JANUARY 14, 2014 TUESDAY 1:00 PM - 2:30PM COWLES COUNCIL CHAMBERS

NOTICE OF MEETING REGULAR MEETING AGENDA

1.	CALL TO ORDER	
2.	AGENDA APPROVAL	
3.	APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES (Minutes are approved during Regular Meetings Only) A. Synopsis from the Regular Meeting on December 13, 2013 Pag	e 3
4 . 5.	PUBLIC COMMENT UPON MATTERS ALREADY ON THE AGENDA (Three minute time limit) VISITORS (Visitors normally have 10 minutes for their presentation.)	
	No Visitors Scheduled	
6.	STAFF & COUNCIL REPORTS/COMMITTEE REPORTS/BOROUGH REPORTS A. Staff Report - Carey Meyer, Public Works Superintendent	
7.	PUBLIC HEARING	
8.	A. Draft Theme: Homer Harbor Sub-themes: History of the Harbor Working Harbor End of the Road Wildlife B. Location, Budget & Number of Signs	
9.	NEW BUSINESS A. Selection Process B. Next Meeting Date	
10.	INFORMATIONAL MATERIALS A. Harbor Improvements 2013 Map B. Rest Stop Area on Trail - Drawings	Page 5 Page 7
12. 13.	COMMENTS OF THE AUDIENCE COMMENTS OF STAFF MEMBERS COMMENTS OF THE COMMITTEE ADJOURNMENT THE NEXT REGULAR MEETING IS SCHEDULED FORat in the City Hall Cowles Council Chambers located at 491 E. Pioneer Avenue, Homer Alaska	

Spit Trail Interpretive Signing Regular Meeting December 13, 2013

Homer Harbor / Spit Interpretive Trail

Draft Theme:

Homer's Harbor isn't simply a tourist destination; it's a dynamic place with extreme tides, hosting a fleet of commercial and charter boats, birds and marine mammals, and links the end of the road to the marine highway and sea.

Draft Subthemes:

<u>Tides:</u> Floating docks ride the tides, so the angle of the ramp that takes you down to the harbor may be very different on your trip back up.

- Simple but large tide gauges at Ramp 5 and Ramp 1 or Steel Grid
- QR code linking to KBRR or Pratt video of tides in harbor?

History of the Harbor: This harbor has been shaped by humans and nature.

- Different Eras of dredging / role of Corps of Engineers
- Amount dredged /ongoing sediment transfer
- 1964 Earthquake
- Series of photos from different eras
- People that have been important to Homer's history in relation to the harbor.

Working Harbor: This working harbor shelters a diverse fleet from commercial fishing to charter boats.

- Identify different boat types/areas?
- Can we do an audio station with Hobo Jim by the crab boats? (What about a QR code linking your smart phone to a video or audio of him singing?)
- The barge ramp is unique.

<u>End of the Road:</u> The spit and harbor connect the end of the road to the marine highway, Kachemak Bay, and the sea beyond.

- Are we highlighting the Kachemak Water Trail? Alaska Marine Highway? Our dependence and connection to the sea for livelihood and recreation?
- Do we want to tell folks how far it is to Seldovia/Kodiak/Dutch/etc?

<u>Wildlife:</u> Look at existing panels and decide to replace or augment? What species/time of year is most important to tell about?

- Seabirds
- Shorebirds
- Otters
- Seals

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Possible Sign Locations:

We have approximately \$32,000 - or possibly \$4-5,000 for 8 signs. We also need to consider how and where to handle regulatory and information signs. Put them all on posts at the ramps?

These locations were suggested for interpretive signs?

- End of Trail
- Harbormaster Office
- Load/Launch area
- Fishing Hole?
- Gateway (corner of Spit Road and Freight Dock Rd.)
- Grid
- Ramps
- End of Road
- Coal Point



