

Kachemak Drive Path Committee



Thursday
January 27, 2011
Regular Meeting 5:30 p.m.



City Hall Cowles Council Chambers
491 E. Pioneer Avenue
Homer, Alaska 99603

**MEETING NOTICE
REGULAR MEETING AGENDA**

- 1. CALL TO ORDER**
- 2. AGENDA APPROVAL**
- 3. APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES**
 - A. Minutes for the Regular Meeting on January 6, 2011 Page 5
- 4. PUBLIC COMMENTS UPON MATTERS ALREADY ON THE AGENDA**
- 5. RECONSIDERATION**
- 6. VISITORS**
- 7. STAFF & COUNCIL/COMMITTEE REPORTS/COMMISSION REPORTS**
- 8. PUBLIC HEARING(S)**
- 9. PENDING BUSINESS**
 - A. Design Options based on Proposed Locations
 - B. Road Widths at Various Speeds
 - C. Bike Use Along Road
- 10. NEW BUSINESS**
 - A. Starting an Advocacy group for the Kachemak Trail
- 11. INFORMATIONAL MATERIALS**
- 12. COMMENTS OF THE AUDIENCE**
- 13. COMMENTS OF THE CITY STAFF** *(If present)*
- 14. COMMENTS OF THE COMMITTEE**
- 15. ADJOURNMENT/NEXT REGULAR MEETING IS SCHEDULED FOR _____
_____ AT 5:30 P.M. Please note dates selected are tentative until confirmed by the
Clerk's Office.** All meetings scheduled to be held in the Homer City Hall Cowles Council
Chambers located at 491 E. Pioneer Avenue, Homer, Alaska.

Kachemak Trail notes:
January 6, 2011
Regular Meeting

Meeting Called to Order: 5:37pm

Present: Bumpo Bremicker (arrived 5:50pm), Beth Cummings, Capt. Joe Litchfield, Dave Clemens, Ingrid Harrald, Lynne Burt

Minutes from last meeting approved with small changes: Burton to Burt and Ingrid departing at 6:30pm

Public Comments:

Chase Warren - Bicyclist that uses Kachemak Drive regularly. Expressed dissatisfaction about trail being built on the route from airport road across wetland to arctic. Voiced that he would rather have minimum improvements of the shoulder of Kachemak Drive vs. this. Opinion was that there needed to be access to businesses and destinations along Kachemak Drive to make the path usable. Path should follow Kachemak Drive enough to allow this.

Discussion on this topic amongst committee.

No other visitors.

Pending Business:

A. Trail Location - Three options discussed:

1. Along Kachemak Drive following ROW and Power Line ROW
 - concerns about having multiple crossings of street (N/S)
 - Erosion concerns
 - concerns over property owners rights
 - discussion about width of road/speed limit
 - questions over actual route of power lines on East End of trail
 - Capt. Joe expressed strong opposition to this option. Too much energy being spent to cater to bicyclists. Too little concern to home owners in the area.
 - Rika Mouw mentioned that with the water and sewer lines, they use the outer part of the easement, and there is enough space on the inside of the easement to put bike trail
 - Beth Cumming walked the area south of Kachemak Drive from base of spit to Bay Club. Found the land beautiful and flat and felt this would be a great option for a trail in this area. Encouraged people to go check it out. It was heavily forested, quiet, and quite enjoyable.
2. Follow FAA Road west until it ends, continue along fence line until Arctic or Jack London and continue along property lines until connecting with Little Fireweed.
 - Discussion on the wetland status of land
 - Clemens discussed the lack of options for cyclists to safely bike that route
 - No access to businesses on Kachemak Dr.
 - Nice that it would not infringe on land owners
 - would be a great ski and pedestrian trail
 - discussion of what physical type of trail it could be to make it safe/fast for cyclists
3. Starting at Ben Walters meeting up with Calvin Coyle trail and then around to the Horse Park
 - attendees agreed this would be a great recreational trail but would not work for the issues this committee is trying to correct. (Safety and use of Kachemak Way).
 - Agreed that user groups on Kachemak would not use this trail

B. Connection Options - See above notes

C. Design Options - Did not cover, not enough time

B. New Business:

- Group discussed traffic use along Kachemak Drive.

