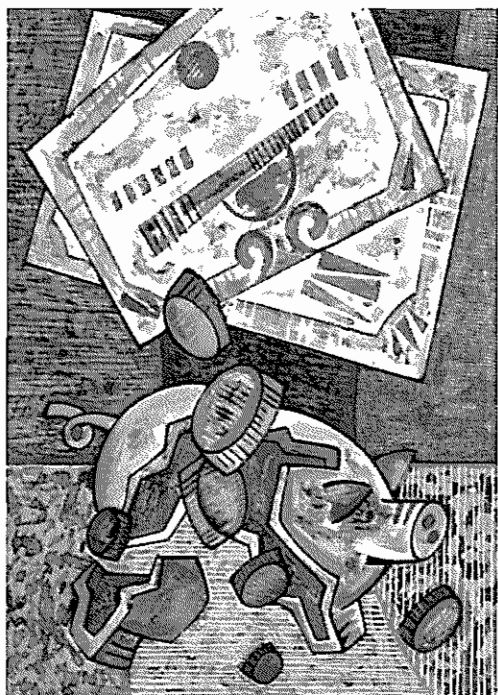
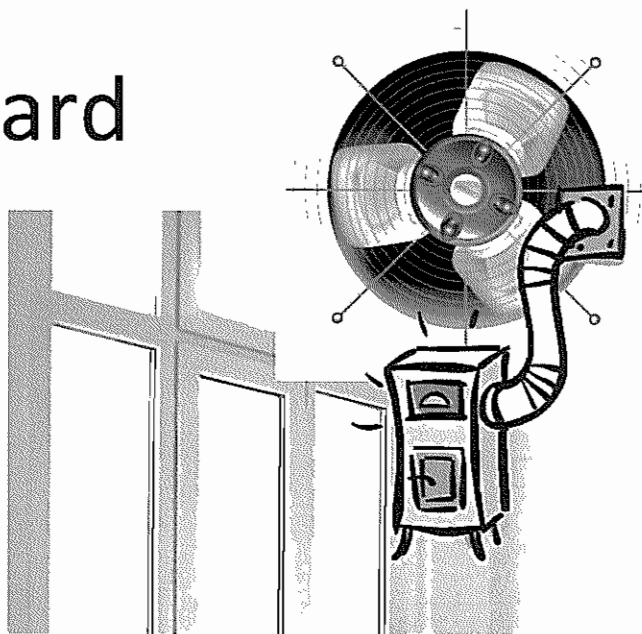


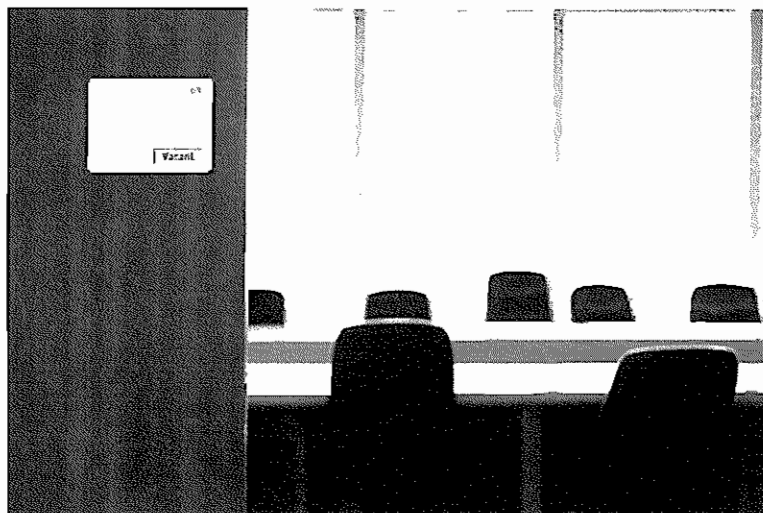
# Library Advisory Board

September 6, 2011  
Tuesday

Regular Meeting  
5:00 P.M.



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



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**NOTICE OF MEETING  
REGULAR MEETING AGENDA**

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- 16. COMMENTS OF THE BOARD**
- 17. ADJOURNMENT/NEXT REGULAR MEETING IS SCHEDULED FOR OCTOBER 4, 2011** at 5:00 P.M. in the Conference Room at City Hall West Campus located in the Homer Educational Recreation Center at 450 Sterling Highway. Please use the entrance from the parking lot on Woodside Avenue across the parking Lot from the Homer Veterinary Clinic



Session 11-06 a Regular Meeting of the Library Advisory Board was called to order on July 5, 2011 at 5:00 pm by Chair Eileen Faulkner at the Homer City Hall Cowles Council Chambers located at 491 E. Pioneer Avenue, Homer, Alaska.

PRESENT: BOARDMEMBERS FAULKNER, SEAMAN, COGGER, SCHROEDER AND FLETCHER

ABSENT: BOARDMEMBER MUNN (EXCUSED)

STAFF: LIBRARY DIRECTOR ANN DIXON  
DEPUTY CITY CLERK KRAUSE

### **APPROVAL OF THE AGENDA**

Chair Faulkner requested a motion to approve the agenda.

