan,- unless it's updated annually, we don't need to review it. Is there something else regarding the comp plan that would help you more?

to review past and proposed city ordinances, - if this is still relevant we think we should work with you to determine a process to accomplish this.
- and coastal management plans,- we think this should be deleted.
- to implement other programs including economic funding proposals, approved by the assembly, - we aren't sure what this is about.
- and to identify unnecessary barriers which could impede economic development. -this section is fine and can be applied to our work on affordable housing.

(Ord.01-1649 4 (part), 2001: ord. 99-1538 4(part), 1999).