

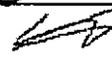
CITY OF PALMER ACTION MEMORANDUM

SUBJECT: Confirm the Mayor's Appointments to the Board of Economic Development

AGENDA OF: June 10, 2008

Council action: Confirmed

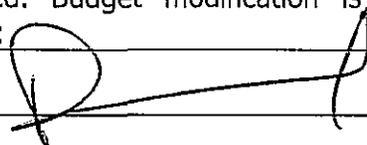
Approved for presentation by B.B. Allen, City Manager 

Route To:	Department/Individual:	Initials:	Remarks:
X	Originator – Mayor Combs		
X	City Clerk		
X	City Attorney		
	Director of Public Safety		
	Director of Administration		
	Director of Community Development		
	Director of Community Services		
	Director of Public Works		

Attachment(s): Board of Economic Development Applications

Fiscal note:

X	No fiscal impact.	
	Funds are budgeted from this account number:	
	Funds are not budgeted. Budget modification is required. Affected account number:	

Finance Director Signature: 

Summary statement: Ordinance no. 08-004 enacted language regarding a Board of Economic Development. The ordinance states that the Board consists of seven members who are selected by the Mayor and confirmed by the council. The Mayor has selected the following individuals to serve on the Board:

Applicant:	Category:	Term Ending:
Jeffrey Johnson	Palmer Business Owner	October 2010
John S. Lee	Airport Business CEO	October 2011
Charles Logsdon	Economist	October 2010
Ray Ritari	Alaska State Fair CEO	October 2011
Jenny Vanderweele	Agriculture	October 2010

Hans Vogel	Industry Executive	October 2011
Fay Von Gemmingen	Finance	October 2011

Administration recommendation: Authorize action memorandum 08-042.

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Board/Commission Application

Please note: all information given on your application is made available to the public.

Date: 5-8-08

Name of Board/Commission: Board of Economic Development

Name: Jeffrey Johnson

Residence address: 2781 Odsather Circle

Mailing address: P.O. Box 2527 Palmer

Phone number(s):

Home: 376 5098 Work: _____ Cell: 355 5098

Email address: mrjj@mtaonline.net

Employer: self Occupation: _____

Member or active interest in the following organizations:

Palmer Chamber

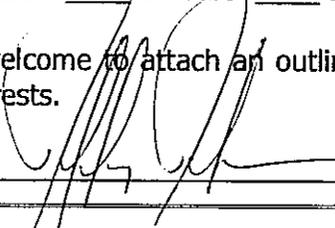
Palmer Rotary

Please explain your main reason for applying:

Time available for board/commission work:

___ 2 hours 5 hours ___ 10 hours Per: week ___ month

You are welcome to attach an outline of your education, work and volunteer experiences, and other interests.

Signature  Date 5-8-08

For office use only:

Date received: 5/12/08 By: 

Board or Commission: Economic Development

Term ending date: _____ Attachments? ___ Yes No

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Board/Commission Application

Please note: all information given on your application is made available to the public.

Date: May 05, 2008

Name of Board/Commission: Board of Economic Development

Name: John S. Lee

Residence address: 9391 E. Falk Road Palmer, Alaska 99645

Mailing address: 901 Cope Industrial Way Palmer Alaska 99645

Phone number(s):

Home: 907-745-4678 Work: 907-761-6010 Cell: 907-841-6100

Email address: johnlee@nhtiusa.com

Employer: New Horizons Telecom Occupation: Business Executive

Member or active interest in the following organizations:

Airport Advisory Board

Please explain your main reason for applying:

I have been in business in Palmer for many years and see new growth opportunity as never before.

I think this board is a good idea and I would like to participate and help guide and foster this growth.

Time available for board/commission work:

 2 hours 5 hours 10 hours Per: week month

You are welcome to attach an outline of your education, work and volunteer experiences, and other interests.

Signature _____ Date May 05, 2008

For office use only:

Date received: 5/3/08 By: JPL

Board or Commission: Economic Development

Term ending date: _____ Attachments? Yes No

John S. Lee, PE, EA
CEO
New Horizons Telecom, Inc.

