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Memorandum Supplemental Packet

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To: City of Homer
Mayor and City Council

April-11-2022

Congratulations to the City of Homer in their effort to create a community/recreation center just as most other communities in Alaska have already long done. The proposed facility would be placed where the present day HERC building is. It is my belief that this facility should meet the following expectations:

- A community center meeting some of the social and small meeting needs of Homer and vicinity.
- A recreation facility meeting needs of exercise and physical, mental fitness.
- Not to be excluded, storage space for the Public Works and Recreation departments.
- A cost effective facility meeting the typical tax payers needs of our conservative peers.
- A facility that would indeed be a show case that would meet the unmet needs of a convention/conference center providing opportunity for an off season economy in our community.
- A facility that would be a physical and structural compliment to our geologically serene beauty pronouncing how we appreciate where we live. The facility should not just have a view but should be highly viewable to the 95% plus of the traffic entering our community via the Sterling Highway.

Regrettably, the proposed designs by Stantec, Inc. fail to meet these community needs. The designs largely seem to provide a gymnasium with what seems to be little else at great projected expense and that expense does not also include the cost of the

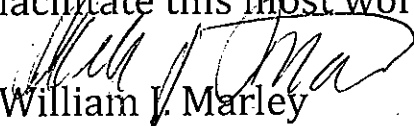
demolition of the HERC building, as it is, nor the value of the land.

A far better opportunity to meet many of the above community needs is to purchase the existing Bay Club right here in Homer at a mere fraction of the cost of the Stantec, Inc. proposals. It is my understanding that the Bay Club currently is a purchasable facility. The Bay Club has a significant variety of exercise devices, an exercise swim pool, a Yoga exercise area, and racket ball courts. Its 5 acres of land also allows for facility expansion.

BUT: The only difficult thing is that the cost of utilization exceeds many family and individual budgets. If anything can be learned from this immediate past "Covid" winter it is that we all should appreciate, immensely, the value of social interaction as well as physical exercise relative to our mental and physical well being. Public purchase of the Bay Club with private individual participation reducing considerably

the cost of utilization is an opportunity for us all to have a true "healthier" life and community.

Financing should not rely on just the City of Homer but should be area wide and institution wide such as the Seldovia Village Tribe (SVT) and the South Peninsula Hospital (SPH) service area. The City of Homer has the administrative plus organizational structure and should take the leadership to facilitate this most worthy project.


William J. Marley



Update from the Board of Directors Cook Inlet Regional Citizens Advisory Council

Carla Stanley, representing the City of Homer

The Cook Inlet Regional Citizens Advisory Council Annual and Board of Directors meeting was held virtually on April 8th, 2022. Remote meetings continue as a precaution to protect the health and safety of CIRCAC Directors and staff.

Representatives from Hilcorp provided an update on the company's operations in Cook Inlet, noting that 2022 marks ten years for the company in Alaska. Lori Nelson, Hilcorp's Manager of Public Affairs briefed the board on the Middle Ground Shoals gas field. A natural gas line that was used to feed offshore platforms was found to be leaking in April of 2021. The line remains shut in as Hilcorp continues an internal review to develop long term plans for the Middle Shoals. A full replacement of the line is not planned for 2022. Todd Duke, General Manager of Compliance Services for Resolve Marine also provided an operational update and overview of their response capabilities for the board.

Other updates came from Graham Wood from the Alaska Department of Environmental Conservation, detailing the department's plans for unit realignment that will add a Western Region for state regulators while separating Kodiak Island and Cook Inlet for management. Jonathan Schick from the Alaska Department of Natural Resources gave the board an update on preliminary natural gas exploration activities in the Susitna Valley and announced that work for potential geothermal permitting is beginning for St. Augustine Island.

CIRCAC Executive Director Michael Munger provided a report and update on the US Coast Guard Alternative Planning Compliance issue and recent federal legislative changes that he has been following in Washington D.C. He plans to continue his involvement working with Senator Sullivan's staff on the Senate's version of the legislation. The Council unanimously voiced support for his continued efforts.

CIRCAC's 2022 scholarship winners were announced at the meeting. Matfey Reutov, a graduating senior at Voznesenka won our Captain Barry Eldridge Memorial Scholarship for Maritime Studies. Dominic Austin, a graduating senior from West Anchorage High won our James Carter Memorial Scholarship for Environmental Science. Reutov will attend Kenai Peninsula College to study welding and Austin plans to attend Colorado State University to pursue a degree in Fisheries/Wildlife Biology. To date, CIRCAC has awarded \$40,000 in scholarships to local students.

The Board also adopted resolutions recognizing Representative Don Young, who passed in April, for his longtime support of CIRCAC and Molly McCammon, who has represented the Municipality of Anchorage on the Council since 2004 including terms as Board President and chair of the Environmental Monitoring Committee. McCammon was also named CIRCAC's 2015 Glen Glenzer Volunteer of the Year. The MOA has appointed Hans Rodvik as its new representative on the Board and we very much look forward to working with Mr. Rodvik in the coming years to advance the mission of CIRCAC.

Our next meeting is scheduled for September and its location will be announced at a later date.