

**City of Palmer
Action Memorandum No. 16-022**

Subject: Confirm the Mayor's Appointment of Fran Seager-Boss to the Parks, Recreation, and Cultural Resources Advisory Board

Agenda of: February 23, 2016

Council Action: Confirmed

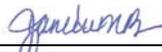
Originator Information:

Originator: Mayor Johnson – via City Clerk
Date: February 2, 2016 **Requested agenda date:** February 23, 2016

Department Information √:

Route to:	Department Director:	Signature:	Date:
_____	Community Development	_____	_____
_____	Finance	_____	_____
_____	Public Safety	_____	_____
_____	Public Works	_____	_____

Approved for presentation by:

	Signature:	Remarks:
City Manager	<u></u>	_____
City Attorney	<u></u>	_____
City Clerk	<u></u>	_____

Certification of Funds:

Total amount of funds listed in this legislation: \$ **50 per regular and special meeting ***

This legislation (√):

Has no fiscal impact Creates a positive impact in the amount of: \$ _____
 Creates a negative impact in the amount of: \$ *

Funds are (√):

Budgeted Line item(s): 01-19-90-6059
 Not budgeted Affected line item(s): _____

General fund unassigned balance (after requested budget modification): \$ _____

Enterprise unrestricted net position (after requested budget modification): \$ _____

Director of Finance Signature: 

Attachment(s):

- Application

Summary statement: Currently there is one vacancy on the Parks, Recreation, and Cultural Resources Advisory Board.

Ms. Seager-Boss has submitted her application and meets the code requirement for appointment. Once appointed, Ms. Seager-Boss will fill seat G, with a term ending date October 2017.

Administration recommendation: Authorize action memorandum 16-022.



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Board/Commission Application

Date: December 21, 2015

Name of Board/Commission: Parks & Rec Cultural Resources Board

Name: Fran Seager-Boss

Residence address: 3861 North Engstrom, Palmer, AK 99645

Mailing address: P.O. Box 873281 Wasilla, AK. 99687

Phone number(s):

Home: (907) 746-3281 Work: _____ Cell: (907) 982-0709

Email address: Fseagerboss@gci.net

Employer: Current Volunteer for Knik Tribe Occupation: Cultural Resource Specialist/archaeologist

Member or active interest in the following organizations:

Alpine Historical Soc. Board Society for American Archaeology

Alaska Anthropology Association Alaska Historical Society

Please explain your main reason for applying:

I live in the greater Palmer area and have always had an interest in Palmer's historical aspects as contributors to the local economy through tourism. I was involved in listing the Center of Palmer in the National Register of Historic Places as a Matanuska Colony Historic District and am currently involved in assisting with the recommendation that the Historic District be recognized as a National Land Mark.

Hobbies include: hiking, snowshoeing, swimming, skiing & reading

You are welcome to attach an outline of your education, work and volunteer experiences, and other interests. Please note: this form and all of the information contained on the form is subject to the Public Records Act. All information will be treated as public information.

Signature *Fran Seager-Boss* Date Dec. 21 - 15

For office use only:

Date received: _____ By: _____

Board or Commission: _____

Vacant seat: _____ Term ending date: _____

Attachments? Yes No

CURRICULUM VITAE

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EDUCATION

B.S. 1974 Grand Valley State University, Allendale, Michigan. Major: Anthropology with emphasis in archaeology and physical geology.

M.A. 1988 Western Michigan University, Kalamazoo, MI. Field: Anthropology, with emphasis in archaeology. Courses included physical and cultural anthropology.

Current: Conducting excavations at the prehistoric multi-complex, Trapper Creek Overlook Site
Written and submitted two grants for Knik Tribal Council for their 2016 field work.

POSITIONS HELD

1989 to

2015

Matanuska-Susitna Borough (MSB) Chief of Cultural Resources Division:

Duties performed;

- Supervised and was Principal Investigator for cultural resource surveys, documenting, evaluating and inventorying archaeological/historic sites for borough generated projects involving federal permits and grant funding.
- Excavated and acted as Principal Investigator for various archaeological projects within the borough.
- Coordinated and partnered with local Tribes, the University of Alaska, Anchorage; University of Adelphi, New York and Fordham University in conducting research and excavation on prehistoric and proto-historic sites, thereby adding to the archaeological record.
- Served as staff for MSB Historic Preservation Commission. MSB is a Certified Local Government (Certified by the State to undertake cultural resource management through grants and local projects).
- Successful grant writer for preservation projects
- Successful nominations to the National Register of Historic Places, through the Office of History and Archaeology
- Worked with Planners within the Planning Department to ensure cultural resources were addressed and protected by incorporating appropriate language into various community comprehensive plans.
- Acted as liaison between community historical groups/museums and MSB by encouraging tourism through preservation.
- Grant writer and principal investigator for Federal Preservation grants-in-aid projects awarded to the Certified Local Government.
- Disseminated and compiled borough history for the school district that included written reports and presentations to schools and public on preservation issues and borough history;
- Worked with seven museums within MSB by awarding and overseeing grant projects allocated to the museums.