- 40 Years in business in the Alaska Telecommunications Industry
- Founder and CEO of New Horizons Telecom, Inc (NHTI).
NHTI is a home grown Palmer Alaska firm , celebrating its 30th anniversary with over \$20M in annual gross revenues. NHTI is based on the Palmer Airport, and operates internationally with project history in Alaska, Hawaii, CONUS, Japan, Italy, and Germany. NHTI offers commercial , oilfield, and government clients full service project management, permitting, engineering, integration , construction and environmental services. NHTI employs 90 people. Engineering disciplines include civil, structural, electrical, mechanical, and environmental , all with special emphasis on the telecommunications industry. NHTI is uniquely experienced in the Arctic / Subarctic environment.
- Registered Professional Engineer (PE) in Alaska, Washington, and Oregon
- Business Pilot holding current FAA Airline Transport Pilot (ATP) and Flight Instructor Certificates, current in both airplanes and helicopters . Life member of the AOPA Air Safety Foundation.
- Electrical Administrator (Electrical Contractor) licensed in Alaska and Washington
- Grew up in bush Alaska, lived in Iliamna Alaska, fished commercially (drift net) in Bristol Bay.
- Graduated from University of Alaska, Fairbanks school of Engineering.
- Self employed for many years as a part-time pilot and flight instructor at the Palmer Municipal Airport
- Vietnam Veteran, Commissioned Officer, Graduate of Infantry Officer Candidate School OCS and Airborne School at Ft. Benning GA, cross trained in the US Army Signal Schools at Fort Gordon GA, and fort Monmouth NJ. Served in CONUS with the 82nd Airborne Division at Fort Bragg, NC in an infantry unit, 2nd Battalion, 504th Infantry. Served in Vietnam with the 1st Signal Brigade, 37th Signal Battalion as a Signal Battalion Operations Officer , Signal Detachment Commander and Signal Company Commander.
- Employed by Alascom Inc of Anchorage Alaska (formerly RCA Alascom) as its first corporate pilot, flying float planes in bush Alaska, later served as civil engineer in charge of the first deployment of satellite earth terminals in rural Alaska.
- Married, two grown sons, a grown stepdaughter, and two young grandsons
- Special interest has always been aviation, currently serving on the Palmer Airport Advisory Commission.

May 05, 2008



FAX COVER SHEET

To:	Sara Jensen	From:	John S. Lee
Phone:	907-761-1315	Pages:	3 including this cover page
Fax:	907-745-0930	Date:	50/05/2008
Re:	Economic Development Board Application	cc:	N/A

Sara

Attached is my application and my Resume / Bio. Thanks for your consideration. Please don't hesitate to call me or email for any additional information needed 907-841-6100 or johnlee@nhtiusa.com

Thank You

John S Lee
CEO
NHTI

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Board/Commission Application

Please note: all information given on your application is made available to the public.

Date: May 9, 2008

Name of Board/Commission: Board of Economic Development

Name: Charles Logsdon

Residence address: 4700 N. Farm Loop Rd.

Mailing address: P.O. Box 1006 Palmer, Alaska 99645

Phone number(s):

Home: 745 2327

Work: 232 5112

Cell: _____

Email address: chuck@granitepeakassociates.com

Employer: Retired

Occupation: Economist

Member or active interest in the following organizations:

Matanuska Valley Federal Credit Union

Palmer Historical Society

Please explain your main reason for applying:

I have lived in Palmer most of my life. I have an MA & PhD in Agric. Econ. from Wash. State Univ. and worked

for 25 years as the State's chief petroleum economist. In 1975 I built an early input/output model of the Alaska economy.

I believe I could contribute to sound planning for Palmer's economic future

Time available for board/commission work:

___ 2 hours 5 hours ___ 10 hours Per: ___ week ___ month

You are welcome to attach an outline of your education, work and volunteer experiences, and other interests.

Signature

Charles Logsdon

Date

5/9/2008

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Date received:

5/12/08

By:

[Signature]

Board or Commission:

Economic Development

Term ending date: _____

Attachments? Yes ___ No

**Granite Peak
Associates, Inc.**

Granite Peak Associates
PO Box 4753
Palmer, AK 99645

Phone 907 745 0602

Fax 907 745 2327

City of Palmer, City Clerk's Office
231 W. Evergreen Ave.
Palmer, AK 99645

Dear Ms. Bower:

My application to serve on the Palmer Board of Economic Development is attached.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script, appearing to read "Chuck Logsdon".

Dr. Chuck Logsdon, Principal Economist

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Board/Commission Application

Please note: all information given on your application is made available to the public.

Date: May 9, 2008

Name of Board/Commission: Board of Economic Development

Name: Bonnie Quill

Residence address: 1540 S. Chugach St. Palmer, AK 99645

Mailing address: same

Phone number(s):

Home: 745-3648 Work: 746-5001 Cell: 355-1862

Email address: bonnie@alaskavisit.com

Employer: Mat-Su CVB Occupation: Executive Director

Member or active interest in the following organizations:

Board Alaska Travel Industry Assoc. President Glenn Hwy Scenic Byway
Chair ATIA PR marketing Committee Board Alaska State Fair

Please explain your main reason for applying:

I would like the opportunity to participate in the
development of the visitor industry in Palmer. I have
over 20 years professional experience in Alaska tourism.

Time available for board/commission work:

 2 hours 5 hours 10 hours Per: week month

You are welcome to attach an outline of your education, work and volunteer experiences, and other interests.