FLETCHER/SEAMAN – MOVED TO ACCEPT THE AGENDA AS PRESENTED.

There was no discussion.

VOTE. YES. NON-OBJECTION. UNANIMOUS CONSENT.

Motion carried.

### **PUBLIC COMMENTS REGARDING ITEMS ON THE AGENDA**

There were no public comments.

### **RECONSIDERATION**

There were no items for reconsideration.

### **APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES** *(Minutes are approved during regular meetings only)*

A. Meeting Minutes for the Regular Meeting on June 7, 2011

Chair Faulkner requested a motion to approve the minutes.

SEAMAN/FAULKNER - MOVED TO APPROVE THE MINUTES AS PRESENTED.

There was no discussion.

VOTE. YES. NON-OBJECTION. UNANIMOUS CONSENT.

Motion carried.

### **VISITORS**

There were no visitors scheduled.

FAULKNER/SEAMAN – MOVED TO SUSPEND THE RULES TO ADDRESS ITEM A. LIBRARY CAPITAL PROJECTS UNDER PENDING BUSINESS.

There was no discussion.

The motion to suspend the rules was approved by consensus of the Board.

### **STAFF & COUNCIL/COMMITTEE REPORTS/ AND BOROUGH REPORTS**

#### **A. Friends Report**

Boardmember Schroeder reported on the May meeting. He stated they discussed privacy issues on the public computers regarding a continuing pornography issue; lawn maintenance consisted of general comments on what was happening.

Boardmember Fletcher was unable to attend the entire June meeting, but noted that the Boardmembers of the friends stated they will be sending a representative to attend the August meeting to discuss the landscaping since the recent War on Weeds cost was \$1900.00 and there is a continuing \$400.00 cost every three weeks. They inquired about extending the mowing in the entrance areas.

Chair Faulkner stated that at the last meeting Mr. Meyer stated it would be possible to add to a contract and he has not addressed that concern as yet. He would like to meet with a member of the Board, the Library Director and Angie Otteson regarding the specific areas at the entrances.

He noted that there may be the possibility to add to a current City contract with a vendor to mow other city properties. He would have to look into that possibility. Currently there is no service scheduled at the library.

Ms. Dixon commented that they discussed having an anniversary celebration in September for the Library. She stated that they were looking for ideas and she will have more information after next weeks meeting.

There was no further discussion.

#### **B. Next Friends Meeting - Who will attend? Volunteers Please!**

Boardmember Cogger will attend the Friends Meeting scheduled for July 13, 2011 at 6:00 p.m.

There were no further discussions.

#### **C. Director's Report – July 2011**

Ms. Dixon stated that the Sidney Laurence painting, "Evening Light, Mt. McKinley, Alaska" that is on indefinite loan from the Uminski Family Trust was hung in proximity to the Machetanz.

The last month has been very busy. The staff has noticed the adjustments and some uncomfortable as everyone noticed the changes. The staff will continue to monitor the CO2 levels and are learning to make manual adjustments. Maintenance personnel was in and out every day.

The Lego contest had approximately 25-30 entrants, the cartooning classes were full and there is a waiting list for the digital movie workshops and over 200 participants registered for the Summer Reading program. The Chicken Panel was well attended by a solid group of practicing poultry growers.

The policies are being reviewed to determine their status. It is a little overwhelming due to the enormity of them: a chart was made regarding the different sections of the policy. She noted that there were a

couple of new sections such as Social Media, Graphic Novels and Copyright. She noted that the circulation needed to be connected to collection issues, fines and fees, it is on the website and that it needs to be finished before approval from the Board and Council; the section on collection is in progress, not on the website and was last updated and approved in 2002, this needs work; the section on Complaints is okay as it is no updates required; Section on Display was last updated and approved in 2006 and is on the website, there was a question if item C was still required for displaying art, maybe for the kids art; Fines and Fees section is being updated; is on the website and requires updating, it was last updated and approved in 2004; the section on Gift Acceptance no updates are required.

Ms. Dixon noted that the Alaska State Library received a grant to improve access to the internet in underserved areas (mostly rural) through libraries. The Library will benefit from this project by receiving computer and videoconferencing equipment with possible bandwidth improvements as well. Boardmember Schroeder offered his expertise with the video conferencing component as he knew how to do that working at the college.

Chair Faulkner inquired about updating the computer equipment for staff. She inquired if Boardmember Schroeder would mind visiting the Library and reviewing the existing equipment. She is concerned about the staff equipment and capabilities. She was wondering if there would be an easy fix to something such as a "Slow" computer. Ms. Dixon stated her computer is so slow that it is actually hindering her productivity.

The part-time position for Library Technician I has been advertised and seven applications have been received. This position was opened with the retirement of Jolee Ellis.

There was no further discussion.

D. Monthly Statistics – June 2011

The Board expressed delight in the new font size of the statistics. Chair Faulkner expressed delight in the easily readable chart. There were a few comments on the comparison of the figures from 2010 to 2011 were basically within the same number range.

