



## Meeting Notes

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Project Number	21132 – 003				
Meeting Date	September 29, 2005	Meeting Location	HDR Alaska, Inc. 4 <sup>th</sup> floor conference room		
Time	1500 – 1545				
Notes by	Katherin Matolcsy	URS			
Attendees:	Doug Gasek/DNR/ SHPO	Edrie Vinson, FHWA	Laurie Mulcahy, ADOT&PF		
Robin Reich HDR Alaska	Genna Holomon, Anchorage Historic Properties, Inc.	Katherin Matolcsy URS			

The meeting began at 1500. Robin Reich with HDR presented the group with three reports prepared by Stephan Braund & Associates for the group's review and comment:

- Report on the Archaeological Survey for Matanuska-Susitna Borough
- Draft Determination of Eligibility for Government Hill Area
- Interim Status Report for Planning Purposes in the Vicinity of the Government Hill and Ship Creek Corridors, Anchorage, Alaska

Discussions followed regarding properties in the Government Hill area and whether buildings were independently eligible for listing, or were contributing to a district (Government Hill) that would be eligible. Edrie Vinson with FHWA noted that many of the properties had been substantially modified, and are therefore determined not eligible for listing. Edrie noted that some of the buildings identified as "independently" eligible were in fact not, and that those identified as "contributing" were also not due to their age. Edrie requested that Doug Gasek conduct a site visit and check out the buildings.

Laurie Mulcahy with ADOT&PF noted that two figures were particularly helpful to identify the degree of alteration to the buildings (2 initial figures in the Determination of Eligibility Report and Figure 7 in the Interim Status Report).

The group discussed the area in question – a corridor was established to locate properties that would need to be evaluated and was identified on the maps in the reports.

Laurie expressed a desire to move forward with a letter of finding to send to the SHPO. She said that ADOT&PF will determine whether to agree on the recommendations of the DOEs. After more discussion, the group agreed that they needed time to thoroughly



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review the reports and perhaps conduct a site visit to view the properties under consideration. Edrie noted that the Government Hill community was focused on revitalizing the commercial area of Government Hill.

Laurie noted that special attention needed to be paid to whether or not any properties were of significance and would have to be preserved.

Robin introduced the archaeological report conducted for the Matanuska-Susitna side of the Knik Arm Crossing and noted that the report found no sites. The report describes findings and describes the methodology by which the archaeological survey was conducted. Robin requested that the group review the report and comment on whether or not they were confident that the methods were adequate.

It was decided that after the group had opportunity to review the reports and perhaps conduct a site visit, they would reconvene and discuss their conclusions. The group decided to hold off on a letter of determination at this time. Robin noted that time was of the essence since a 4(f) evaluation could not be completed until SHPO concurrence was obtained.

The meeting adjourned at 1545.