

GREATER JUNEAU BOROUGH PLANNING  
COMMISSION  
MINUTES - 3/29/68  
JUNEAU, ALASKA

(1) A joint meeting of the Greater Juneau Borough Planning Commission and the City of Juneau Planning Commission was held in the Municipal Building, 155 South Seward Street, Juneau, Alaska, on Wednesday, March 27, 1968, at 4:00 p.m. Members present from the Juneau Borough Planning Commission were as follows:

<u>Present</u>	<u>Absent</u>
Hart	Campbell
Peratrovich	Daugherty
Prince	Graves
Sands	Ward
Schulz	

Members from the City Planning Commission were as follows:

<u>Present</u>	<u>Absent</u>
Davidson	Marshall
Forrest	Renshaw
Lowell	
Nagel	
Peratrovich	
Prince	
Sands	

(2) Present in the audience was Harvey Golub from the State of Alaska, Department of Highways who was in attendance to answer any questions which were presented to him; Paul Sargent, City Engineer and Joe George.

(3) The area discussed at the beginning of this meeting is located in the areas of the following establishments; Alaska Coastal, Juneau Motors, Capitol Motors, J Sherman Tanner, Yukon Office Supply, George's Gift Shop and Bill Ray's Liquor Store.

(4) It was pointed out that four lanes were involved, two lanes in and two lanes out of Juneau until you get to the intersection of Main and then it becomes three lanes. Two lanes will run in a southerly direction and on through to what is now Ferry Way, and will widen Ferry Way. There will be a free right lane off Seward

Street, one free right lane off of Main Street and a free right turn onto Willoughby, and two lanes on out on Outer Drive. It was noted that this project can be handled with the money at present and that it will be scheduled for 1969 or 1970.

(5) It was also pointed out that there would be a widening of Main Street for four lanes up to Fourth Street. It will take off on the right hand side up to the Juneau Hotel and bends over slightly and takes the parking area in front of the Office Building which has always created a bind area. Two lanes running both directions will be on Main Street. This takes the corner off the Cooper Building to give a better turn onto Fourth Street and a right hand turn onto Fourth Street. It does not take out the telephone or the Empire building, but it does take out the buildings on the other side of the street, and also the church on the corner of Third and Main.

(6) Also pointed out was the fact that thought was given to possibly having Seward Street become a mall type of arrangement that the City gets into parking, etc., it would not affect the plan any if at sometime the area were redeveloped.

(7) The following are some of the questions and answers that followed the explanation of the Outer Drive arrangement.

QUESTION: With this plan will it be possible to make a left turn off the Outer Drive onto Main Street?

ANSWER: Yes, you will cross the traffic there.

COMMENT: The Orpheum comes out. This way, it will arch itself around to permit bus loading so that busses are not in the right of way when they load or unload. Parking space will be provided for Coastal.

QUESTION: Is that the only purpose of the curve or is that curve also in that direction provide a better turn onto Main?

ANSWER: It does give a right angle intersection at Main Street. It also takes repertory traffic onto Main Street and does provide means of running around cars there. There would have to be some type of control of left turn movement during rush hours as there is now. It would not mean going around the block to get onto Main.

QUESTION: What intersections will be signal controlled now on this?

ANSWER: I was under the impression, although it was not specifically spoken of, that this would be to start with that specific control section.

QUESTION: Traffic coming out of Ferry Way will be through traffic just as it is on Admiral Way now?

ANSWER: Yes, with a free right turn.

COMMENT: It would seem that the rather abrupt curve could be flattened some. The entire distance from the building to the right of way looks to be at least as wide as two lanes of traffic there, according to dimensions right in front of Coastal. This will give a better view on down the road of traffic if you are going to turn up Main Street from Main Street. Looks to be too far out. It would make a difference in the 90° intersection if flattened.

COMMENT: The little area left over won't be very helpful.

COMMENT: Having wider space there will give you sight distance when you have a bus parked there and if you pull it over you will not have sight distance.

COMMENT: By having this here, to me, at such time as it becomes more necessary and get more traffic through the south end of town that a frontage road could be developed to come down to Survey waterfront which at a later date without disturbing redesigning as there will be room enough for a swing-off.

COMMENT: We have been asked to take action on whether or not we approve this plan now which of course is an unengineered plan. Some of the finer details will have to be worked out in detail with the engineering projects. Some work has been done on the cost analysis. This is within their feasibility of construction within this short range of time to make and to consider utilities and have come up with this as a firm proposal for alignment.

QUESTION: Does this include an extension up to Main Street up to Fourth?

ANSWER: Yes, including the turn onto Fourth.

COMMENT: A map which was to have been brought to the meeting and was not, considers the other direction and takes it on up there. Four lanes taking them on up the right hand side until you get up approximately to Third Street and Third and swings over in order to save the Juneau Hotel.

QUESTION: Up at the intersection of Fourth and Main the building on the Southeast side, will that be taken?

ANSWER: Cooper Building, the corner will be taken off of it.

QUESTION: Will the City have to participate in the utilities, etc?

ANSWER: I understand no. This is what Mr. Steen has indicated.

(8) The City has expressed approval of this plan as it provides additional right of way which would be very expensive to the City in the future, it widens Main Street, doesn't restrict the firestation and in addition, it is believed that the traffic control could be rearranged in the future if necessary.

(9) A motion was called to approve the Outer Drive Plan and the roll call was as follows: (City of Juneau Planning Commission).

<u>Yea</u>	<u>Nay</u>
Davidson	
Forrest	
Lowell	
Nagel	
Peratrovich	
Prince	
Sands	


The motion carried unanimously.

(10) A motion was called to approve the Outer Drive Plan and the roll call for the Borough Planning Commission was as follows:

<u>Yea</u>	<u>Nay</u>
Hart	
Peratrovich	
Prince	
Sands	
Schulz	

The motion carried unanimously.

(11) The meeting was adjourned at 4:30 p.m. on the Outer Drive Plan.

  
Patricia Wagner  
 Secretary