

Session 16-07 Regular Meeting of the Parks, Art, Recreation and Culture Advisory Commission was called to order on August 18, 2016 at 5:30 pm by Chair Matt Steffy at the Cowles Council Chambers City Hall located at 491 E. Pioneer Avenue, Homer, Alaska.

PRESENT: COMMISSIONERS ARCHIBALD, ASHMUN, LOWNEY, HART, REODL, BRANN AND STEFFY

ABSENT: COMMISSIONER FAIR (EXCUSED)

STAFF: DEPUTY CITY CLERK KRAUSE
PUBLIC WORKS DIRECTOR MEYER

APPROVAL OF THE AGENDA

Chair Steffy called for a motion to approve the agenda.

LOWNEY/HART - SO MOVED.

There was no discussion.

VOTE: NON OBJECTION. UNANIMOUS CONSENT.

Motion carried.

PUBLIC COMMENT ON ITEMS ALREADY ON THE AGENDA

Jon Sharp, city resident for 4 years, commented in response to the noise complaints at Jack Gist Park and was glad that someone was finally addressing the loud music that was coming from the southwest corner of the park. He noted that if you have visited the park recently it has been improved, cleared, and cleaned up through volunteer efforts; it is a great place for families, kids, resident and visitors, the only complaint about the park is that someone burns coal that hovers in the lower areas and someone is blaring classic rock music that is blaring from 10-4 the past two summers that he has volunteered there. Mr. Sharp encouraged the commissioners to visit the area. In response to questions from the commission Mr. Sharp confirmed that he has been in the park in the later hours during the summer but more so in the spring, and that there was loud music coming from a trailer back near tee/basket in that area and its very loud, you cannot hear each other speak. He is a teacher and its loud blaring music, if it was good music he might not mind so much, but it is forced upon you.

David Lewis, Councilmember, requested the issue be brought before the Commission, he has been approached by the individual the last 4 years regarding noise, language, and drinking and he is a charter fishing captain and as such his day starts at 4:00 or 5:00 a.m. and is gone most of the day so it could not be him that is blaring the music. Mr. Lewis confirmed for the commission that he believes that the property owner is a seasonal resident.

Darren Husz, city resident 8.5 years, remembers that this issue was brought before the commission 4.5 years ago, he heard on KBBI that he did not want the course, did not want people in his backyard. He commented on the ability of everyone to come out and play a sport for free, having respect for each other and this is a two way street and it's not being given. He cited the use of coal during the summer on 75 degree days, he may not be using coal but someone in that residence is; the Homer Mariner Girls Softball team was playing, against Soldotna he believed, the resident was burning coal and blaring his music, that is just spiteful. He recited the clean-up and chasing out the bum camps, clearing the brush. He expressed that he believed blaring the music like that and burning coal so that the smoke was just hanging in the air was plain spiteful.

Edan Badajos, resident of the area, originally brought the idea before the commission and council, he believed in getting along with the neighbors and felt that they could put up signage regarding proper

behavior and have consideration for the neighbors. But on the same the property owner needs to realize he lives next to a city park and there is going to be noise. Mr. Badajos responded that they have considered relocating the tees/baskets but there is just no space available to do this and would be willing to relocate these first two baskets seasonally.

Tim Steinberg, resident, full time, moved here from Minneapolis, he is a disc golf player and park user, he is always picking up trash and believes that it was once a trash dump. Mr. Steinberg always tries to make sure he and anyone with him is respectful of the property owners when in that corner and he doesn't litter but picks up trash whenever he is there. He offered that they may be able to use soft baskets that may help with the noise. If he had his way there would be more parks here. He loves the park it is great.

Jeff Dean, resident, 16 years, playing disc golf for the last three or four years and his kids got him interested. He plays league and with family and friends. This is normally a quiet sport, there are some players that may be noisy but there is signage but more signage would be helpful so those that are not in the loop can be more aware of the issues.

Loretta Brown, occasionally a disc golf player, stated that the players have expended a lot of hours, tools, time and personal funding to make this course usable. She wanted to stress the amount of middle and high school students that use this course and get outside to get exercise that it offers them and adults other alternatives to get outdoors. She thinks it great that the community has this resource to use.

