Memorandum 11-151 Parks and Recreation Advisory Commission Recommendation to Support Vaulted Restrooms at Mariner Park

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TO: MAYOR HORNADAY AND CITY COUNCIL
FROM: PARKS AND RECREATION ADVISORY COMMISSION
DATE: OCTOBER 25, 2011
RE: RECOMMENDATION TO SUPPORT CONSTRUCTION AND INSTALLATION OF VAULTED RESTROOM FACILITIES AT MARINER PARK

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Background

The Spit Parks and Recreation Committee discussed with Parks Maintenance Coordinator Angie Otteson on any outstanding needs of the Parks and Recreation Department outside of reinstatement of the temporary summer personnel in the FY2012 Budget during a regular meeting on August 26, 2011.

Seasonal use of port-a-potties at this park detracts from the potential revenues that could be used to perform additional much needed improvements to the park as a whole. It would also alleviate most if not all of the public complaints received on the condition and cleanliness or those port-a-potties.
It was determined that the increasing use and popularity of Mariner Park at the base of the Homer Spit would benefit from the installation of permanent restroom facilities. While having flush toilets would be the overall preferred facility, the cost of construction and overall maintenance, and the high potential for vandalism warrants the construction and installation of vaulted toilet facilities similar to those installed at Bishops' Beach.

The estimated cost to construct and install a vault toilet is $35,000.00 maximum.

The Committee forwarded their recommendation to the Parks and Recreation Advisory Commission for review discussion and recommendation to City Council.

During the Regular Meeting on October 20, 2011 the Parks and Recreation Advisory Commission reviewed the recommendation submitted and entertained a discussion on the recommendation. Following is the excerpt from those minutes of the meeting:

Chair Bremicker inquired about the recommendation regarding the vault toilet from the committee. Ms. Angie Otteson elaborated on the budget request and discussion held during the committee meeting.

LILLIBRIDGE/BRANN – MOVED TO SUBMIT RECOMMENDATION TO CITY COUNCIL TO INCLUDE $35,000 IN THE PUBLIC WORKS BUDGET ALLOCATION TO CONSTRUCT VAULTED TOILET FACILITIES AT MARINER PARK.

Commissioner Archibald commented that he was in favor of supporting this request he acknowledged that the cost was minimal in comparison to the value added to the park.

VOTE. YES. NON-OBJECTION. UNANIMOUS CONSENT.

Motion carried.

Recommendation
Approve the Allocation to Public Works Department Budget to construct and install vaulted toilet facilities at Mariner Park.

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