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Memorandum Supplemental Packet

TO: ADA COMPLIANCE COMMITTEE
FROM: RENEE KRAUSE, MMC, DEPUTY CITY CLERK/ADA COORDINATOR
DATE: FEBRUARY 9, 2023
SUBJECT: SUPPLEMENTAL PACKET

7. STAFF & COUNCIL REPORT/COMMITTEE REPORT

A. Public Works Report

Memorandum from Library Director Berry re: Western Lot Trail Project

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Memorandum

TO: ADA Advisory Board
THROUGH: Renee Krause, ADA Coordinator
FROM: David Berry, Library Director
DATE: February 7, 2023
SUBJECT: Western Lot Trail Project

Over the last two years, city staff, various community groups and the Friends of Homer Library have worked with the Rivers, Trails and Conservation Assistance (RTCA) program to develop plans for improvements to the trail on the western portion of the library lot.

Project Summary

The 2.24-acre wooded parcel directly west of the library already includes a public trail which library staff use for outdoor programming in summer. The trail is used as a throughway by pedestrians traveling between the library and points north or west, as well as recreationally by dog walkers, birders and people reading the StoryWalk® books. The proposed improvements would:

1. Upgrade the trail to ADA standards
2. Add directional signage to connect the trail more firmly with the surrounding network
3. Provide educational signage regarding the human and natural history of the area
4. Encourage greater use of the lot with play spaces and room for library programs
5. Protect the environment, particularly the wetlands, while still allowing public access
6. Enhance the aesthetic attractions of the area with archways and a compass rose

Recent History

Here are some highlights of the process to date:

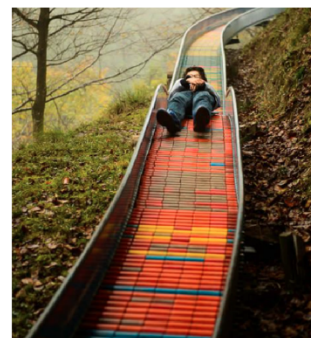
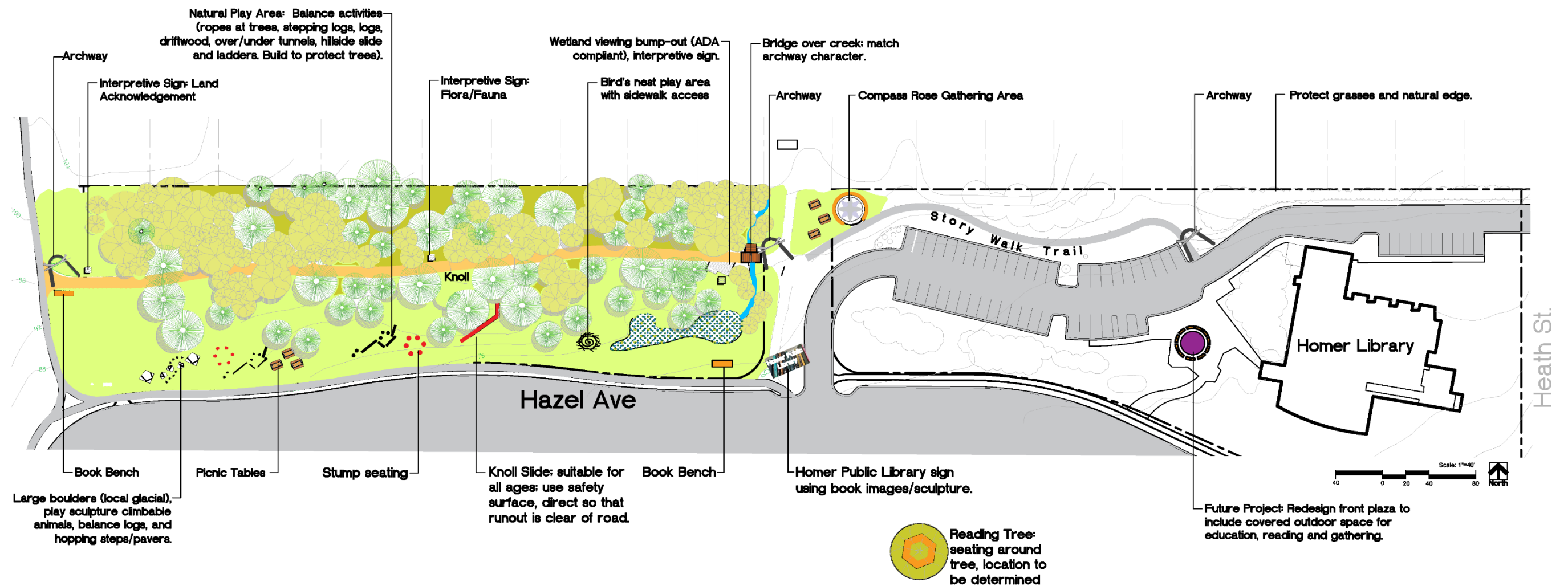
- March 20 and May 18, 2022: Placemaking workshops brought together various community groups to share their vision for the space.
- August 2022: Landscape architects presented three possible designs.
- September 9-10, 2022: The designs were on display at the book and plant sale, with Friends on hand to answer questions and gather feedback.
- October 7-8, 2022: Open houses at the library, where the public was invited to comment on the designs. We also collected public responses through a survey.
- January 2023: Based on public feedback, the three designs were boiled down to one.

I am happy to report that the design is ready for review by boards and commissions. We are looking for final comments or changes before taking the design to City Council for approval. Input from the general public is also welcome.

Matt Steffy will be available in person to answer questions at the PARCAC and ADA Board meetings. I will be available in person at the Library Advisory Board meeting. Questions can also be directed to me at dberry@ci.homer.ak.us or 907-435-3151.

RECOMMENDATION

Review and comment on the proposed design. Forward comments to City Council.



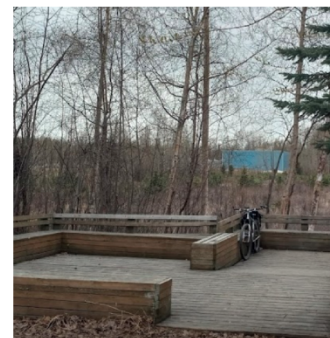
Knoll Slide



Stump Seating



Bird's Nest Play Area



Wetland Viewing Platform



Reading Tree



Book Bench (ADA compliant)



Compass Rose Gathering Area

A vibrant, accessible community space adjacent to the Library where learning and nature give rise to a sense of discovery and delight.

Homer Library Placemaking

NPS Rivers, Trails and Conservation Assistance Program (RTCA)

American Society of Landscape Architects Alaska Chapter

Conceptual Design
Homer Library Western Lot

Friends of Homer Library Working Group
2023