Josh Kastle, resident, uses the disc golf course 3 times a week with his family and he plays league too. There are multiple tournaments each year which brings people from Anchorage and the Valley which means they visit the restaurants, shops and provide revenue for the city. It does positive things here. He does not see how a noise complaint is valid or even an issue when there is constant noise from Float Planes and the shooting of birds from the airport runways.

Elijah Martin, city resident, 10 years, questioned if they were going to shut the whole park down because the ballplayers are just as loud or worse. If it is just against the disc golf you have to include the Mariners Girls Softball too since they use a generator for the scoreboard. The ballplayers are loud. If it's just about the noise issue you are worried about you have to consider including the ballplayers, they are louder than the disc hitting the baskets.

Kim Koppen, property owner, tries to live there, the noise is very annoying, the float planes are noisy but they just come and go; this park is open 7:00 a.m. to 11:00 p.m. there are people back there constantly, they are rude, some of them are nice, play their game and move on but some of them are not, they yell at us, they yell in our direction, our dogs bark, I paid \$16,000 for a natural gas line I do not need and do not want; I have paid over \$2000 for property taxes; I paid over \$150,000 for my house and land and I have no privacy, none; these people are avid park users sure, but I have paid a lot of money to live where I live and my quality of life is not good; my quality of life is very poor and I am sick and tired of it.

Tony Arsenault, property owner, been here before, does not have much to add to what he has said couple of weeks ago. The problem is that the city put the park in the wrong spot, right behind our house. I know that there are a lot of people who are quiet and try to respect our rights but there are people who do not. Those are the ones who are ruining it for everyone else. There is no way that you can weed out those people from everyone else. Mr. Arsenault stated that he plays regular golf and explained that the way they weed those people out is charging fees; they charge green fees and if there is a problem you get booted off the course. With this deal it's a free-for-all and a whenever however you want thing; you can put up a sign saying were closed at 9:00 p.m. but who is going to enforce it besides me or my neighbor Harry calling the cops.

Commissioner Archibald questioned if relocating the two closest baskets would provide any remedy to the situation since they notice that they were just walking back there and it set off Mr. Arsenault's dogs.

There was a brief outburst of comments on the dogs barking. Chair Steffy brought order back to the meeting and readdressed the question to Mr. Arsenault asking him if the primary problem area is just hole

1 & two or the whole park. Ms. Koppen called out 1,2, and 3 and Mr. Arsenault responded that it is mostly the hearing people scream the F word when they miss a shot and that could be on most any basket except maybe 9 or 18. He further stated he has never been back there.

Commissioner Hart inquired if closing earlier would help. Mr. Arsenault responded that 11:00 p.m. is too late. Mother Nature will eventually take care of the time (alluding to loss of daylight) but there is no fence or boundary back there.

Tim Steinberg came forward and commented on the lack of fencing and that they live in Alaska and it is wild with wild animals and living next to an airport is noisy but Mr. Arsenault lives next to a city park and it is expected to have noise and they hear his music and don't complain about that. He lives next to a city park and it should be kept wild in any way it can.

Jason Kastle rebutted the relocation of t-pads and baskets.

Mike Sullivan, resident, apologized for the problems, they do not mean to cause any inconvenience but they are here for the love of the game. He cannot wait to show his 14 month old daughter the game. he apologized again to Mr. Arsenault for the inconvenience.

Josh Jackson, moved here from Girdwood, avid disc golf player, not there to trash the place, he picks up a lot of trash, if he see someone trashing the place he addresses it; signage about the neighbors being close might help, the fact that he has dogs that bark is his problem and if they annoy him then he should get rid of his dogs. But he does live next to a city park.

Chair Steffy closed public comments and directed the audience to submit further comment to the Clerk's Office.

VISITORS

A. Mychaela Pitta, Homer High School Junior and Junior Class President, presented a new idea for the Senior Class Project of each year the senior class would determine what best represents the class and paints that Class Mural on the sidewalk section starting at the sidewalk in front of Nomar. This would be done in permanent paint and sealed to last to create a Memory Lane walk. Each Student would contribute \$10 towards the costs additional expenses would be covered by the funds of the Senior Class. She felt this would contribute to the overall artistic effort that is related to Homer as a whole.

Chair Steffy clarified the process and inquired how the concept would be developed for the senior class. Miss Pitta responded on some ways that the conceptual design would be created. Chair Steffy advocated for a Student Committee to gather and implement the ideas.