There was no further discussion.

E. Landscape Committee Report

Boardmember Munn was absent due to illness so there was no report.

There was no further discussion.

**PUBLIC HEARING**

There were no items for public hearing.

**PENDING BUSINESS**

A. Library Capital Projects - Status Report on Energy Efficiency Measures

Public Works Director Meyer reported on the progress dealing with issues related to air handling and exchange. He stated that ACS has made all recommended changes to the computerized protocol regarding the reduction of air drawn into the building. Bill Smith has been a regular visitor speaking with staff and checking the computer to implement any additional "tweaks" are required. Comments have been received that it is warmer and stuffiness. It is more noticeable in the mornings and when there are a large number of visitors in the building. To combat this there will be windows that can be opened and a "panic button" being installed to allow staff to bring in approximately 20 minutes of fresh air.

Ms. Dixon stated that staff have been keeping track of the numbers regarding air quality so better control can be obtained.

Mr. Meyer noted that it is a work in progress but they are getting a handle on the issues and making sure that the computer protocols are at the best optimum working levels.

ACS has established that minor changes can be conducted over the internet and Mr. Smith does have some capabilities to make changes too. Mr. Meyer further elaborated that he has withheld making a decision on entering into a long term maintenance contract with ACS and has decided to pay for individual service calls as required. Mr. Smith noted that he believes his contract with the city will absorb the recent visit from ACS. It is believed that these recent measures will not exceed what council has approved.

The project will continue into the winter so this is not a finished project. Mr. Meyer next offered a brief history on the problems with the building and the intent for the benefit of the new Boardmembers.

Chair Faulkner requested information on when the remaining energy issues to the entry and the "smoke stack". Mr Meyer noted that these were not included in the allocated monies. Chair Faulkner commented that it would be very beneficial to turn that entry into a true arctic entry.

Ms. Dixon mentioned a few comments that were noted by staff regarding the hallway acting like a wind tunnel sucking in the cold air when the doors are opened in the winter time.

There was further discussion on noting the current conditions, monitoring the air exchange, energy used to heat cold air in winter from the main doors and the ongoing energy efficiency measures being conducted on all city owned buildings. They will continue to tweak and monitor the air handling systems.

Mr. Meyer commented on the drainage issue in the parking lot and he feels that due to the mild winter, and summarized the problems with the drainage related to ice heaving. Ms. Dixon questioned the safety concerns regarding the ice build-up in the parking lot. She expressed that saving money was a concern but did not want to sacrifice safety for dollars. She stated that reviewing the comments, input from staff, etc. she would like to see it addressed sooner rather than later. She doesn't want anyone falling. She additionally asked about the big pile of sand that still remains in the corner that encompasses almost the area of one parking space. Mr. Meyer stated he wasn't aware that they had not removed that as yet and will get that addressed.

Mr. Meyer responded that he is responsible for planting the tulips last fall in the garden under the new sign. He stated that 3 rows of tulips were planted and only one row has come up this year. He added additional delphiniums in the back to add more color later in the summer. There was further discussion on the additional perennials that were planted.

Mr. Meyer will attend the August meeting to give an update to the board members.

There was no further discussion.

B. Library – Comments, Responses, Issues, and Challenges

There was no further discussion.

C. Policy and Procedures – Status Update on Completion Process

This item was addressed in the Director's Report.

**NEW BUSINESS**

A. Capital Improvement Plan 2012-2017

The Boardmembers reviewed the projects from the 2010 Capital Improvement Plan and the projects that were included in Resolution 10-78(A) and after a brief discussion submitted the following for recommendation:

1. Natural Gas Pipeline Anchor Point to Homer
2. Alternative Water Source
3. Sewer Treatment Plant Bio-Solids Treatment Improvements
4. Firefighting Enhancement – Aerial Truck
5. Downtown Restroom
6. Alaska Maritime Academy
7. Kachemak Bay/Cook Inlet Tidal Power

After further discussion on how the above projects would impact the Library and the community in general the projects were prioritized in the order given.

The list was approved in consensus as the recommendation to Council.

**B. Discussion and Appointment of a Vice Chair for the Landscape Committee**

Chair Faulkner noted that there will be two members that will be retiring next year and there is a need for an additional member to attend the Landscape Committee. She asked if Boardmember Cogger would become a member/vice chair of the committee to assist Boardmember Munn. Ms. Cogger agreed to accept the appointment.

Chair Faulkner noted that there may be another War on Weeds but she is not sure when. This time around better advertisement is needed to get more volunteers.

There was no further discussion.

**C. Discussion on Items for the 2012 Budget for the Library**

Chair Faulkner gave a brief outline on the Budget process. She noted in previous years that it was a concerted efforts by the Friends and the Community to cut a body and close the Library on Mondays. Last year it was cutting the budget by \$20,000. They showed that even Talkeetna has a budget of \$19,000. She noted that this year it will probably equally tough budget cutting issue to be fought for by the Board, Friends and the community.