Looked at trail width requirements from COH Trail Manual and Kachemak Road widths.

Decided more information was needed for the next meeting:

- bike use along Kachemak Drive. Ingrid will look into this.
- Road width requirements at various speeds: 25mph, 30 mph, 35 mph. Bumpo will look into this.

No comments from Audience or staff:

Comments from committee:

Clemens - meeting was productive, lots of great ideas and options

Harrald - Agreed with Clemens. Would like to continue next meeting with more research and discussion.

Burt- The option #1 trail seems promising and that she thinks it will encourage more ped/bike users.

Cumming - Feels the only option is a path following along Kachemak Drive. Encouraging the start of an advocacy group for the Kachemak Trail, this could move the process forward quicker.

Litchfield - Puts 100% support behind the #2 option trail. This is the only option he agrees with. Would like to have Dave Brann talk more on this topic at next meeting.

Next Meeting: Thursday, Jan 27 5:30pm

Meeting adjourned at 7:22pm

Dave's description of his preferred route, Sections A-1 to A-5

Section A-1

From the existing parking lot at Sterling Hwy. / Kachemak Drive

From the end of the existing bike trail, do boardwalk to the base of the hill and the start of the trees. Constructed trail through the trees above tidelands but below the hwy. to the airport access road to the beach. Create parking and trail access across from Ceci's Kitchen where junk cars are stored.

Section A-2

Airport Access Road to Arctic Tern Place

Trail along edge of parking to Research Bldg or across parking lot to sewer easement. Follow the sewer easement to the Bay Club and then to Homer Boat Yard. Cross the road, follow the powerline easement or do roadside striping until it comes to Arctic Tern Place.

Section A-3

Arctic Tern Place to Jack London Road / Campbell Road

Follow power line easement to the house with the red roof, move the trail to roadside past the lot, return to the powerline easement to Jack London Place. Trail to roadside or powerline easement at sawmill.

Section A-4

Jack London Place to Section Line adjacent to boatyard

Trail is roadside or power line by sawmill. Follow power line easement behind house with green roof. Go behind Bumpo's and return to roadside at R-1. Follow road via striping to Davis street easement follow Davis Street to East End Road.

Section A-5 alternate

Instead of using Davis St. continue to platted beach access just before Jack Montgomerys. **note, there are three parcels of land for sale in the area that could become a trailhead, parking and beach access. Just a thought.

Preferred route B-1 to B-4

Section B-1, page 132 in Map Book

Spit Road to Section Line beyond FAA Road

Trail follows FAA Road (existing bike lane) to the turnaround. Follow the fence line through the wood to the Section Line.

Section B-2 page 133 in Map Book

Continue rail through the woods from Section Line to Section Line at a kitty corner angle.

Section B-3 page 125 in Map Book

Continue the trail through the woods from Section line to Section Line at a kitty corner angle. Follow the section line north to Spruce Lane and Little Fireweed, East End Road.

Section B-4 page 125 in Map Book

Possible connector, the Section Line east to the boat yard.

Preferred Route C

From Ben Walters Park follow sewer line easement to Calvin and Coyle then on to Horse Park, Jack Gist Park, Little Fireweed to East End Road or Kachemak Drive.

