TO: $\quad$ Zoning Board of Examiners and Appeals<br>Urban Design Commission<br>MOA Planning Department (fax: 343-7927)<br>Tim Potter, Dow Engineers<br>Greg Jones, CIRI<br>FROM: Peggy Robinson, President North East Community Council 333-1831 or 632-6436<br>SUBJECT: Variance Request; Highway Screening. Case 2007-158<br>DATE: $\quad$ September 6, 2007

The North East Community Council Board of Directors met on September 6, 2007. President Peggy Robinson received the notice for this ZEBA hearing after the August 16th community council meeting, so the Board reviewed the request at this meeting. Council comments are due on ASAP and the hearing date before ZEBA is September 13.

NECC By-laws allow the Board to act for the council as a whole if there are time constraints that do not allow the proposed action to be taken at a regular meeting, which is scheduled for September 20. Action the Board takes is reported at the next membership meeting.

The NECC Board discussed the variance request and voted on the following motion:
The NECC Board of Directors moves to approve the cutting by hand of the flagged trees in the Highway Screen Buffer that are dead and almost dead, and approves the use of the alternate landscape plans in the two cleared buffer areas shown on the site plan. These alternate landscape plans includes a combination of birch that would be a minimum of 12-15 feet tall and of white spruce to be a minimum of 4-5 feet tall, to be planted by hand in a more natural configuration than is the standard.

The vote was 7 in favor, 0 opposed, and 1 abstaining. One board member was absent. We ask that you consider our motion as you make decisions in the best interests of the NECC and the community of Anchorage as a whole. Please contact me if you have any questions.

Signed:
Peggy Robinson