Commissioner Lowney thanked Miss Pitta for bringing the idea forward and recommended looking into the artist in the schools program that could offer assistance and additional ideas. She also noted that anytime paint goes on the street or sidewalk it must be environmentally friendly.

Commissioner Archibald questioned who would maintain the murals. Miss Pitta believed that the Student Council could take on that responsibility.

Commissioner Ashmun cautioned having a conversation on alternatives to creating a slick hazard with ice in the winter, but loved the idea.

Chair Steffy offered an alternative idea of panels that would offer a long term easily maintained alternative. This is an awesome idea and appreciates her bringing it forward.

B. Adam Depesa, Snomads Trails Coordinator, Trails Presentation

Mr. Depesa provided information on the statewide trails conference Confluence Seminar on the outdoor industry and the State of Alaska and how those two can merge and having conversations with people who

are very interested in turning Homer into an Outdoor destination. He stressed that the City is a Land Manager and a Trails Conference is not just technical stuff but also diversification of user groups and funding sources. One pot of money that was largely untapped and is funded \$625,000 every year and is only available to State, Local and Borough governments is one through the Land and Water Conservation Fund. This is available for such projects as softball fields, tennis courts, etc. Wasilla has used it to upgrade school sports facilities. This is a matching fund.

He reported that in a survey of School children, hiking was the most response on what they do to get outside. Mr. Depesa commented on keeping trails in the budget talks.

The idea behind the confluence there has been a motion to raise this position in the State of Alaska but what it entails is alternative revenue source that provides a consistent return and that is outdoor recreation even in a down economy. As a state it has opened up discussion on opening up the trail that follows the oil pipeline. Other examples are Valdez having festivals such as the fat bike race, an ice climbing demonstration and creating a community wide event. He believes that Homer can do a similar event. There is opportunity to really vamp this up.

The Confluence Seminar also spoke to improving the quality of life and what people will pay money for; people will come to an area and leave an area because of quality of life.

Chair Steffy requested clarification of the possible position being created by the governor. Mr. Depesa provided the information about the position as follows: This position, Director of Outdoor Recreation would fall under the Office of Economic Development; this is a position that will be a liaison to facilitate economic growth projects through outdoor recreation. Mr. Depesa noted what was done in the state of Utah and that it has created about 60 jobs. There is a steering committee and a meeting is scheduled for September in Anchorage. Chair Steffy requested the information to be forwarded to the Clerk for distribution to the commission.

Mr. Depesa answered questions and comments from the commission regarding:

- Statewide Bike Plan representative
 - SCORP largely ignored probably budgetary
- Land & Water Conservation Fund may be similar to the Assistance Grant
- Backroads Group is another group that may be interested in the information
- Do not have many, if at all, motorized trail projects that the commission works on

RECONSIDERATION

ADOPTION OF THE CONSENT AGENDA

A. Minutes for the regular meeting of June 16, 2016

Chair Steffy called for a motion to adopt the consent agenda.

BRANN/LOWNEY - MOVED TO APPROVE THE CONSENT AGENDA AS PRESENTED.

There was no discussion.

VOTE. YES. NON OBJECTION: UNANIMOUS CONSENT

Motion carried.

STAFF & COUNCIL REPORTS/COMMITTEE REPORTS/BOROUGH REPORTS

PUBLIC HEARING

PENDING BUSINESS

A. Jack Gist Park Noise Concerns

Chair Steffy read the title into the record and summarize the background information provided by staff

since several of the commissioners were not around the first time. He added that now the commission needs to discuss the conflict between the neighbors and the disc golf park. He noted that the first recommendation was the alteration of the park hours.

The commissioners discussed that the later hours are the issue and it is not so much scheduled use of the park but the unscheduled use later in the evening that presented a problem. It was noted that the usual quiet hours established for all parks should be applied to this park for consistency. Commissioner Lowney commented on the Arsenault report of all the noise generated from the park being an annoyance and that they could probably supply specific instances regarding the activities at those two holes closet to them but that closing at 10:00 p.m. would accommodate the ball players too. She also cited that changing the time is easily accomplished however they run into the issue of enforcement and maybe some assistance by the disc golf players with self-enforcement. The commission also discussed closing and locking the gate, and who would be responsible for closing and locking the park every night. Additional first initial actions would be improved signage such as replacing the map, larger, informational signage to alert the users to the close proximity of the neighbors, self-enforcement by the disc golf course users, installation of cloth baskets, alternate course for the summer season and relocating those two baskets.