1984-1986 Grand Valley State University: investigator and crew chief on numerous surveys contracted by the University for the Michigan Department of Transportation and the National Forest Service; contributed maps with field investigation information for final reports.

1983 National Forest Service Technician, Huron National Forest. Crew Chief --Responsibilities: surveyed and mapped sites of historic and archaeological significance, and researched previous documented regional sites. Incorporated and combined research information into final reports.

1981-1982 **Contract work for Michigan Department of Transportation through Western Michigan University:** Worked on archaeological salvage sites at risk from destruction as a consequence of expressway construction. Responsibilities included field work and laboratory analysis.

1980 **Instructor for Field School in Survey Techniques, Department of Anthropology, Western Michigan University.** Responsibilities included: a) field instruction for both graduate and undergraduate students in cultural resource survey techniques and physical geology and b) supervision and monitoring of field living unit.

1977-1980 **Student at Western Michigan University:** Conducted and participated in several surveys contracted by Western Michigan University.

Grand Valley State University: Contract Surveyor and Crew Chief for Huron-Manistee National Forest; investigated possible historic and prehistoric significance of selected areas within the forest and conducted contract work for Michigan Department of Transportation.

Responsibilities included developing survey methodology, supervision of survey crew, and writing field sections and map illustrations for final reports.

Studied and evaluated a historic district in Kalamazoo, Michigan for nomination to the National Register of Historic Places.

1970-1977 **Grand Rapids Public Museum:** Started as a work-study student before being hired as an Archaeological Technician: analyzed, preserved and accessioned archaeological artifacts; identified and accessioned faunal materials for modern specimen collections; conducted archaeological research for exhibits; and supervised student workers.

MEMBER OF PROFESSIONAL ORGANIZATIONS

Archaeological Institute of America (AIA)

Society for Historic Archaeology (SHA)

Society for American Anthropology (SAA)

National Trust for Historic Preservation

National Council on Public History

American Association for State and Local History

Past President - Alaska Association for Historic Preservation (AAHP).

CURRENT COMMUNITY ORGANIZATIONS

Board Member for Alpine Historical Society

Member Alaska Anthropological Association – serve on the education committee

Board member -University of Alaska , Anchorage Anthropology Graduate program

Member of Alaska Association for Historic Preservation AAHP (past President)

Member of Alaska Historical Society.

Member of Museums Alaska.

Member of Cook Inlet Historical Society.

Member of local Matanuska-Susitna Borough historical societies and museums.

PRESENTATIONS AND CONTRIBUTIONS (select)

- 2005 - 2014** Contributions and signatory on professional papers delivered at Professional conferences including SAAs.
- 2015** **European Archaeological Association (EAA), Scotland** signatory on presentation of Lonesome Landscapes in Archaeology
- Society for American Archaeology (SAA), San Francisco:** presentation on a future Tourist Destination site for the Knik Tribe.
- Alaska Anthropology Association, Anchorage;** presented a synthesis on 10 years of Dena'ina site documentation.
- 2013** **Society for American Archaeology (SAA), Hawaii;** Presentation on Old Knik Townsite and its relationship to the Iditarod Trail
- 2003** **Article contributed to *Shem Pete's Alaska : the Territory of the Upper Cook Inlet Dena'ina* 2nd edition by James Kari and James A. Fall**
- 2007** **Alaska Anthropology Association, Anchorage;** a presentation on a cultural resource survey and inventory in the Middle Susitna Valley. Two sites in particular yielded artifacts dating to 10,000 Before Present (BP) and 5,000 BP respectively.
- 2006** **Society for Historic Archaeology, Sacramento; California** on "Americanization of Alaska" – a professional paper on the establishment of coal mining in the early twentieth Century and recent repossession and rehabilitation of a long polluted anadromous stream by Native tribes.
- 2005** **Society for Historic Archaeology, Long Beach, California;** A Professional paper presented on Knik Townsite archaeological excavations; a Gold Rush redistribution center for Upper Cook Inlet.
- 1995** **Alaska Anthropology Association, Anchorage;** Professional paper presented on the Chief Wasilla House site excavations.
- UAA Anthropology Association;** Presentation on research and artifacts associated with Chief Wasilla House site excavations.
- 1989- 2015** **Alaska,** presentations delivered to community groups such as: Kiwanis, Lyons, Chambers of Commerce, elder-hostel, historical societies etc. on historic preservation, archaeology and Borough history.

numerous Presentations delivered to local schools and the University of Alaska, Anchorage.

