

# *Kachemak Drive Path Committee*



Thursday  
March 7, 2013  
Regular Meeting 5:30 p.m.



Conference Room - Upstairs  
City Hall  
491 E. Pioneer Avenue  
Homer, Alaska 99603



**MEETING NOTICE  
REGULAR MEETING AGENDA**

- 1. CALL TO ORDER**
- 2. AGENDA APPROVAL**
- 3. APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES**
- 4. PUBLIC COMMENTS UPON MATTERS ALREADY ON THE AGENDA**
- 5. RECONSIDERATION**
- 6. VISITORS**
- 7. STAFF & COUNCIL/COMMITTEE REPORTS/COMMISSION REPORT**
- 8. PUBLIC HEARING(S)**
- 9. PENDING BUSINESS**
- 10. NEW BUSINESS**
  - A. Where Do We Go From Here? Discussion on all aspects of the Kachemak Drive Path Committee Page 5
- 11. INFORMATIONAL MATERIALS**
  - A. Memorandum Re: Kachemak Drive Trail Survey dated February 27, 2013 Page 7
  - B. Memorandum Re: Dissolving the Kachemak Drive Path Committee dated February 27, 2013 Page 9
- 12. COMMENTS OF THE AUDIENCE**
- 13. COMMENTS OF THE CITY STAFF *(If present)***
- 14. COMMENTS OF THE COMMITTEE**
- 15. ADJOURNMENT/THE NEXT TENTATIVE REGULAR MEETING IS APRIL 4, 2013 AT 5:30 P.M. All meetings scheduled to be held in the Homer City Hall Upstairs Conference Room located at 491 E. Pioneer Avenue, Homer, Alaska.**



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## MEMORANDUM

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**TO:** KACHEMAK DRIVE PATH COMMITTEE  
**FROM:** RENEE KRAUSE, CMC, DEPUTY CITY CLERK I  
**DATE:** FEBRUARY 27, 2013  
**RE:** WHERE DO WE GO FROM HERE

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### Background

Committee member Cumming requested this item on the agenda. She requested a discussion on all aspects of the committee and what should the committee do in the future.

### RECOMMENDATION

No Action Requested or Needed. Informational in Nature.



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**TO:** KACHEMAK DRIVE PATH COMMITTEE  
**FROM:** RENEE KRAUSE, CMC, DEPUTY CITY CLERK I  
**DATE:** FEBRUARY 27, 2013  
**RE:** KACHEMAK DRIVE TRAIL, SURVEY RESULTS

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### Background

The Parks and Recreation Advisory Commission heard a report on the survey provided by Carey Meyer at the regular meeting on February 21, 2013. High points of Mr. Meyer's report included the following:

- Conversation with Abilities Survey indicated a report and estimate in the next few weeks. The City should receive a report covering the estimated costs, potential environmental permitting issues, and design for the proposed trail.
- Acknowledged concern that the actual steep portion, the area that runs up to the DOT parking lot was not surveyed; this was due to an earlier visual inspection walking the proposed lower trail corridor and the steeper second section with the engineer and surveyor, it was determined to be "not too bad on the lower portion, but the upper half in his opinion will never be more than a walking trail."
- Mr. Meyer cited requirements in the Trail Manual, the cross slope and depth of the ravines are too prohibitive to even consider constructing a 10 foot wide path or even a five foot wide path.
- Safety concerns on excavation required for the trail on that degree of slope
- Signs of sloughing on that steep slope in its natural state does not recommend cutting into that slope
- The Alaska Department of Transportation would probably agree on not disturbing that slope
- Controlling erosion would be an issue
- This is not a Never Project but a Not Recommended Now project. It can be done but at what expense.

Further discussion by the commission resulted in the Commissioners agreeing by consensus to waiting until actual survey and reports are in hand for further discussion or action.

### RECOMMENDATION

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**TO:** KACHEMAK DRIVE PATH COMMITTEE  
**FROM:** RENEE KRAUSE, CMC, DEPUTY CITY CLERK I  
**DATE:** FEBRUARY 27, 2013  
**RE:** DISSOLVING THE KACHEMAK DRIVE PATH COMMITTEE

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### Background

The Parks and Recreation Advisory Commission discussed dissolution of the committee at the regular meeting on February 21, 2013. It was agreed by consensus to not dissolve the committee at this time until the report, estimated costs, preliminary design and survey was received from the engineer.

No additional direction or tasks were given to the committee by the commission.

Following is an excerpt of the minutes from that meeting:

### **NEW BUSINESS**

*A. Kachemak Drive Path Committee Re: Dissolving the Committee - (Postponed from Previous Meetings)*

*Chair Bremicker lobbied for the committee expressing the work they have done, that they wished to stay involved to assist in guiding the project, including organizing volunteer efforts to construct the project. Chair Bremicker stated that there are advantages to being a city committee such as having a nice, accessible meeting space, direct route of information to the committee and contact with city personnel, the disadvantages to being a city committee are advertising and quorum requirements. He continued by stating that there are hardly any costs involved in having the committee meet; they do not have city personnel at the meetings; the agenda is boiler plate and they don't have packets the size of the commissions packets. He acknowledged that at least they haven't in a while. The committee takes their own notes of the meetings, so beyond a little supplies, the committee has been aware and trying not to burden the city staff asking for stuff.*

*Chair Bremicker cited the good work that committees can do and has done during his tenure on this commission. He went on to further note some value to an ad hoc group but it was still the intent of the committee to oversee that too and help the commission.*

*Chair Bremicker wanted to make it very clear to the commission that the rules say, the City Administration could not dissolve the committee or direct the Commission to dissolve the committee, it is not their job, Council could do that he was sure, but it was the Commissions job to disband a committee.*

**LOWNEY/LILLIBRIDGE - MOVED TO NOT DISBAND THE COMMITTEE.**

*Discussion noted that since the commissioners recommended under a previous agenda item to waiting until the report on the survey that the committee should not be disbanded at this time.*

*Commissioner Lowney called for the Vote.*

*Chair Bremicker asked if any opposition. None was voiced.*

*Chair Bremicker noted for the record that the committee was not disbanded.*

*Comments from Ms. Krause after the vote noted that meetings were not free in response to an earlier reference from Chair Bremicker questioning the cost to hold a meeting and that the estimated costs to have a meeting were approximately \$500. Chair Bremicker responded that his time was worth \$35 per hour and he was sure that the other volunteer's time would equal that amount so the City was getting a benefit too by having volunteers work on these projects for them.*

**RECOMMENDATION**

**No Action Requested or Needed. Informational in Nature.**