Chair Steffy would like to address each recommendation separately. Noting he has not heard any opposition to the early morning hours. Chair Steffy wanted to make the motions separately taken on the separate merits so that it does not get shot down due to one portion of the motion.

LOWNEY/ROEDL¹ - MOVED TO AMEND THE JACK GIST PARK CLOSING HOURS TO 10:00 P.M.

There was no discussion.

VOTE. YES. NON-OBJECTION. UNANIMOUS CONSENT.

Motion carried.

Chair Steffy then noted the next recommendation was to have an alternate course during the summer. He would recommend installing alternate locations for holes one and two. Staff recommended input from the Disc Golf Association players on the alternate course layout and relative costs. The commissioners suspended the rules to have a direct discussion with the members of the Disc Golf present on possible remediation that could be implemented to solve the problem.

Edan Badajos, speaking for the disc golf players, stated that the course was installed slightly different than that of the provided map, but that holes one through four were the same. He also stated that all the equipment, materials and labor was provided through sponsorship by local businesses, donations and volunteer efforts. There is still a core group that maintains the tees and baskets, clean up trash; maintain the park areas that the course occupies and assists the city in clearing additional park land to prevent illegal camping. The initial investment costs for the tees and basket including the concrete was \$1600. The baskets can be removed and transfer to another location. They would need funding for additional tee-pads and basket sleeves.

They are just slabs flush with the ground but not with rebar and could be relocated or removed if required but it would be simpler to build and pour new ones.

Mr. Badajos agreed with the hours but before implementing he like the softball people to be informed of the change since it would affect them. As far as relocating the tee pads and holes there may be some changes that could be implemented especially if they could use the middle field which currently is not be used. The Homer Softball Association which he is a part of currently only uses the upper larger field.

Chair Steffy stated that he would want an official nod from the Softball association before using those fields. Commissioner Roedl inquired about the installation of sound barriers at about the same costs as it would be to put in those new tee pads.

¹ Commissioner Roedl was on Record as second to the motion before Commissioner Hart.

Commissioner Lowney brought forward the concern of making decisions and then countering those decisions in the next discussion so would prefer to entertain all the discussion then take action by making appropriate motions. Chair Steffy acknowledged her concern and agreed to discuss then make the necessary motions.

Further discussion on the installation and use of sound barriers as far as the commissioner's prior experience ensued. Commissioner Ashmun noted several remedies used at her last place of residence and nothing worked and they had the benefit of an engineer. She noted that short of putting in one of those walls that are used in major cities to combat the traffic sounds she is not sure anything would work. It was noted that it might just make the noise worse with noise bouncing off the wall from the other side and deflected back to the homeowner. Some points on the pro side of the barrier issue were the visual border, a show of good faith to abate that noise, aesthetics, location of walls could infringe upon the intent of the game to play where it lay, question as to walls needed at the pitching area or just the baskets, clearing additional areas to the west for replacement of those tees and baskets in question, funding issues to relocate those baskets, etc.

Commissioner Lowney cautioned the consideration of use of the middle field as there is only one field available and that would possibly compromise availability during tournaments. Further discussion on creating a dual usage for that area when not being used by the ballplayers ensued.

Chair Steffy inquired about dipping the chains in rubber coat or cloth baskets he is not sure if that will assist but it might lessen the noise where the dogs are irritated by the chains clanking together.

Commissioner Brann brought forth an idea that may not help in the short term but in the long term could offer an alternative location for those problem holes; there is a parcel of land that currently is for sale and the asking price is \$69,500 which is higher than valued really in his opinion but they may be able to purchase through the Land and Water Conservation Grant. This parcel is 2.33 acres. It was agreed that this would be a perfect solution by the Disc Golf players present. Observation was made by Chair Steffy that would increase the neighbors too and maybe the problem. Mr. Badajos agreed that additional land would be very nice to add to the park.

Jon Sharp advocated implementing signage, public education and the closing time change and maybe more police presence. He did not support changing everything up just for one when there are so many more benefitting and after they have implemented some of those changes approach the property owner and see if those steps are helping.

