


City and Borough of Sitka

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Memorandum

TO: Jim Dinley, Municipal Administrator
Mayor Scott McAdams and Members of the Assembly

FROM: Wells Williams, Planning Director 

SUBJECT: Conditional Use Permit Request for Natural Resource Extraction and Mining Support Facilities

DATE: August 4, 2010

The Sitka Planning Commission is recommending approval, with conditions, of a conditional use permit for natural resource extraction for the quarry owned by Baranof Island Housing Authority. The quarry is on the former Sheldon Jackson College Indian River Valley parcel. A conditional use permit for the operation, that had a ten year sunset provision, has expired. The board's recommendations, based on a unanimous vote, were made on July 20th, 2010.

The application for the current conditional use request mirrors the application that was approved by the Assembly in November of 1995.

There was not any public comment received on the proposal. The comments that were received came from the Municipal Engineer who inspected the project with the Planning Director.

The Planning Commission's recommendation includes the following conditions:

1. Materials that were submitted with the application be binding on the request;
2. Quarry be operated consistent as with the prior approval – as outlined by request;
3. Quarry complies with conditions outlined by the Municipal Engineer including the installation of a tire cleaning pad at the juncture of quarry and the paved access road; and
4. Quarry is operated in conformance with the requirements of the Army Corps of Engineers and other agencies with jurisdiction.

Follow up findings were made at the same meeting. They are contained in the attached July 20, 2010 minutes. Supporting materials also follow this memorandum.

Recommended Action:

Approve the request with the conditions and findings recommended by the Planning Commission.

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