

Baycrest Overlook Improvement Committee



Tuesday
February 19, 2013
Regular Meeting 1:00 p.m.



Cowles Council Chambers
City Hall
491 E. Pioneer Avenue
Homer, Alaska 99603

BAYCREST IMPROVEMENT COMMITTEE
491 E. PIONEER AVENUE
HOMER, ALASKA

FEBRUARY 19, 2013
TUESDAY AT 1:00 P.M.
COWLES COUNCIL CHAMBERS

**MEETING NOTICE
REGULAR MEETING AGENDA**

- 1. CALL TO ORDER**
- 2. AGENDA APPROVAL**
- 3. APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES**
 - A. Regular Synopsis from January 15, 2013 Meeting Page 5
- 4. PUBLIC COMMENTS UPON MATTERS ALREADY ON THE AGENDA**
- 5. VISITORS**
- 6. STAFF & COUNCIL/COMMITTEE REPORTS/COMMISSION REPORT**
- 7. PENDING BUSINESS**
 - A. Discussion, Review and Updates on the Project on Interpretive Themes Page 9
 - B. Next Meeting Date and Time Page 11
- 8. NEW BUSINESS**
- 9. INFORMATIONAL MATERIALS**
- 10. COMMENTS OF THE AUDIENCE**
- 11. COMMENTS OF THE CITY STAFF** *(If present)*
- 12. COMMENTS OF THE COMMITTEE**
- 13. ADJOURNMENT/THE NEXT MEETING IS SCHEDULED FOR TUESDAY, _____, 2013
_____ AT COWLES COUNCIL CHAMBERS AT 491 E. Pioneer Avenue Homer, Alaska 99603**

Meeting Notes

January, 15, 2013

Cowles Council Chambers

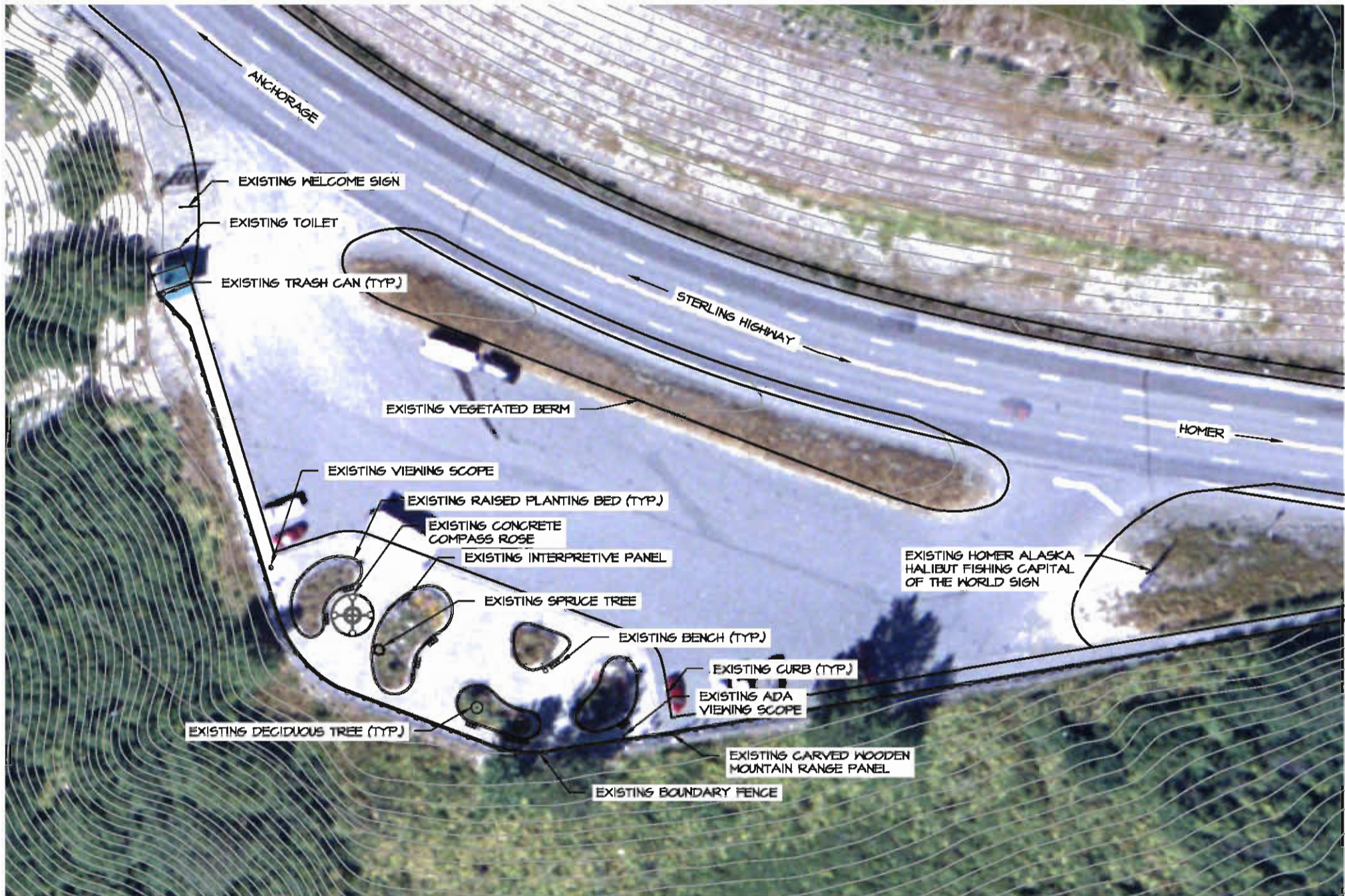
Present: Emily Lochart, Terry Thompson, Roger MacCampbell, Laurie Daniel, Joe Meehan, Rebekah Jones, and Marianne Aplin