There was no further discussion.

**INFORMATIONAL MATERIALS**

There were no informational materials.

**COMMENTS OF THE AUDIENCE**

Representative Paul Seaton noted that the legislature did approve an increased revenue sharing to the City so there are additional revenues that the Board/Library could lobby for; he noted that Homer did receive funding for downtown restrooms included in the cruise ship improvements. He wanted to stop by and say hello and answer any questions they may have. He was glad to see that the gas line was a top priority.

He gave some explanation on why the gas line was not approved by the Governor. He stated a grant was tied to AEA and they had not vetted the projects. There were a few energy projects tied to this grant of money. He offered a few suggestions that may get the approval next year for the project.

There were no further comments.

**COMMENTS OF THE CITY STAFF**

There were no staff comments.

**COMMENTS OF THE COUNCILMEMBER** *(If one is assigned)*

There was no councilmember present.

**COMMENTS OF THE CHAIR**

Chair Faulkner had no further comments.

**COMMENTS FROM THE BOARD**

Boardmember Fletcher reported she will not be at the August meeting. She will gladly pick up here packet when she comes back in town.

Boardmembers Seaman, Cogger and Schroeder had no comments.

**ADJOURNMENT**

There being no further business to come before the Board Chair Faulkner adjourned the meeting at 6:35 p.m. The next Regular Meeting is scheduled for August 2, 2011 at 5:00 pm at City Hall, Cowles Council Chambers located at 491 E. Pioneer Avenue, Homer, Alaska.

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Renee Krause, CMC, Deputy City Clerk I

Approved: \_\_\_\_\_

**TO: Library Advisory Board**  
**FROM: Ann Dixon**  
**SUBJECT: Library Director's Report**  
**DATE: July 27, 2011**

Overall, it's been busy with extra summer visitors, Summer Reading Program activities, special events, and filling a vacant staff position.

### **Building Report**

#### **Temperature and Air Control Changes**

There is much less shivering in the library now but we are still tweaking the air quality, sometimes using manual controls to boost the fresh air intake. Recently the air handler stopped working on a Friday shortly after closing; unfortunately, there is no way for us to know that it isn't working. Saturday, Monday, and Tuesday morning staff noticed physical reactions, as well as high CO2 measurements. Mike Riley was called and he determined that the air handler had malfunctioned and reset it. Some staff members continue to experience difficulties with the lower fresh air ratio.

#### **Landscaping**

This past month I met with just about everyone involved in landscaping and grounds maintenance issues, including the City Manager. A great deal of discussion was generated when a concerned private citizen paid to have a large section of the grounds mowed. The general consensus seems to be to continue with at least some mowing for a variety of safety, security, and esthetic reasons. A long-term plan needs to be developed over the winter to identify problem areas and devise affordable solutions. Eileen Faulkner testified to this effect at the July 25 City Council meeting.

### **Special Events**

#### **FHL Programs**

More than 20 people attended the second Sustainable Alaska Living program on Canning. A small group of about six participated in the Drug Use, Misuse and Addiction discussion presented by Nigel Wrangham.

#### **Summer Reading Program (SRP)**

Mad About Science! was a big hit with 67 kids and parents attending. The Fairy Tale Party was also popular with 60 participants. Digital Filmmaking, a five-session workshop, has 6 teens participating. Two audio book reviews have been recorded and are being posted to the library website. Other events included: Web design (3); Girls Book Talk (7); Building a Performance (7); Cartooning (44); Beluga Lake with Center for Alaskan Coastal Studies; a Lego contest (38) and awards ceremony (32); Local Plants (5); Create Your Own Journal (6); and Sharks (not held yet).

This is in addition to weekly Preschool Story Hour and Small Fry Lapsit.

## **Ongoing Issues**

### **Policies**

Sorry, no progress on policies except to realize while training our new Tech 1 that we need to clarify some of our circulation policies.

### **OWL Project (Online With Libraries)**

I am working with the State coordinators of the project, Steve Bambakidis, and Walt Wrede to figure out how Homer Public Library can best utilize this grant opportunity. We will definitely receive some computer and videoconferencing equipment but the bandwidth options are more complex. All equipment is to improve public access and cannot be used for staff purposes.

### **Library Tech 1 Position**

The position vacated by the retirement of Jolee Ellis has been filled! Our new Tech 1, David Bernard, has volunteered at the library since his arrival in Homer last January. He comes with some excellent library experience and skills. David will be working part-time at 28 hours/week.

## **New Business**

### **Book Dispersal**

Larry Smith of Homer recently donated copies of a book he was involved in producing, written by Jay Hammond and published posthumously, to the libraries of Alaska. Because the books were here in Homer, HPL coordinated with the Alaska State Library to mail *Diapering the Devil: How Alaska Helped Staunch Befouling by Mismanaged Oil Wealth; a Lesson for Other Oil Rich Nations* to 156 Alaska libraries. The State Library provided address labels and money for mailers and postage; we provided the staff time and effort to package and mail the books.