Additional comments from Mr. Husz stated that there is already a gate, reported on the bums in the woods, more signage and police enforcement along with signage and additional police presence. Relocating the tees and pads can be done but at additional expense. The fact that there are bad apples out there ruining it for everyone is not right either. There is a group of people who use the course daily and weekly who have recognized each other and get to know each and it is not a club as much as a community enjoying the sport from all walks of life. They do have a Facebook page and good be a good start for public education. Mr. Husz did not agree with erecting walls and changing things up. He also noted that you could shout an expletive at any of the holes in the course and the property owner would hear them and it is just more of an issue of awareness.

Further discussion on reducing the number of holes during the summer, replaying the same holes to accommodate the property owner; this course is a certified course through PDGA so it qualifies for the two - three tournaments that are held at the park each year. The necessity of more police presence at the park to enforce current regulations including illegal camping, noise, etc.

ARCHIBALD/ - MOVED TO SEND A REQUEST FOR MORE POLICE PRESENCE DURING THE OPERATING HOURS OF THE PARK TO ENFORCE ILLEGAL CAMPING, NOISE AND OPERATING HOURS.

Motion died for lack of a second.

Comments and suggestions were made on the following:

- Police currently visit the park once a day usually in the evening hours
- that the issue is a two way street, illegal activities must be called in, that way there is a substantiation of the complaints. If there are no calls then the police or the city don't know there is anything going wrong, that applies to all user groups. The calls can be made to the regular number.
- Confirmation that the time change recommendation will be forwarded through resolution to Council for approval.
- Signage is required, including in the budget request applies for the entire park listing the regulations including immediate signage to make sure that users are aware of the noise issues/compliance
- Illegal camping
- Postpone recommendation to Council on hours until the Softball folks are notified of the intent to change the times

This item will be on the September agenda, Parks Maintenance will be requested to post additional signage regarding noise and regulations.

Staff requested that this item be on the October agenda to allow time to make all the necessary contacts.

The commission thanked the Disc Golf players for coming to the meeting and working with them to come up with some remedial action to solve the problem.

- B. Recommendations for 2017-2022 Capital Improvement Plan and 2018 Legislative Request
1. Memorandum from Jenny Carroll dated July 27, 2016 re: Follow-up Information on CIP PARC Project Questions

Chair Steffy briefly summarized the memos provided by Staff. He noted the responses to their questions from the worksession in July and requested Public Works Director Meyer to step to the microphone to answer a few questions.

The commission entertained a lengthy discussion on having a restroom at Mariner Park. It was noted that due to the FEMA designation any restroom built in Mariner Park would require the same elevation as the highway which makes it cost prohibitive however the northern area towards the shelter there could be filled in with minimal materials bringing it to the level needed and a restroom could be built. This would put it in a different FEMA category.

The commission agreed that placing a restroom would be a safety concern with people crossing that roadway during peak times, it would be best to have a facility for the Spit Trail users and for Mariner Park.

FEMA has calculated the wave velocity is less at Bishops Beach which determines a different requirement or classification. Mr. Meyer noted the Floodplain Maps available on the Planning Department web pages. Staff will forward a link to the information.

Mr. Meyer suggested getting some maps for the next meeting and conceptually estimate quantities and an estimate to place the dredge spoils and restroom costs.

The next subject on Karen Hornaday Park Phase 2 covered the following:

- the road re-alignment was on one side of the road
- included the portion of the Woodard Creek Trail along Fairview Avenue
- the entrance road is not a dedicated right of way for a road

Use of HART Funds to construct the park road, this has been considered a park access road but HART funds have been used to construct roads in dedicated right of ways.

Mr. Meyer stated that the Trail portion HART funds have been used to pave parking lots that can be used as parking for trailheads and no one has ruled one way or the other that the Road portion of the HART

funds could not be used to build that road into the park.

Commissioner Lowney noted that commission has always received opposition to using the HART funds for the road so what has changed? Mr. Meyer responded that the Council has to authorize those funds so the commission can submit a budget request. He added that the park could be re-platted and dedicate the right of way to make those funds available but why go through that expense for a publicly used road just because it's not in a dedicated right of way. His understanding is that the HART fund is to be used for Road Improvements. There is no indication that it must be in a right of way. It does indicate that it cannot be a DOT right of way. The HART Funds were used to construct Hazel with no property owner participation so he did not see why the funds could not be used to build the road into the park. The use of HART Funds Trail portion may be more of a stretch in his opinion. It would be worth a try.