The *purpose* of the meeting was to discuss the progress of the Baycrest Hill Overlook Interpretive Plan, specifically the interpretive subthemes. The following is a synopsis of the discussion:

- Based on comments from members of the committee, the subthemes were revised prior to this meeting. During this meeting, the committee fine-tuned those subthemes with the exception of one about Glaciers and Kenai Mountains and decided to have committee members submit their comments on this subtheme by February 5.
- We discussed the fact that there are no communities specifically mentioned in any of the subthemes, but decided that because they are implied there was no need to be specific.
- We discussed the need to include a list of public lands for reference in the plan.

The *following meeting* scheduled for February 19, 2013 will include:

- An optional site visit at Baycrest at 10:30am to determine:
 - Number and placement of interpretive panels to recommend for the site
 - Number and placement of interpretive art to replace the wooden carving of Kachemak Bay
 - Number and type of amenities such as restrooms, benches, tables, and trash cans
- Regular meeting in Council Chambers at 1:00pm
 - Finalize the interpretive subthemes
 - Discuss the list of public lands
 - Discuss the outcome of the morning's site visit



BAYCREST OVERLOOK

HOMER, ALASKA

EXISTING CONDITIONS

NOTE: TO BE USED FOR GRAPHICAL REPRESENTATION PURPOSES ONLY
NOT TO SCALE



Lower Cook Inlet / Kachemak Bay Area Public Lands and Waters

A comprehensive list of local state and national parks, monuments, wilderness areas, wild and scenic rivers, wildlife refuges and game sanctuaries, critical habitat areas, important bird areas, etc.