Signature Bonnie Quill Date May 9, 2008

For office use only:

Date received: _____ By: _____

Board or Commission: Economic Development

Term ending date: _____ Attachments? Yes No

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Board/Commission Application

Please note: all information given on your application is made available to the public.

Date: May 13, 2008

Name of Board/Commission: Economic Development

Name: Ray Ritari

Residence address: 17405 Meadow Creek Drive

Mailing address: Eagle River, AK 99577

Phone number(s):

Home: 694-1624 Work: 980-5919 Cell: _____

Email address: ritari@alaskastatefair.org

Employer: Alaska State Fair Occupation: Mgr.

Member or active interest in the following organizations:

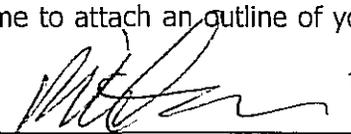
Please explain your main reason for applying:

Desire to serve community

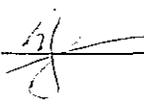
Time available for board/commission work:

2 hours 5 hours 10 hours Per: week month

You are welcome to attach an outline of your education, work and volunteer experiences, and other interests.

Signature  Date 5-13-08

For office use only:

Date received: 5/13/08 By: 

Board or Commission: B E D

Term ending date: _____

Attachments? Yes No

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Board/Commission Application

Please note: all information given on your application is made available to the public.

Date: May 9, 2008

Name of Board/Commission: Board of Economic Development

Name: Jenny Vanderweele

Residence address: 1505 S. Inner Springer Loop Palmer, AK 99645

Mailing address: PO Box 258 Palmer, AK 99645

Phone number(s):

Home: 746-1508 Work: _____ Cell: 355-8496

Email address: rjbs@mtaonline.net

Employer: N/A Occupation: Homemaker

Member or active interest in the following organizations:

Agriculture community MYAC

Mat-Su Schools

Please explain your main reason for applying:

I would like to have a voice in the future economic development of the city of Palmer.

My family has lived and farmed here for many years and hopes to for many years to come.

The plans for the City of Palmer are of great importance to us and our livelihood.

Time available for board/commission work:

2-5 2 hours 5 hours 10 hours Per: week month

You are welcome to attach an outline of your education, work and volunteer experiences, and other interests:

Signature Jenny Vanderweele Date 5-9-08

For office use only:

Date received: 5/12/08 By: [Signature]

Board or Commission: Economic Development

Term ending date: _____ Attachments? Yes No

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Board/Commission Application

Please note: all information given on your application is made available to the public.

Date: May 02-2008

Name of Board/Commission: Board of Economic Development

Name: Hans Vogel

Residence address: 32351 Eagle Vista, Eagle River AK 99577

Mailing address: 1960 S. Eklutna, Palmer AK 99645

Phone number(s):
Home: 907-696-2005 Work: 907-746-8000 x103 Cell: 907-830-9098

Email address: hvogel@triverus.com

Employer: Triverus llc Occupation: Executive

Member or active interest in the following organizations:

- | | |
|---|--------------------------------------|
| <u>Triverus llc</u> | <u>TriJet Manufacturing Services</u> |
| <u>Surface Cleaning Technologies Inc.</u> | <u>ES Properties llc</u> |

Please explain your main reason for applying:

I am dedicated in furthering the economic condition in the greater Palmer area in terms of viable and stable employment. I am also very interested in matching assets that the Palmer area has (eg. railroad access, potential energy, available workforce) with business development opportunities.

Time available for board/commission work:

 2 hours 5 hours 10 hours Per: week month

You are welcome to attach an outline of your education, work and volunteer experiences, and other interests.

Signature _____ Date May 02-2008

For office use only:

Date received: 5/2/08 By: _____

Board or Commission: Economic Development

Term ending date: _____ Attachments? Yes No

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Board/Commission Application

Please note: all information given on your application is made available to the public.

Date: May 8, 2008

Name of Board/Commission: Board of Economic Development

Name: Fay Von Gemmingen

Residence address: 11540 E. Equestrian Street

Mailing address: P.O. Box 1148, Palmer, AK 99645

Phone number(s):

Home: 745-2252 Work: _____ Cell: 242-3100

Email address: fayvong@mtaonline.net

Employer: Self-employed Occupation: CPA

Member or active interest in the following organizations:

Chamber of Commerce See attached

Soroptimist Intl. of Cook Inlet

Please explain your main reason for applying:

Opportunities for economic development in Palmer are endless. We need to survey citizens to find out what they need and want, what businesses they would most likely support, and what opportunities our established businesses are missing.

Time available for board/commission work:

2 hours 5 hours 10 hours Per: week or more if needed month

You are welcome to attach an outline of your education, work and volunteer experiences, and other interests.

