

Karen Hornaday Park Committee



Thursday
April 4, 2013
Regular Meeting 5:30 p.m.



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

**MEETING NOTICE
REGULAR MEETING**

- 1. CALL TO ORDER**
- 2. AGENDA APPROVAL**
- 3. PUBLIC COMMENTS UPON MATTERS ALREADY ON THE AGENDA**
- 4. RECONSIDERATION**
- 5. APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES** *(Minutes are only approved during regular meetings.)*
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- 6. VISITORS**
A. Calvin Ralph, Church on the Rock
- 7. STAFF REPORTS/COMMITTEE REPORTS**
- 8. PENDING BUSINESS**
A. Installation of New Playground Equipment Request & Proposal from HoPP
B. Disposition of the Connexes, Snack Shack and Buildings Used By Little League
- 9. NEW BUSINESS**
- 10. INFORMATIONAL MATERIALS**
- 11. COMMENTS OF THE AUDIENCE**
- 12. COMMENTS OF THE CITY STAFF** *(If present)*
- 13. COMMENTS OF THE COMMITTEE**
- 14. ADJOURNMENT/NEXT REGULAR MEETING IS SCHEDULED FOR THURSDAY, MAY 2, 2013 AT 5:30 P.M.** All meetings scheduled to be held in the Homer City Hall Cowles Council Chambers located at 491 E. Pioneer Avenue, Homer, Alaska.

KAREN HORNADAY PARK COMMITTEE
MEETING - March 7, 2013

Chair Robert Archibald called the meeting to order at 5:35 p.m.

In attendance: Ralph Broshes, Deb Lowney, Marti McCleery, Phil Needham, Miranda Weiss

Agenda for the current meeting and approval of minutes from the February 7th, 2013 meeting were approved.

Visitors in attendance- Carey Meyer, Public Works Department

Staff & Committee Reports

Carey Meyer reported that the City met with the Planning & Development Department and the engineering portion of the day-use area was quoted at roughly \$10,000. A notice to proceed should be implemented by March 8, 2013.

Carey also stated that Bill Nelson will be doing the preliminary engineering on the road realignment.

Pending Business

A. Update on funds from the Legislative Grant for KHP improvements:

Carey Meyer reported that the monies remaining from that grant total \$90,000. He also noted that the hydro-seeding has yet to be completed but that additional topsoil may not be needed which would cut on cost.

B. Discussion on the new picnic pavilion:

The design by Frank Cloyd submitted to Parks and Recreation is a feasible design. Elements of the design such as the curved rock seating around the fire pit and a pitched roof could get expensive.

It was mentioned that the partitions in the original design may be an obstacle for big groups. The possibility of removable partitions was briefly discussed.

Phil and Miranda both inquired about the use of volunteers for the construction of the curved seating at the fire pit as well as other "sections" of the construction project. Thoughts are that it would cut back on construction costs affording us the opportunity to get the pavilion and amenities desired in return. Carey thought that might be possible but Deb Lowney commented that if there is no leader to head the volunteer effort that we should turn the project over to the city.

Carey also commented that a concrete slab was the most preferred foundation by Public Works for the pavilion, reality being less maintenance on concrete than chips or gravel.

C. Discussion on moving the existing pavilion:

Carey discussed moving the old pavilion and that the most likely scenario would be to put out an informal bid and hire an "on file" contractor to move it. It would be best to move it to the new location with a new pad already in place and in one piece but since the new structure footprint overlaps with the old structure that may not be feasible if we want construction of the new to start in the spring.

New Business

- A. Briefly discussed an addition of new equipment to the playground. Miranda reported that originally Hopp thought it would be some type of rope climbing structure but they now believe that that structure will be much too large for the intended space. Miranda requested an approximate size estimate of the area where the structure will be placed which prompted Deb

to request from the city a map of the park with footprints of the all the current structures including the footprint of the new pavilion.

B. Disposition of connexes, snack shack and buildings used by little league.

i. Connexes:

A question was raised regarding the dilapidated connex currently used to store little league equipment between the ball fields. Could it be replaced with one of the connexes currently in the park that is in better shape? Carrey mentioned that he wasn't sure which department owned those connexes and that the usual process would be to put them in the excess equipment sale.

ii. Snack Shack:

The concrete shed is in disrepair but sturdy. Phil thought that the solution for the snack shack would be to add a couple layers of block raising the roof and installing a floor higher than the flood line. The question was asked if the snack shack was a big enough storage area for the little league equipment, Phil thought that it would be.

Deb voiced her opinion that she preferred Carey's suggestion to solicit a mobile snack shack to come in when needed turning the current snack shack into a storage unit. Marti made the comment that the connexes could be creatively painted and utilized for storage not costing any money except for paint.

Deb made a motion to remove and ban all connexes from Karen Hornaday Park turning the snack shack into storage. If more storage is needed other alternatives should be considered.

The motion was made and passed as follow:

Recommend on to Parks and Recreation Commission,
Remove all Conex Type storage Containers from Karen Hornaday Park and ban any further use of Conex type Units. As soon as possible, determine the feasibility of removing the roof of the existing snack shack to facilitate adding additional courses of cinder blocks to provide adequate head room and replace roof. The existing floor area is to be engineered and new design is to be above water table, to be poured cement. This could be accomplished at same time as pavilion replacement.

Miscellaneous Items of Discussion

- A. Ralph inquired as to how much work needs to be done to the park host camp sight. Public Works has a spot in mind that has a view of the whole park. The city is waiting on Grant approval; Public Works will sequester funds once result of application is known.
- B. Robert asked if the alders in back of the ball field could be cut back prior to the ground thawing. Deb mentioned that a Youth Core group will be available in April to help with miscellaneous odd jobs and that they, if the city can get the alders cut, could haul them away. A list of other jobs that the group might be able to take care of needs to be considered.
- C. Drainage in the corridor where the alders are is an issue. There is a Grant for a proposed trail in that corridor which would help immensely as far as getting equipment in to clean it out.
- D. Robert asked if there was any plan for improvements to the restroom. Phil stated that the roof on the restrooms as well as the roof on the old pavilion needs to be replaced.
- E. Deb mentioned the "Adopt a Park" program and how we need to find organizations willing to adopt sections of Karen Hornaday Park.
- F. Miranda mentioned that Hopp is getting ready to schedule the Playground Work Party and that this year it will be organized by Church on the Rock

Meeting was adjourned at 7:00 PM