Coordinated annually, Preservation week projects that included displaying student work and showcasing Matanuska-Susitna Borough historical attractions in the local mall.

1984 **Coffinberry Archaeological Society**, Grand Rapids, Michigan. Presentation on an Overview of Southeastern Michigan prehistory.

1979 **55th Annual Central States Anthropological Association, Milwaukee, Wisconsin:** Presentation on a Review of lithic assemblage from the Draper Park Site in Port Huron, Michigan.

Michigan, between the years of 1977 through 1989, contributions of maps and field reports were included in final reports on Michigan area-wide surveys

GRANTS, PAPERS AND REPORTS (select)

2014 Kathryn Krasinski with Fran Seager-Boss submitted a draft nomination for a portion of the Cottonwood Creek Site to be listed in the National Register of Historic Places as an Archaeological District. Surveys and test excavations were conducted by students from UAA, UAF and by Dr. Kathryn Krasinski as the P.I.

2013 Fran Seager-Boss acquired a grant for MSB, to investigate the eligibility of the Cottonwood Creek sites on Knikatnu Inc. property for listing in the National Register of Historic Places as an Archaeological District. Acting as PI., surveys and test excavations were conducted in the Point MacKenzie region and in the Middle - Upper Susitna Valley.

2012 Fran Seager-Boss acquired a grant for MSB, to continue a survey and inventory in the Middle - Upper Susitna Valley. The project was in partnership with the University of Adelphi, NY and Fordham University. Students participated in the project through a field school being offered by the Universities. I participated in Excavations at the Trapper Creek Overlook Site.

2011 Fran Seager-Boss acquired a grant for MSB, to create 7 interpretive signs on different aspects of Athabaskan (Dene) life within the borough highlighting both historical and recent events. Sandra Cook assisted with the project. The completed signs were erected in the summer of 2014.

2011 Fran Seager-Boss, PI with Daniel Stone, Site supervisor, produced and edited the cultural resources survey and inventory report on field work conducted in 2010 for the Knik Arm Bridge and Toll Authority (KABATA) grant.

2011 Fran Seager-Boss, PI with Sandra Cook submitted an evaluation and nomination of the Palmer Experiment Station Agricultural buildings to the National Register of Historic Places.

2010 Fran Seager-Boss for MSB acquired a grant to research, evaluate and nominate the USDA historic houses attached to the Palmer Experiment Station for listing in the National Register of Historic Places.

2010 Fran Seager-Boss assisted private owners in nominating their Colony Farm house for listing it in the National Register of Historic places as part of the original Matanuska Colony Project Multiple Property nomination (nomination successful).

2009 Fran Seager-Boss, PI for MSB acquired a 3 year grant through a Memorandum of Agreement and a Memorandum of Understanding from Knik Arm Bridge and Toll Authority (KABATA) to conduct surveys in

the extended area of potential effect for the Knik Arm Bridge and toll Authority.