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 Kachemak Drive

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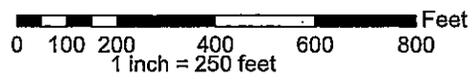
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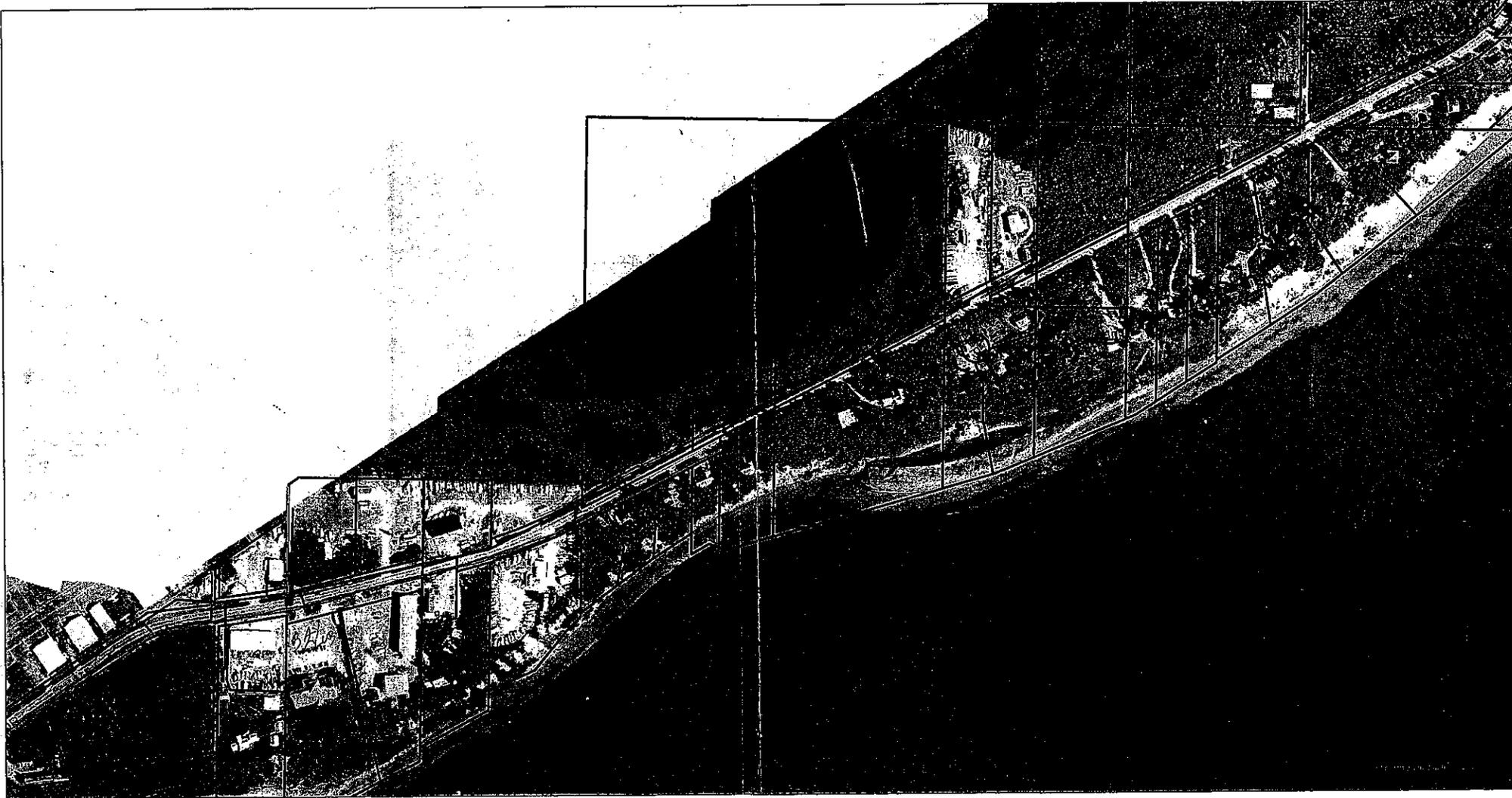
DAVE'S 1ST CHOICE A-1

A-2 CONT'D
PARKING AREA TO CELESTIAL
SPEC LINE



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— Water

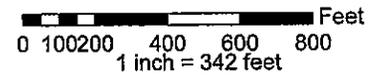
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*A-2 CROOKS KITI SEC 14/15
TO ARCTIC TERN PLAZA*





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— Sewer

— Water

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A-3
 N ARCTIC TERN PLACE
 TO CAMPBELL LANE