### **Telephone Directory**

I have almost succeeded in updating the phone answering messages to reflect current staff names and numbers. Don't laugh – this has been a challenge!

### **Speaking Opportunity**

Tonight I will be talking to the Rotary Club about ways the library promotes literacy, especially for youth.

## **Suggestions from the Public**

A number of requests for books and DVDs were received.

## **Director's Comments**

I enjoyed helping out with Friend's booth at the Street Fair. I've also enjoyed getting to know all the people involved in library landscaping and learning some library history.

**July Events (check the website for updates)**

Special events [in addition to Story Time, Lap Sit, Knitting Circle, Tech Help, Intro to Computing, Internet Basics and Book Club (*I Married the Klondike*)]:

Saturday Aug. 6 – End of Summer Reading Program Ice Cream Bash and Circus Workshop

Thursday Aug. 11 – Girls Book Talk

Thursday Aug. 18 – “Ancient Disease and Assorted Maladies: A Selective View from Bio Anthropology” with Robert Mack, associate professor of Anthropology



**TO: Library Advisory Board**  
**FROM: Ann Dixon**  
**SUBJECT: Library Director's Report**  
**DATE: August 30, 2011**

August began with several staff out of town, all for good reasons. I attended the Pacific Northwest Library Association conference in Spokane, where I happened to meet Gail Kouame, administrator of the Community Preparedness grants. Sue Gibson and Amy Gordon received cataloging training in Anchorage, with the help of a grant from the Alaska State Library for travel and registration.

### **Building Report**

I've spoken with two woodworkers about the cracks in most of the wooden counter tops. Both had different approaches to repair. As well, some of the woodwork, especially along the long reading bar, is becoming so worn that it needs refinishing. I'm currently looking into the options and costs.

### **Special Events**

#### **FHL Programs**

The evening program on identifying and gathering wild mushrooms was very well attended. It took place in the lounge area, with an overflow crowd.

#### **Ancient Diseases Lecture**

The presentation by Dr. Robert Mack was also very well attended. It was held in the conference room so slides could be shown. About 45 people crowded into the room, with several others watching from the doorway. It was suggested that if we'd had enough folding chairs to seat everyone, rather than having to carry in wooden and rolling desk chairs from elsewhere, the chairs and people would have fit better. We should also have started the program earlier (6 or 6:30 rather than 7 p.m.) because there wasn't enough time for all the questions. I held the library open until about 8:30 to accommodate people.

#### **Summer Reading Program (SRP)**

352 children and adults signed up for this year's Summer Reading Program. Of those who completed the reading requirements, 90 were ages 0-5; 138 were ages 6-11; 59 were ages 12-18; and 61 were adults. Six youth and 17 adults volunteered. Check out the Teen Studio page on the library's website for links to the podcasts and video produced by teens this summer. <http://www.cityofhomer-ak.gov/library/teen-studio>

### **Ongoing Issues**

#### **Building**

Staff is continuing to watch CO2 levels. System adjustments may need to be made as the weather changes.

## **Policies**

Staff was able to meet long enough to discuss inconsistencies and agree upon procedures in the library card application process. This policy still needs to be approved by City Council. Less agreement was evident surrounding confidentiality issues. We will continue to work on a consistent approach that is both realistic and protects patron confidentiality.

## **New Business**

### **OWL Project (Online With Libraries)**

Seven new computers for public use have been received but not yet set up. GCI is scheduled to install a new cable to increase bandwidth for videoconferencing and an audio/e-book download station.

### **Library Tech 1 Position**

David Bernard was hired to fill the position. We are thrilled to have him on board. He has excellent library skills from previous positions in Colorado libraries, as well as new perspectives on procedures.

### **Anniversary Planning**

Oh boy! We have events in the works. FHL is sponsoring a community barbecue on Saturday the 17<sup>th</sup>. They are coordinating with staff members Kathy George and Amy Aderhold on a "cardholder pride" photo project (be sure to get your picture taken with your card!). FHL and the library are implementing a month-long library card drive, with visits to local schools and special "5 Year Anniversary" stickers for new cards. And library staff have a surprise planned for September 16-17. And if that weren't enough we have...

**LAB War on Weeds** scheduled for Saturday Sept. 10. And...

**Community Preparedness Day** on September 24. Frank Vondersaar did most of the legwork, with some help from Carey and Ann, for Ann to submit an application to the National Network of Medical Libraries for a \$5,000 award. The money will be used to distribute up to 70 disaster kits on that day. There will also be presentations and information available from numerous emergency and community agencies. We will have a special safety story time that week for children and a Survivors' Stories event with local people who will share their experiences during the '64 Earthquake. And...

**Banned Books Week** is September 24 - Oct. 1. With everything else that is happening in September, we aren't sure if we'll be able to put any special activities together. But we will at least have a display of banned books.

**Alaska Book Week** is October 8-15. This is a new event, sponsored by the 49Writers nonprofit group, to highlight the work of Alaskan authors. Teresa and Ann are planning a display of works by local authors and possibly a program to coincide (if we're not still recuperating from September).

