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MANAGER'S REPORT

June 9, 2014

TO: MAYOR WYTHE / HOMER CITY COUNCIL

FROM: WALT WREDE

UPDATES / FOLLOW-UP

NOTE: Some of these items appeared in the last report. I have updated them and brought them back in case the Council wanted to discuss.

1. BlueCrest Energy: We have received copies of the BlueCrest Energy Operating Plan and Oil Discharge Prevention and Contingency Plan for members of the public who may want to review these documents. They are located at the Clerk's office and both PDF, disk, and paper format are available. BlueCrest is preparing to conduct operations at the Stiriski site.
2. Pioneer Dock: On Tuesday, June 3, Bryan, Carey, Aaron, and I met with AMHS and R&M Engineering Consultants to discuss proposed improvements at the Pioneer Dock. DOT/PF has obtained funding (1.6 Million) to make improvements that would better accommodate AMHS vessels. The improvements include additional fender panels, a wraparound fender at the end of the dock to accommodate vessel pivoting maneuvers in certain weather conditions, dolphin improvements, and a covered walkway for passengers with associated electrical and lighting work. One of the things we talked about most was the NMFS requirement that the contractors must stop work if Beluga Whales were within 3,000 meters. Monitoring must take place and this may drive the project cost, if it is even achievable. Construction is expected in either the Spring or the fall of 2015.
3. North to the Future Report: Attached please see a report from Katie on progress and plans for the North to the Future Book project.
4. Strategic Planning: Attached please see a follow-up report from Katie on Strategic Planning. Hopefully we can find some time to discuss this during the meeting.
5. Research Reserve: On Wednesday, June 4th, I was invited to meet with the Kachemak Bay Research Reserve Board to discuss the future of the Reserve and efforts to find a new State partner. I will be happy to talk about this in detail at the meeting.
6. Old Town: The Tentative Agenda contained an ordinance appropriating funds for additional traffic calming measures in Old Town, sponsored by Councilmember Van Dyke. That ordinance was pulled because all of the cost estimates were not yet obtained by packet time.

ATTACHMENTS

1. Memorandum 14-094 from Community and Economic Development Coordinator, Re: Strategic Planning.
2. Memorandum 14-095 from Community and Economic Development Coordinator, Re: Alaska: *North to the Future*.