A-4
 CAMPBELL LANE TO
 BOATYARD - SBC LANE

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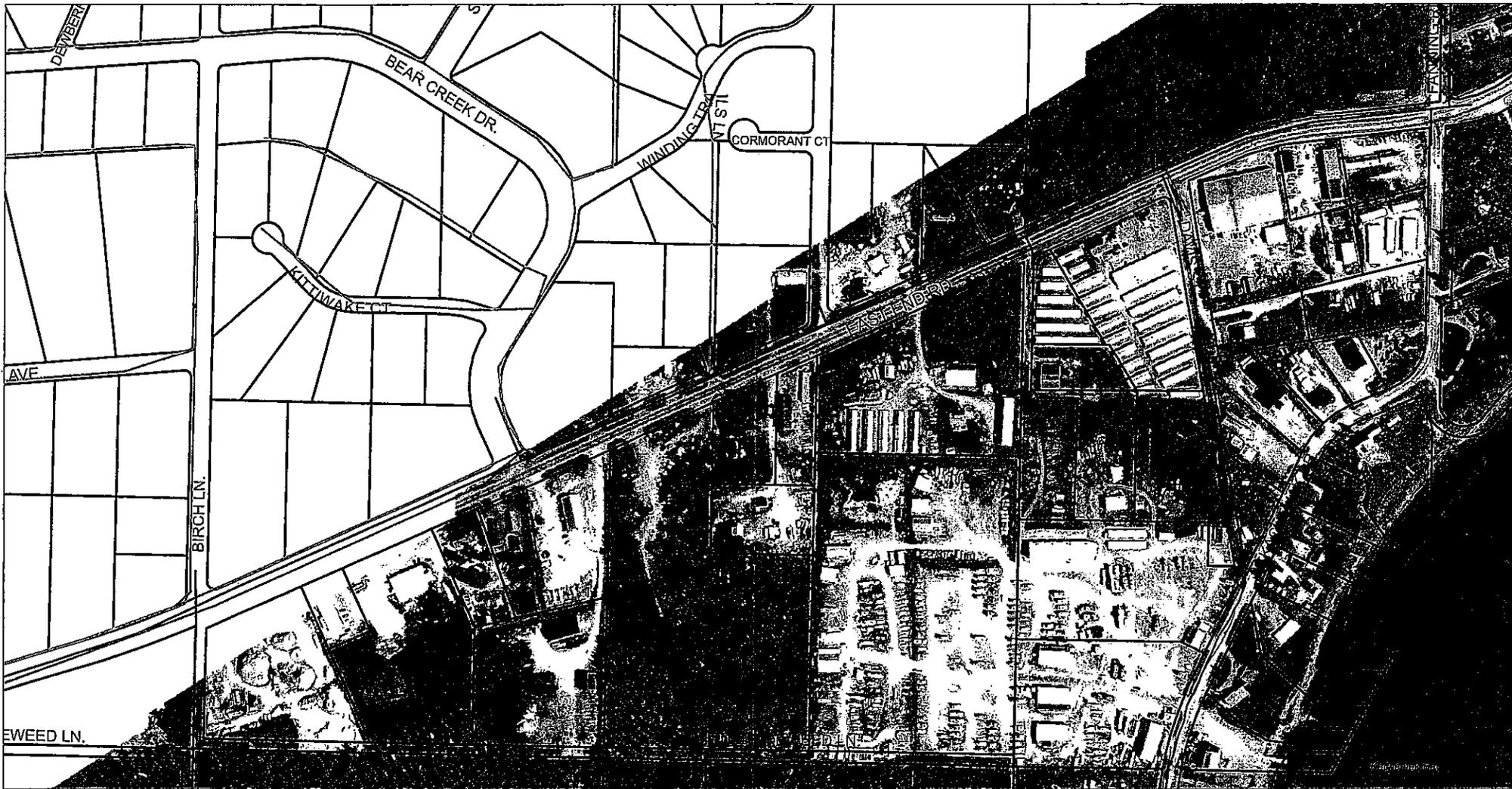
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*A-5
 SECT. LINE TO EAST END
 A-6 EAST END TO DONK YARD
 CHURCH*

