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Memorandum

TO: Mayor Zak and Homer City Council
FROM: Katie Koester, City Manager
DATE: October 3, 2018
SUBJECT: October 9 City Manager's Report

Pacific Coast Congress of Harbormasters and Port Managers Conference

In September the Homer Port and Harbor hosted the Pacific Coast Conference of Harbormaster's and Port Managers. The Port and Harbor did an excellent job showing the distinguished guests from all over the West Coast our working Port and Harbor. On September 13th at the awards banquet the City Homer Port and Harbor was presented with the Environmental Stewardship Award from the Pacific Coast Congress of Harbormasters & Port Managers. I am proud of the City of Homer and the Port and Harbor staff for their recognition that as the gateway to natural resources and great beauty we have a unique obligation to not only care for the environment in our everyday practices at the Port, but share that sense of stewardship and appreciation with customers. (See image of Port and Harbor Staff receiving award attached).

Planning Assistance to States Launch

On Tuesday September 25 Port and Harbor Director Hawkins and I spent the day with Army Corps of Engineers launching the Planning Assistance to States grant to analyze whether or not to reopen the General Investigation Study of the Large Vessel Harbor. I call this the study of the study. We were visited by Project Manager Dan Allard, Economists Eric Johnson and Eva Sala and Planner Jan Deick. The morning was spent talking through the project, the variables that have changed since 2009 and trying to develop a good understanding of exactly what the Corps is looking for. It is important for us to be able to speak the right language that hits all the right buttons. This includes focusing on national relevance, reducing transportation time, and increasing efficiency all with a focus on commercial activity. Avoiding wear and tear on the existing floats (by rafting large vessels sometimes 4 abreast, for example) is another benefit of a new harbor - we have a good story to tell. The Corps is looking at a 50 year time frame for a benefit analysis, interesting to ponder considering the existing small boat harbor was constructed over 50 years ago. Providing the Corps with all the information to form their analysis will be the focus of the next few months for both Port staff and my office.

Over lunch key stakeholders joined the group including the President of the Marine Trades Association, Kate Mitchel, Eliana Spraker from US Senator Dan Sullivan's office, Teri Robl with Senator Gary Stevens and Mayor Pro Tem Aderhold so the Corps could hear from different sectors of the community regarding the importance and impact of this project. Part of the push for the next few months will be collecting concrete letters of support from these stakeholders and the fleet that

is expected to use the new facility in order for the Corps to calculate the economic benefit of the project.

Greatland Ribbon Cutting

Thank you for showing up to celebrate the opening of Greatland on Tuesday the 25th. It was a sunny day and nice to take a moment and reflect on a project completed. One detail of the project remaining is the street lights. Those should be installed in the next few weeks and turned on by HEA by the end of the month.

Enc:

October Employee Anniversaries

Letter of support for Kachemak Water Trail Recreational Trails Grant for 16.8 mile East End Road

Image of Port and Harbor Staff accepting Environmental Stewardship Aware from Pacific Coast Conference of Harbormaster's and Port Managers President.

Thank you letter from Hospice of Homer



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TO: MAYOR ZAK AND CITY COUNCIL
FROM: Katie Koester
DATE: October 8, 2018
SUBJECT: October Employee Anniversaries

I would like to take the time to thank the following employees for the dedication, commitment and service they have provided the City and taxpayers of Homer over the years.

Richard Klopp,	Public Works	16	Years
Claudia Haines,	Library	8	Years
Brad Somers,	Port	7	Years
Paul Raymond,	Public Works	5	Years
Kim Gilbert,	Finance	3	Years
Jed Frazier,	Police	2	Years



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October 9, 2018

Darcy Harris
Recreational Trails Program
Department of Natural Resources
550 W. 7th Avenue, Suite 380
Anchorage, AK 99501

Re: Public Access and Parking for Kachemak Bay State Park

Ms. Harris,

I am writing to express the City of Homer's support for the Kachemak Bay State Park proposal/application submitted by the Kachemak Bay Water Trail organization.

The proposal provides public access to 2,500 acres of park lands that are located 16.8 miles east of Homer on East End Road. As proposed, a 400 foot long driveway will be built on a section line easement with a parking lot at the end. From the parking area, a 2,000 foot long non-motorized trail will be developed to improve access to recreational opportunities within Kachemak Bay State Park at the head of Kachemak Bay.

I encourage the approval of this application. Thank you for taking the time to consider this important project.

Sincerely,

Katie Koester
City Manager
907-435-3102



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Compassion In Action

September 25, 2018

Homer City Council
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Dear City Council,

Hospice of Homer wishes to thank The City of Homer Fund for your generous 2018 grant of \$3,152 to help us train volunteers, maintain equipment, and reach out to members of our community who are coping with loss.

This grant will support Hospice of Homer's three main programs: direct volunteer-care, medical equipment loan, and bereavement support. Our volunteer program provides in-home care and companionship to more than 40 housebound and end-of-life clients per month. Our medical equipment loan program allows clients to remain comfortable in their homes by supplying hospital beds, toilet seat risers, walkers, wheelchairs, incontinence supplies, shower benches, and lift chairs. Our bereavement program supports more than 20 clients and their families each month, through direct-mail, grief-related information and through one-on-one counseling and support groups.

Hospice of Homer programs are an important part of Homer's network of non-profits that help members of our community in difficult times. Our services are available to the public free of charge.

The City of Homer Fund grant will go a long way toward helping Hospice of Homer support the members of our community who are facing illness and end-of-life.

We are grateful to be selected as a recipient for this award.

Sincerely,

Jessica Golden
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