- Kachemak Bay State Park and State Wilderness Park
Including Overlook Park unit, directly below the west end of the scenic overlook
- Alaska Maritime National Wildlife Refuge – Gulf of Alaska Unit
In KBay: Gull Island, 60 Foot Rock, Yukon Island;
In Cook Inlet: Chisik and Duck Islands / Tuxedni Wilderness;
At Kennedy Entrance to Cook Inlet: the Barren Islands
- Kenai National Wildlife Refuge Wilderness
SE KBay uplands / W Kenai Mtns. glaciers / SW Harding Ice Field
- Kachemak Bay Critical Habitat Area
- Fox River Flats Critical Habitat Area (not visible from scenic overlook)
- Homer Airport State Critical Habitat Area (not visible from scenic overlook)
- Kachemak Bay National Estuarine Research Reserve
and Kasitsna Bay Lab (both NOAA/State partnerships)
- Mud Bay/Mariner Park Western Hemisphere Shorebird Reserve Network (WHSRN) site (not visible from scenic overlook)
- Lake Clark National Park and Preserve
including Lake Clark Wilderness Area, three Wild and Scenic Rivers (Tlikakila, Chilikadrotna and Mulchatna), and the Redoubt, Illiamna and Kijik National Natural Landmarks.
- McNeil River State Game Refuge and Sanctuary, also a National Natural Landmark under NPS
- Augustine Island - within the Kamishak Special Use area (state) and surrounded by EFH for several marine fishery species (under federal Magnuson-Stevens Act). Active volcano, AVO/UNAVCO instrumentation site. UAF Geophysical Institute research site with two permanent camps. **
- Katmai National Park and Preserve (barely visible behind Cape Douglas from scenic overlook)
including Katmai Wilderness Area
- Cook Inlet Beluga Whale Critical Habitat Area
particularly the west side of Cook Inlet nearshore habitat and all of KBay
- Northern Sea Otter Critical Habitat area (southwest AK Distinct Population Segment (DPS) only)
west side of Cook Inlet nearshore habitat from Shelikof Strait/Cape Douglas to Reboubt Point,
including Mt. Augustine. (NOTE: KBay not included)
- Important Bird Areas (IBAs) for waterbird and seabird species and colonies:
The Barren Islands, Kachemak Bay, Kamishak Bay, lower Cook Inlet

Other public land and water designations in the wider area

Cook Inlet Region:

- 1) Lower Cook Inlet (but not visible from scenic overlook)
 - Anchor River/Fritz Creek Critical Habitat Area
 - Anchor River State Recreation Area
 - Stariski Creek State Recreation Site
 - Clam Gulch State Critical Habitat Area
 - Clam Gulch State Recreation Site
 - Deep Creek State Recreation Site
- 2) Central and upper Cook Inlet (not visible from scenic overlook)
 - Kalgin Island State Critical Habitat Area
 - Redoubt Bay Critical Habitat Area
 - Trading Bay State Game Refuge

Upper central Gulf of Alaska Region:

- Kenai Fjords National Park (eastern half of the outer Kenai Peninsula coast and Kenai Mts, not visible from scenic overlook or from Kachemak Bay)

NOTES

** - Augustine Island:

- Kamishak Special Use Area – state designation, managed by KPFB. Designation recognizes the importance of the area for its remote character and fisheries resources, both habitat and harvest.

- Essential Fish Habitat (EFH) – federal designation under the Stevens-Magnuson Conservation and Management Act. Applies to the marine waters surrounding Augustine Island. Specifically identified weathervane scallops, arrowtooth flounder, Pacific cod, Pollock and all five species of Pacific salmon, as well as 'other marine species'

- Augustine Island is under an Interagency Land Management Assignment to the University of Alaska, Fairbanks for research purposes. 2001 Kenai Area Plan lists management purposes as scientific research and education.

Cook Inlet/Kachemak Bay Area T/E listed species:

Beluga whale (Cook Inlet stock);
Northern sea otter (southwest AK DPS);
Spectacled eider,
Steller's eider (AK breeding population),
Steller sea lion (Endangered status west of 144°, Threatened status east of 144°).

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MEMORANDUM

TO: BAYCREST IMPROVEMENT COMMITTEE
FROM: RENEE KRAUSE, CMC, DEPUTY CITY CLERK
DATE: FEBRUARY 14, 2013
RE: NEXT MEETING DATES

Background

Currently there are no further meeting dates set for this committee. After the necessary time change it seemed that most members appreciated the afternoon start time. If the committee is interested in keeping the meeting time to a time after noon these are the following Tuesdays I have available for the Council Chambers.

If you require another day please note I will have to double check the Clerk's meeting calendar and let you know the availability.

March Select any date and I will confirm if available most dates are good prior to 3:00 p.m.

RECOMMENDATION

Make a motion to establish meeting date.