Chair Steffy commented that they can make a motion to request Council expend HART Funds to construct the road into the park now or address it under the Budget item on the agenda but right now they need to address extending the meeting or adjourning.

Staff indicated that a motion was required to extend the meeting until, pick a time.

ARCHIBALD/LOWNEY - MOVED TO EXTEND THE MEETING UNTIL 9:00 P.M.

There was a brief discussion on prioritizing items on the agenda and postponing items D. and E until September, if the commission can finish sooner that will be great.

VOTE. YES. NON-OBJECTION. UNANIMOUS CONSENT.

Motion carried.

Staff noted that they do have someone in the audience who is waiting on item A. Sidewalk Project under New Business.

Chair Steffy requested a motion to suspend the order of the agenda to address New Business Items prior to Pending Business, Postpone Pending Business Items D. Doggie Bags Dispensers; E. Media Campaign; G. Draft Hart Trails Grant program and New Business Item B. ARPA membership Renewal

LOWNEY/ASHMUN - MOVED TO SUSPEND THE ORDER OF THE AGENDA AS REQUESTED.

There was no further discussion.

VOTE. YES. NON-OBJECTION. UNANIMOUS CONSENT.

Motion carried.

Commissioner Roedl asked if they are going to remove Karen Hornaday Park from the CIP list since they were going to request HART funds for the project. Chair Steffy advocated for leaving it on the CIP list until HART Funds are approved for use. They may get funding from other sources with it being on the CIP list and having partial funding. The project will be the redefined scope of work for Phase 2 the Road Realignment and Woodard Creek Trail along Fairview Avenue.

Commissioner Roedl then added that if they all agreed that was one of their top projects they should keep that as one of the two projects in their recommendation to Council.

The commissioners agreed by voice acknowledgement on keeping it as their number one priority project for the CIP.

Chair Steffy called for a five minute recess at 8:23 p.m. The meeting was called back to order at 8:30 p.m.

The commission entertained a lengthy discussion on Jack Gist Park and getting water to improve those fields with input from Public Works Director Meyer.

Staff requested clarification on the CIP project they were discussing as it seemed out of context of the agenda item.

Jack Gist Park Improvements break into Phases starting with the irrigation project.

The commission listed there next top priority project as follows:

Commissioner Ashmun - Jack Gist Park
Commissioner Roedl - Jack Gist Park
Commissioner Brann - Jack Gist Park
Commissioner Archibald - Bayview Park but will agree Jack Gist Park Improvements
Commissioner Lowney - Bayview Park and Jack Gist Park
Commissioner Hart - Jack Gist Park but also questioned the Mariner Park Restroom discussion

Chair Steffy reviewed the discussion notes and stated that the Mariner Park Restroom was for a plumbed facility and could be voted for too but there is going to be a higher cost and political aspects that may draw out the project. It is on the CIP too.

The commission agreed by consensus on the Karen Hornaday Park Phase Two re-write and Jack Gist Park Improvements as the commission's top two projects.

C. Final Draft Commission Bylaws Review and Approval

Chair Steffy read the title into the record.

ASHMUN/ARCHIBALD - MOVED TO APPROVE THE DRAFT BYLAWS.

There was a brief discussion.

VOTE. YES. NON-OBJECTION. UNANIMOUS CONSENT.

Motion carried.

D. Report on Costs for Requested Doggie Bag Dispenser/Receptacle, Locations and Placement

Postponed to the September 15, 2016 Regular Meeting

E. Recommendations for Media Campaign on Leash Laws and Picking Up after Your Pooch

Postponed to the September 15, 2016 Regular Meeting

F. Budget Recommendations for 2017

Chair Steffy read the title into the record and asked if the commission should prioritize their requests.

Staff indicated that they should prioritize as that will assist the City Manager and Council.

The commission proceeded to review the memorandum and prioritized the requests as followed:

1. Signage: to include All Parks Beaches and Trails regarding new regulations and policies and issues such as at Jack Gist Park, Vehicles on Beaches, etc. Cost Estimate: \$20,000

This budget item was noted that there are many partners that can assist with the interpretive and

informational signage regarding the costs.

2. New project: Mariner Park improvements/beach rehab. Define camping spaces a little more separate from berm, install beach access gate. Goal: Revegetate/log build up so the only easy beach access for vehicles is via the gate, which would be open and signed for seasonal use.