### **Suggestions from the Public**

A number of requests for books were received, as well as this comment on the “Ancient Diseases” program: “Just wanted to let you know that I really enjoyed the “Dem Bones” lecture. Excellent speaker and very interesting topic. Hope there are more of this caliber. Way to go HPL!! ☺”

### **Director’s Comments**

I spent many hours this month on two projects: 1) library budget proposal for the City of Homer FY 2012; and 2) annual reports (three of them) for the Alaska State Public Library Assistance Grant (PLAG). I had my first budget meeting with City Manager Walt Wrede and Finance Director Regina Mauras, which resulted in a few changes and clarifications. It is basically a status quo budget.

While compiling statistics for the PLAG, I came across this one about Listen Alaska, the downloadable audio and e-book database we subscribe to through a statewide consortium. In 2009 Homer patrons downloaded 746 audio books. In 2010 they downloaded 2,991 titles. This is one reason why we will be dedicating one of our new OWL computers as a download station. Patrons who don’t have Internet access or enough bandwidth to download books will be able to use it to obtain audio and e-books. We will also be able to use it for demonstrations and teaching.



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## MEMORANDUM

TO: LIBRARY ADVISORY BOARD

FROM: RENEE KRAUSE, CMC, DEPUTY CITY CLERK I

DATE: JULY 28, 2011

SUBJ: PROPOSED BUDGET SCHEDULE

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### **Background**

The following is the proposed budget schedule for the 2011 budget process. Please note that the first discussions on Budget priorities will be during the Committee of the Whole on August 8, 2011. They will then hold the first Public Hearing during the regular meeting at 6:00 p.m.

The time to lobby for no budget cuts to the Library is upon you.

It is recommended that members take turns to speak before Council so they see that all members are concerned.

### **Recommendation**

Discuss and volunteer to advocate at a budget meeting or hearing.



## CITY OF HOMER 2012 PROPOSED BUDGET DEVELOPMENT SCHEDULE

DATE	TIME	EVENT
7/25/2011	6:00 PM	Budget Schedule to Council
8/5/2011		Submit to departments, budget work sheets including salary and fringe benefit costs.
8/8/2011	5:00 PM	During Committee of the Whole, Council to discuss budget priorities for the coming year.
8/8/2011	6:00 PM	Regular Meeting-Public Hearing, Council to seek public input on budget priorities for the coming year.
8/15/2011		Complete budget work sheets, including narratives, and justifications to finance.
8/22/2011	5:00 PM	During Committee of the Whole, Council to discuss Revenue Sources for General Fund.
8/31/2011		Compile data and return copy to departments for review.
9/9/2011	Week of	City Manager & Finance Director review budget requests with Department Heads.
9/12/2011		Preliminary budget assumptions to council.
9/26/2011		City Manager submits Draft Proposed Budget to Council.
10/10/2011	5:00 PM	During Committee of the Whole, Council to discuss budget - 1 hour.
10/10/2011	6:00 PM	Regular Meeting - Public Hearing.
10/24/2011	5:00 PM	During Committee of the Whole, Council to discuss budget - 1 hour
10/24/2011	6:00 PM	Regular Meeting-Budget Ordinance and Resolutions Introduced.
11/28/2011	5:00 PM	During Committee of the Whole, Council to discuss budget - 1 hour
11/28/2011	6:00 PM	Regular Meeting - Public Hearing.
12/12/2011	6:00 PM	Regular Meeting - Public Hearing & Adoption of Proposed Budget.



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## MEMORANDUM

TO: LIBRARY ADVISORY BOARD

FROM: RENEE KRAUSE, CMC, DEPUTY CITY CLERK I

DATE: AUGUST 30, 2011

SUBJ: DISCUSSION AND RECOMMENDATION FOR MEMBERSHIP ISSUES

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### **Background**

Chair Faulkner requested this to be on the agenda under new business so the Board can discuss and come up with some new ways to effectively recruit new members. It has been noted at several meetings that there is still one vacancy on the Board and next April Board Member Seaman will be retiring. That will leave two vacancies. Board Member Cogger has stated that she will renew her tenure which the Board thanked her for stating in advance of her plans to continue her service. With the retirement of Ms. Seaman it will be even more important for attendance of every member at every meeting in order to assure a quorum.

This Board in the recent past was preparing to submit a request to Council to reduce the number of members from seven to five so that obtaining a quorum would be reduced from four members to three. Due to the unprecedented enrollment this year this step was unnecessary.

So, what this means is the Board needs to come up with some unique recommendations on how to recruit new members now instead of waiting until the crucial time period of spring next year.

### **Recommendation**

Discuss and list ways the Board could recruit and encourage membership on the Library Advisory Board or request a reduction in the number of members when the time comes.