- 2009** Fran Seager-Boss for MSB acquired a successful grant award for conducting a City of Wasilla Historic Building Survey.
- 2008** Fran Seager-Boss for MSB acquired a successful grant award to continue a feasibility study for the Matanuska – Susitna Borough to be designated a National Heritage Area. Power Point programs were prepared for presenting to MSB’s numerous community councils.
- 2008** Fran Seager-Boss for MSB acquired a successful grant award for conducting preservation plans for the City of Houston, Willow Community Area and Susitna Community Council; assisted with subsequent plans.
- 2008** Fran Seager-Boss for MSB acquired a successful grant award for conducting preservation plans for the City of Houston, Willow Community Area and Susitna Community Council; assisted with subsequent report and preservation plans.
- 2007** Fran Seager-Boss for MSB acquired a grant from the Rasmuson Foundation to assist the Palmer Historical Society in completing the documentary ‘*Alaska Far Away*’ – was not involved in the production.
- 2006** Fran Seager-Boss, *A National Heritage Area feasibility Study Phase I*; ms. on file in OHA & MSB Cultural Resources; Eric Nols and Victoria Cole assistants.
- 2005** Fran Seager-Boss acquired a grant to create design guidelines for the New Deal Matanuska Colony project Historic District for the City of Palmer. Assisted architect in producing design guidelines and a booklet, *Building the Future; Preserving and Enhancing the Matanuska Colony Historic District* for the City of Palmer to be distributed to developers within the Historic District.
- 2004** Fran Seager-Boss created 5 signs interpreting the New Deal Matanuska Colony Project mounted within the City of Palmer’s Historic District Park.
- 2003** Fran Seager-Boss; *Old Knik Townsite Archaeological Survey and Inventory Phase IV*. ms. on file in OHA & MSB Cultural Resources; Sheri Bowden & Dan Stone, assistants.
- 2001** Fran Seager-Boss; *Old Knik Townsite Archaeological Survey and Inventory Phase III*. ms. on file in OHA & MSB Cultural Resources; Sheri Bowden, assistant.
- 2000** Fran Seager-Boss; *Old Knik Townsite Archaeological Survey and Inventory Phase II*. ms. on file in OHA & MSB Cultural Resources; Sheri Bowden, assistant
- 1998** Fran Seager-Boss, *Old Knik Townsite Archaeological Survey and Inventory Phase I*. ms. on file in OHA & MSB Cultural Resources; Sheri Bowden, assistant.
- 1997** Fran Seager-Boss, *Assessment of Palmer Airport*; ms. on file in OHA & MSB Cultural Resources Division.

Fran Seager-Boss, *Assessment for eligibility of the Mohan House for listing in the National Register of Historic Places*; ms. on file in OHA & MSB Cultural Resources (successful nomination).
- 1996** Fran Seager-Boss, *Talkeetna Middle-Susitna Region Survey and Inventory - Part I*; ms on file in OHA & MSB, Cultural Resources Division; Peg Weston, assistant.

- 1995** Fran Seager-Boss, *Chief Wasilla House Site Excavation*; Survey and evaluation included documentation of eligibility for listing the site in the National Register of Historic Places. ms on file in OHA & MSB, Cultural Resources Division (site determined eligible).
- 1994** Fran Seager-Boss, *Homestead Survey 1898-1940 - Part II*; ms on file in OHA & MSB, Cultural Resources Division; Nina Reaves, assistant
- Fran Seager-Boss acquired a Federal Historic preservation grant to survey and inventory Chief Wasilla's House Site.
- 1993** Fran Seager-Boss with Lawrence Roberts; *Evaluation of Historic Sites on the Chickaloon and Carle Wagon Trails*; ms on file in OHA & MSB, Cultural Resource Division.
- 1992** Fran Seager-Boss with Lawrence Roberts; Multiple Property nomination of the Matanuska Colony Project (6 farms) in addition to nominating the Colony Central Historic District in downtown Palmer (nominations successful).
- 1992** Fran Seager-Boss with Lawrence Roberts; *The Matanuska-Susitna Borough History the 25th Anniversary* ms. on file in OHA & MSB Cultural Resources Division
- 1992** Fran Seager-Boss, *Homestead Survey 1898-1940 Part I*; ms on file in OHA & MSB, Cultural Resources Division; Lawrence Roberts, assistant.
- 1991** Fran Seager-Boss with Lawrence Roberts Nomination of the Talkeetna Townsite for listing in the National Register of Historic Places as a Historic District (nomination successful).
- 1991** Fran Seager-Boss with Lawrence Roberts, *Major Coal Towns of the Matanuska Valley a Pictorial History*; ms on file in OHA & MSB, Cultural Resources Division publication.
- 1990** Fran Seager-Boss with Lawrence Roberts, *Evaluation of Historic Sites, Talkeetna, Alaska*; ms. on file in OHA & MSB, Cultural Resources Division
- 1989** Fran Seager-Boss with Susan Lee, *A Survey of Historic Sites in the Matanuska Coal Field, Alaska*; ms on file in the State Office of History and Archaeology and Matanuska-Susitna Borough (MSB), Cultural Resources Division.
- 1988** Thesis: *Lithic Analysis of the Draper Park Site, Michigan*. Ms. included stereo-scopic micro-edgewear analysis of lithic tools recovered from the Draper Park, Late Woodland Period excavation; both inter-sital and intra-sital relationships were examined.

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