Cost Estimate: \$ 10,000

a. Phase 1: begin installing concrete curb stops at campsite to prevent vehicles from parking on beach grass. Fire pits/picnic tables are Ok and would be neat, but keep vehicles off. Cost Estimate for 10 concrete curb stops?

b. Phase 2: as beach berm revegetates, designate one area for seasonal beach access. Install a gate as funding allows.

3. Routine maintenance: Bishop's Beach pavilion roof shingle repair/replacement.

Cost Estimate: \$25,000

4. Capital Project. Fix Ballfield drainage issues at Hornaday Park specifically the upper back ballfield along the back does not drain. Possible solutions are to dig a deeper ditch and direct drainage to a westerly path away from the outfields. Cost Estimate: \$75,000

5. Project completion: Complete roof at Hornaday Shelter that was moved to back field area, and install 1 BBQ. Cost Estimate: \$10,000

6. Topsoil and hydro-seeding in areas around the restroom and new pavilion and road to back ballfield, construct replacement Basketball Court in the area next to the new pavilion and restrooms. Cost Estimate:

7. Bayview Park: additional maintenance for playground equipment, specifically backfilling playground pilings with sand and crushed rock to meet safety standards.

Cost Estimate: labor and minimal materials

Chair Steffy completed a SPFI Inspection and there was only one issue that he found that presented a safety issue, which was the concrete has come up above the ground and needs to have additional pea gravel poured around the base of the equipment.

8. Routine maintenance, Angie request: Initiate banner replacement program for Pioneer Ave, summer and winter banners. Have about 23 posts, for a total of about 50 banners for summer and winter decorations (a few replacements on hand). Immediate need is for new winter decorations; have fewer than half the number needed for the light posts, and many are in disrepair. (Commission priority is summer banners, working w Pioneer on Pioneer group, although if winter decorations are cheap, they are enjoyed by the community) Cost Estimate:

9. Educational Outreach Program through media - both radio and print on dog ownership responsibilities and regulations. This can be used to match funds from local entities for dispensers, receptacles and supplies. Cost Estimate: \$5,000

Capital Projects

1. Previous Request: \$35,000 for new fencing at Bayview Park.

Capital Projects - Trails

1. Pave Coal Point parking lot and stripe, same as the work completed at Bishop's Beach parking lot, using HART trails funds. (Seafarers memorial parking lot expansion, 2014, also was approved for HART Trail funded improvements, as a trailhead). Partnering with Port to pay for the project; this would create parking for ice dock area workers and the grid.

Approximately 7,000 sq ft (\$28,000) of Roads funding to pave to the end of Ice Dock Road, and 12,000 sq

ft (\$48,000) of Trails funds to pave parking lot and trailhead area for Coal Point Trail to End of the Road Park. Total request \$76,000, \$28,000 from 160.0766 Roads, \$48,000 from 165.0375 Trails. (although parks would like to partner w Port. Renee can you talk w Bryan about that? It's the trails funding part that is \$\$ because that is the area that is within the park. Also, this may need some drainage work, so this project needs PW review to ensure the cost estimate is good. I only accounted for paving).

2. Request renewal of 2013 approved trail projects: Greatland Street Trail rehab for \$25,000, together with Fairview Trail/Hornaday Park pathway along Fairview.

Chair Steffy noted that the time was now 9:00 p.m. and suspended further discussion until the September meeting. He then jumped to Staff Comments.

G. Review and Recommendations on the Draft HART Trails Grant Program

Postponed to the September 15, 2016 Regular Meeting

NEW BUSINESS

A. Recommendation and Discussion on Sidewalk Project

Chair Steffy invited Mrs. Pitta to come forward to the microphone. Mrs. Lisa Pitta stated that her daughter had to leave and was volunteering at the school but she wanted to stay and see what further recommendations the Commission made on the project. She stated that the meeting has been very educational.

BRANN/LOWNEY - MOVED TO RECOMMEND COUNCIL SUPPORT THE HOMER HIGH SCHOOL SENIOR MEMORY LANE PROJECT.