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## MEMORANDUM 11-XX

TO: MAYOR HORNADAY AND HOMER CITY COUNCIL

CC: ANNE MARIE HOLEN, SPECIAL PROJECTS COORDINATOR

FROM: LIBRARY ADVISORY BOARD

DATE: JULY 6, 2011

SUBJ: CAPITAL IMPROVEMENT PLAN, 2012 RECOMMENDATIONS

### Background

The Library Advisory Board discussed the 2012-2017 Capital Improvement Plan at its July 5, 2011 regular meeting.

The Board recommended the following projects in priority order:

1. Natural Gas Pipeline Anchor Point to Homer
2. Alternative Water Source
3. Sewer Treatment Plant Bio-Solids Treatment Improvements
4. Firefighting Enhancement – Aerial Truck
5. Downtown Restrooms
6. Alaska Maritime Academy
7. Kachemak Bay/Cook Inlet Tidal Power

### Recommendation

No action required, advisory in nature.



From Eileen Faulkner

Board Report to City Council

July 25, 2011

The LAB supports the public works mid year request for additional funding for mowing some of the library's natural areas.

In my vast experiences the one thing that is always reduced in attempts to save money is the follow on support/maintenance. This is the case with the library. You have in your packets letters from the library director and Friends of the Library that give a bit of history and addresses concerns of the current situation. When the library was designed 6 odd years ago funding for the landscaping/grounds was virtually eliminated to meet costs of building the facility. Unscreened topsoil was used for all the landscaped areas and this coupled with the decision to go completely natural have contributed to the situation as it stands today.

Of particular concern are the 2 exits onto Heath Street. The tall grasses/weeds give no line of site for folks attempting to make turns onto Heath forcing people to go further out into the streets before making the turn. Alders are growing all over the property including right besides the building that if unchecked will over time continue to grow and probably ruin the foundation of the

facility. It also leads to hiding areas. And of course weeds continue to grow.

During the design phase gardens were placed around the facility however with the natural area growing weeds the gardens became weed gardens instead of flower gardens. Through the graciousness of the Friends of the Library and grants a contractor was hired for the past two years. This exhaustive and expensive effort has led to most of the gardens being the showplace they are today. However if we continue to allow the natural area to grow as it has in the past all these efforts will be for naught. This is the primary reason that some of the natural area was mowed approximately two weeks ago.

Maybe it's not a bad thing that the area was mowed. Areas have been discovered in the landscaping. People are using the benches that some never even knew existed. Just last week I watched an adult with 3 children explore around one of the ponds, something that couldn't be done before the mowing. There are walking stones to the corner garden that invites one to sit on the flat rocks that contain another garden. People are resting on the grass behind the rotary garden and enjoying the sunshine that we have had this year. And one sees a lot of people taking pictures of the gardens because you can actually see the gardens plus get to them. I asked LAB members to survey friends, family and co-workers to see what the people wanted; mowed or unmowed. The consensus is mow.

I have asked for another heavily advertised war on weeds to focus on the garden to the left, as you face the entrance, for August time frame so we can determine what actually is in the garden besides weeds and alders.

The LAB Landscaping chair has also been tasked to work with city personnel, Friends of the Library and anyone else that is interested during the winter months to come up with a plan concerning weeding (who does what and costs), yanking alders, mowing etc and to have this plan complete by March of next year. This unfortunately might require additional funding for the Public Works Department.

I met with Walt and Ann this past Friday and we determined that it would be best that the areas that were mowed be continued to be mowed. This will still leave natural areas. We estimate that mowing would only be required every two to three weeks. As such the LAB is urgently requesting the Dept of Public Works/Parks and Recreation section mid-year funding request be approved.

We also invite council members and anyone else to come on over to the library to tour the grounds.



**Date:** July 19, 2011  
**To:** Friends of the Homer Library; Library Advisory Board; Walt Wrede;  
Carey Meyer; Angie Otteson  
**Subject:** Library Landscaping

Over the past several weeks I've discussed the library grounds and landscaping issues with many people, including the Friends of Homer Library, the Library Advisory Board, Carey Meyer, and Angie Otteson, Parks Coordinator. I also met with Kyra Wagoner and Gillian Munn (new to LAB) and spoke with Brenda Adams of Gardens by Design (the gardener contracted by Friends of Homer Library).

The topic of landscaping at the library continues to come up for a number of reasons. The issues break down into four main areas: safety, security, maintenance and esthetics.

#### Safety Concerns

Tall grass and brush at the exit onto Heath Street make it difficult to see oncoming vehicles, pedestrians and bicyclists. This was recently mowed and much improved.

#### Security Concerns

The growth of alders and trees in areas along the bike trail and the pond near Heath Street, if unchecked, will create corridors blocked from public view that may become problem areas for "hanging out" and vagrancy.

#### Maintenance Concerns

Dandelions and other invasive plants growing in the L-shaped "natural" area along the two streets spread into the planted and maintained flower beds. These beds represent a significant investment in money and labor from both paid and volunteer gardeners.

Alders are taking root and starting to grow into trees in the "fern garden" area, which also serves as a drainage zone. Alders are also growing alongside the building walls and the concrete surrounding the fuel tank. Their proximity to the walls and the spread of their roots into the concrete are both problematic.

