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M E M O R A N D U M - AGENDA CHANGES/SUPPLEMENTAL PACKET

TO:

MAYOR HORNADAY AND HOMER CITY COUNCIL

FROM:

JO JOHNSON, CMC, CITY CLERK

DATE:

APRIL 23, 2012

SUBJECT:

AGENDA CHANGES AND SUPPLEMENTAL PACKET

RECONSIDERATION

Ordinance 12-01(S)(A), Regulation of Signs. Written public comment. Page 1

COMMITTEE REPORT

Memorandum 12-070, from Public Arts Committee, Re: Baycrest Overlook Improvement Gateways Project. Page 3

Memorandum 12-071, from Public Arts Committee, Re: Request for Support for Funding Contribution for the Bayrcrest Overlook Improvement Gateways Project. Page 5

RECOMMENDATION:

Voice consensus to changes under Agenda Approval.

Fiscal Note: N/A

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Jo Johnson

From: Sent:

Pam B. [welcome@ptialaska.net] Sunday, April 22, 2012 1:05 PM

To: Subject: Department Clerk Sandwich Board.

I would like to have sandwich boards because in our small community most people cannot afford any other types of signage. It does not detract from the beauty of our community in fact I believe it gives a charming look to our little heaven by the sea. Please consider this carefully before you make your decision on this matter. Thank you for listening!!!!! Pam Breckenridge & Don Arseneau

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MEMORANDUM 12-070

TO:

MAYOR HORNADAY AND CITY COUNCIL

FROM:

ANGIE NEWBY, CHAIR, PUBLIC ARTS COMMITTEE

THROUGH:

WALT WREDE, CITY MANAGER

DATE:

APRIL 10, 2012

RE:

BAYCREST OVERLOOK IMPROVEMENT GATEWAYS PROJECT

The Public Arts Committee has an extraordinary opportunity to move our new Baycrest Hill project forward. Baycrest Hill is another part of our overall gateway project. You all remember that the beautiful airport diorama photo display which was an outgrowth of the original Gateway concept. Through the efforts of PAC member Marianne Aplin, we received an incredible display with an estimated value of \$35000, for zero City dollars. This was collaboration between partners at the National Parks, State Parks, the Kachemak Bay Research Reserve and USF&W.

These same folks plus the Homer Chamber of Commerce, Pratt Museum and Alaska State DOT have agreed to work together again on making the Baycrest Hill an outstanding gateway to our community. We have met to review how we start the process of visioning, planning and design of interpretative material that will eloquently be the voice of our Homer story. State Parks have offered the services of their planning staff as project facilitators and designers for a bare bones fee of \$6000. Joe Meehan, Lands and Refuge Manager for ADF&G has stepped forward with \$3000 towards that effort. The public Arts Committee has voted unanimously to request a match for the remainder \$3000 from the City of Homer. This project will have a major economic development impact since the Baycrest Hill access to Homer is the primary way we draw people into our magical Cosmic Hamlet by the Sea. In addition, it will provide a signage format for other locations including the Port of Homer. The members on this Baycrest subcommittee are all decision makers in their agencies and include Joe Meehan, Lands and Refuge Manager for ADF&G, Joel Hard, Lake Clark National Park Superintendent, Terry Thompson, Reserve Manger of KBRR, Roger MacCampbell, Kachemak Bay State Park Ranger, Monte Davis, HCOC Executive Director, Chris Post, Alaska DOT Project Manager, Rygil Christianson, Director of Education at the Pratt Museum, Marianne Aplin, Visitor Center Manager at Alaska Islands and Oceans, Louie Flora, from Rep. Paul Seaton's office, Newby, current PAC Chair.

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MEMORANDUM 12-071

TO:

MAYOR HORNADAY AND CITY COUNCIL

FROM:

PUBLIC ARTS COMMITTEE

THROUGH:

WALT WREDE, CITY MANAGER

DATE:

APRIL 10, 2012

RE:

REQUEST FOR SUPPORT AND FUNDING CONTRIBUTION FOR THE

BAYCREST OVERLOOK IMPROVEMENT GATEWAYS PROJECT

On February 24, 2012 the committee formed to work on the Baycrest Hill Overlook Gateways Project met to discuss the initial steps to get this project off the ground. Participating in the meeting were representatives of various state and federal agencies plus the Homer Chamber of Commerce and Public Arts Committee. Joe Meehan with the Alaska Department of Fish and Game Division of Wildlife Conservation was able to find in his budget half of the funding for the required Interpretive Site Development Plan. At that meeting the other members stated that upon careful review of their respective budgets they were unable to find the funds necessary to provide the remaining \$3000. A motion was made and seconded to submit a request to the Public Arts Committee and the City of Homer to see if they can find in their budget the funding necessary to get this project started.

During the April 2, 2012 Special Meeting the committee moved and seconded a motion to request City Council approve a request to fund the remaining amount needed to complete the interpretive site plan required for the project. Following is the excerpt from the minutes of that meeting:

PENDING BUSINESS

A. Gateways Project — Baycrest Hill Status Update
1. Emails Regarding the project

Chair Newby introduced the item for discussion. She noted the series of emails included in the packet. She commented on the interest from Representative Seaton's office and that is very promising to have his support of this project.

Ms. Aplin provided a brief report on the progress of the project and explained the current roadblock that they are encountering with funding. She provided the members of the sub-committee were in attendance at the last meeting on February 24, 2012. These are Monte Davis, Chamber of Commerce; Joe Meehan, Alaska Department of Fish & Game Division of Wildlife Conservation; Chris Post, Department of Transportation; Terry Thompson, Kachemak Bay

Research Reserve; a ranger (name not provided) representing Joel Hard, Lake Clark National Park and Preserve and Rijil Christianson, The Pratt Museum. The committee requires \$3000 more to complete the interpretive site plan before they can proceed to the next phase. Mr. Meehan has found \$3000 to contribute. No other partners are able to come up with the remaining funds needed to get this project started at this time. The sub-committee approved a motion to submit a request for funding from the City of Homer.

APLIN/MILLER - MOVED TO SUBMIT A REQUEST TO CITY COUNCIL TO APPROVE THE REQUEST FOR \$3000 TO COMPLETE THE INTERPRETIVE SITE PLAN FOR THE BAYCREST OVERLOOK GATEWAYS PROJECT.

Ms. Aplin explained that this site plan is required for the project and none of the other partners can fund that amount this year. She also noted that they recently have new members the Kachemak Land Trust and the Kachemak Bay Conservation Society.

VOTE, YES, NON-OBJECTIONS, UNANIMOUS CONSENT.

Motion carried.

Chair Newby commented that the subcommittee members have exhausted all of the possibilities for funding and maybe later on in the project there will be additional opportunities to find funding from outside sources.

There was no further discussion.

RECOMMENDATION

Approve the request of \$3000 to provide the funding necessary to start the improvements on the Baycrest Hill Overlook Gateways Project.