Signature Fay Von Gemmingen Date 5/08/08

For office use only:

Date received: 5/8/08 By: C. Larson

Board or Commission: Economic Development

Term ending date: _____ Attachments? Yes No

Fay Von Gemmingen
P.O. Box 1148
11540 E. Equestrian Street
Palmer, Alaska 99645
(907) 745-2252 H (907) 562-1615 W
May 8, 2008

Mr. Bill Allen, Manager
City of Palmer
231 W. Evergreen Avenue
Palmer, Alaska 99645

Dear Mr. Allen:

Thank you for considering my resume and qualifications for the Board of Economic Development.

I regularly follow the Small Business Development Corporation website to check on upcoming classes. On Friday, May 2, I attended the Biz Bee in Anchorage. During the day I talked with several people – one of whom sells her homemade items to Nonessentials in Palmer for retail sales.

Another person I spoke with co-owns a food manufacturing company in Anchorage. She said they were looking for possible locations in Palmer to move their business.

I shopped at a store in Anchorage recently and bought one item. At the register, the clerk asked for my zip code. I went back a few days later and bought another item. Again I gave them my zip code, then asked why they didn't have a store in the Valley. He said that is why the company tracks the buyer's zip codes. Aha!

The opportunities for economic development in Palmer are out there. We need to do lots of outreach to our citizens to find out what they need and want, what businesses they are most likely to support; and what opportunities our established businesses are missing and would like to have.

Sincerely,


Fay Von Gemmingen

Fay Von Gemmingen
P.O. Box 1148
11540 E. Equestrian Street
Palmer, Alaska 99645
(907) 745-2252

Personal

Born and raised in Anchorage
Parents met when they worked on the Palmer Colony project in the 1930s
Palmer resident since March 2006
Certified Public Accountant since 1978

Education

Business Administration – Accounting: University of Alaska
Minimum 80 hours continuing education biannually

Work Experience

CPA : 1976 – present. Concentration - tax: individuals, trusts and estates
Employers: Fay Von Gemmingen, CPA, APC 1984 – 6/30/06 & 2/08/08 to present
Suzanne M. Trimble, CPA, APC 7/01/06 – 2/07/08
Bigler, Kohler & Obendorf, CPAs 1978-1984
City of Anchorage Internal Auditor I – 1971-1974

Organizations

Anchorage Chamber of Commerce – Board member 1993-94; member of
Business & Economic Development Committee; Athena Society since 1988
Alaska Society of Certified Public Accountants – Legislative Committee member
Anchorage Estate Planning Council – past president
Soroptimist International of Cook Inlet – past president
Rainbow Girls – past Grand Officer – State level
Pioneers of Alaska

Anchorage Assembly Member 1995-2004

Assembly area – Chester Creek to Dimond Blvd & Arctic Blvd to the Inlet –
35,000-40,000 residents

Served as ex-officio board member on the following boards:

Anchorage Chamber of Commerce, Anchorage Economic Development
Corporation, and Anchorage Convention & Visitors Bureau

Chaired the first joint meeting with **Matanuska-Susitna Borough Assembly** to
discuss mutual port issues, commuter rail service, highway maintenance and
operations, cooperative regional land use planning, and other issues. These joint
meetings continue today and are expanded to include Kenai Peninsula Borough.

Fay Von Gemmingen

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Anchorage Assembly *continued*:

Co-founder **Alaskans United Against the Cap** which worked around the state showing how devastating the tax cap would be to local governments and the services they provide.

Prime sponsor of the **expansion of police service** to include the Hillside. It was an area-wide public safety issue.

Co-sponsored the area-wide **Smoke Free** ordinance. It has since been expanded.

Listened to neighbors concerned with **airport growth plans** resulting in the formation of the **Airport Citizens Advisory Council**.

Sponsored changes to local election laws including: **absentee ballots** are now mailed to addresses within Anchorage, and **absentee polling stations** are now open at the Airport and UAA on election day.

Discovered that **\$20 million in fees and fines** were not being aggressively pursued; treasurer began an **active** program to collect, including putting names on website.

Voted for purchase of gas field at Beluga for Municipal Light & Power – the vote was 6-5 with the Mayor voicing opposition. ML&P now has the lowest rates in the area.

Traveled round trip from Anchorage to Wasilla on the first DMU in Alaska to check out the commuting possibilities. One is being built now for Forest Service summer use and, if interest is there, commuting the rest of the year.

Overall, I supported public safety, well-maintained roads, a quality education system, state of the art utilities, planning, and a government that works **with** the private sector for economic development.

Statewide

Alaska Municipal League – President 2003. This organization of over 150 member cities, towns and boroughs works as a unified group to voice concerns and needs to state and federal elected and appointed officials.

Lieutenant Governor candidate with Andrew Halcro – 2006