Commissioner Lowney expressed that she liked the idea of the kids taking some responsibility and having their space. Her concern was what they do the next generation as they could run out of sidewalk quickly. Commissioners expressed concerns and suggested the following: paint materials appropriate for exterior use and environmentally friendly; protection against wear and weather resistance that does not present additional safety hazards in freezing weather; picking another much needed object that they can put their stamp on such as fire hydrants, garbage cans, benches, mural panels such as the one on the Art Shop Gallery, Ulmer's and one will be on the old garage next to Bay Realty; suggestion to create a class themed concrete or tile inset that can be put into the sidewalk; consult with the Bunnell Art Gallery on recommendations Artist in the Schools program to assist with creative ideas. There are voices in the community that can provide the direction needed for her project.

Staff recommended amending the motion to have the project refined and brought back before the commission for recommendation.

Commissioner Lowney objected to that since they are just suggestions and it would end the discussion she wanted to have the project refined and brought back before the commission.

Commissioner Ashmun suggested creating panels that covered or surrounded the electrical boxes.

Commissioner Brann like the memory lane concept and would like to see that idea supported.

Public Works Director Meyer suggested creating a design that is tile imbedded in the sidewalk such as the Hollywood stars. The commission really liked that suggestion.

Mrs. Pitta was directed to contact the Clerk's Office when the project was refined and finalized.

The motion was left on the table and will be brought back under pending business at a future meeting in the Spring when the project has been refined by Miss Pitta.

B. ARPA Membership Renewal

Postponed until the September meeting.

INFORMATIONAL MATERIALS

- A. Commission Annual Calendar 2016
- B. Commissioner Attendance at City Council Meetings 2016
- C. Parks and Recreation Advisory Commission Strategic Plan 2016
- D. Memorandum to City Council dated June 23, 2106 re: Increase Camping Fees
- E. August 2016 ASCA Newsletter

COMMENTS OF THE AUDIENCE

There was no audience present.

COMMENTS OF THE CITY STAFF

Deputy City Clerk Krause reported that the Harbormaster is agreeable on partnering with the Commission and most of the work has been done in paving of this area so the cost would be substantially less. The Chair of the Public Safety Committee is scheduled for next month to present on the project to advocate for their support. Mrs. Krause responded to Commissioner Brann that the little building up on Baycrest at the Pullout will be the new Informational Kiosk housing literature and flyers from the Chamber on all the things to do in the city and the Kachemak Bay Area. Deputy City Clerk confirmed with Commissioner Archibald if he was going to be ready to present to Council.

COMMENTS OF THE COUNCILMEMBER *(If one is present)*

COMMENTS OF THE COMMISSION

Commissioner Ashmun stated she did some editing on the Beach Policy today so that will be on the September agenda.

Commissioner Roedl commented that it was a great meeting.

Commissioner Brann thanked staff and questioned what the little building was being constructed up on Baycrest at the Pullout. Good meeting.

Commissioner Archibald thanked staff and then expressed his unhappiness that they would be using HART Trail Funds to pave the parking lot at Coal point. He opined that it should come from the enterprise fund; (referring to the Cruise Ship head Tax) He is sure that Bryan is excited about doing that as they have gotten money that he did not believe they deserved. He will finalize the presentation to Council for September 12th. He announced the Water Trail party for the same evening, September 12th. Commissioner Archibald brought forth the incident of a motorized hang glider that was buzzing the beach and the pony Club using a four wheeler and trailer to set up the jumps.

Commissioner Hart thanked everyone and staff for being there tonight.

Commissioner Lowney agreed with Commissioner Archibald but so be it, she expressed dissatisfaction with that also. She will be speaking at City Council next and asked for specific things that the commission would like her to share with Council. She offered to contact Jessica Marx and Bill Bell regarding the time change.

The commission agreed with her contacting them regarding the time change.

COMMENTS OF THE CHAIR

Chair Steffy thanked the Commissioners for a very productive meeting and noted that they are getting very adept at mediation. He thanked Renee for providing staff support and doing double duty in Julie's absence. Chair Steffy then related a recent experience at Mariner Park with a vehicle on the beach and an incident where a group of four loose dogs jumped up on his wife and knocked her down.

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business to come before the Commission, Chair Steffy adjourned the meeting at 9:24 p.m. The next **REGULAR MEETING IS SCHEDULED FOR THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 15, 2016** at 5:30 p.m. at City Hall Cowles Council Chambers 491 E. Pioneer Avenue, Homer, Alaska.

Renee Krause, CMC, Deputy City Clerk

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