#### Esthetic Concerns

The library receives complaints about the untended appearance of the grounds, as well as compliments on the designed gardens.

Until the recent mowing, the outdoor benches were not being used because no one could see them in the tall grass and access to them was impeded by the grass and alders.

Alders growing inside the two designated view corridors will soon begin to impact the views from inside the building.

In our meeting, Kyra informed us of the history of the landscape planning, what actually happened (not necessarily according to plan), and made some excellent suggestions concerning our options and how to proceed. She suggests three basic choices, which I will summarize here:

1) **Do nothing.**

**Advantages:** Cheap and easy in the short run.

**Disadvantages:** Doesn't address any of the problems listed above. It also looks unattractive (her adjective was more blunt) to many people.

2) **Mow on a regular basis**, primarily in an L along the Hazel Avenue and Heath Street sides.

**Advantages:** Relatively cheap; looks better (to many people); addresses issues of safety, security and maintenance; facilitates access to the outdoor benches, trails and gardens around the library; creates open space for the public to enjoy; and makes the flower garden along the Hazel Street wall visible from a distance.

**Disadvantages:** Requires funds to mow.

3) **Invest in the original plan.** The original intent to create natural, low-maintenance grounds was undermined by several factors. First, the soil was disturbed and compacted, and then hydro-seeded with native grasses. Nutrient-rich soil was not applied first, which explains why the "pioneer" species of dandelions, alders, horsetails and clover moved in. Second, the native shrubs that were originally planned for the grounds were never purchased due to lack of funds. It is still possible to retrofit by purchasing and planting the native plants and shrubs originally intended, as well as the soil amendments needed to give them a good start. However, they would require maintenance for several years until established and able to compete with invasive species.

**Advantages:** If planned and executed carefully, it could result in addressing the issues of concern, as well as reduce the amount of area that needs mowing.

**Disadvantages:** Requires a focused plan, follow-through and funding. Results will not be immediate.

Other issues were discussed, as well.

- **The semi-natural area to the left of the entrance (facing the library).** That area, too, suffers from poor soil, which is why it supports a mix of invasive species alongside planted native species. It would be a major project at this point to save the desirable plants, try to remove the undesirables, replenish the soil, and replant with desired native species. A more cost-effective approach is more realistic.
- **Alders.** Their uncontrolled growth creates concerns about safety, security, visual corridors, and maintenance (explained above).

- **Flower beds.** Many compliments are received about the improved beds near the entrance (funded by Friends of Homer Library) and the Rotary Club’s garden near the parking lot entrance. Everyone seems to agree that they are lovely and a worthwhile addition to the grounds.

General consensus from these various discussions seemed to be that mowing is a good idea for the short term.

For the longer term, Kyra suggested developing an updated plan that identifies various zones on the grounds, short and long-term tasks to be accomplished for each area, and delineating who would be responsible for each task and/or zone. Some could be taken on by the City and some by volunteers, with specific lists of needs. For example, groups might “adopt” a bed (as the Rotary Club does), an individual might “adopt” a bench to keep it cleared for public use, or someone else might agree to remove alders from a particular zone. Such a plan could facilitate organization around an overall goal of improved landscaping that enhances public use of the grounds and also meets the safety, security, esthetic and maintenance needs of the library at a cost the City can afford.

Taking it a step farther, if a plan were in place and soil amendments were provided, perhaps a group of volunteers could coordinate donations of targeted native or hardy plants and oversee their planting. This might be a way to approach the original goal of natural, low-maintenance grounds (Option #3) at a lower cost, although it would be slower than a City-sponsored effort.

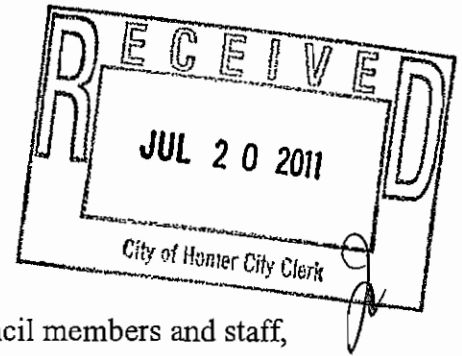
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FRIENDS OF THE HOMER  
L I B R A R Y



Dear City of Homer Manager Wrede, Mayor Hornaday, City Council members and staff,

The Homer Public Library's grounds and gardens have been the topic of much discussion recently. As a result, the Friends of the Homer Library is considering current and future plans for its involvement in the library gardens and landscaping. We would like to share a bit of the history of our involvement, as well as ask for increased city support in future efforts.

In the winter of 2009-10, the Friends of the Homer Library was asked by the Library Advisory Board to help facilitate the planning of some work on the flower gardens around the library. Former Library Director Helen Hill relayed that many community members had expressed their concern about the state of the surrounding grounds as unkempt and full of weeds. Although the original plan for the library grounds was to remain natural and low maintenance, the reality has been a rich mix of dandelions and other weedy species dominating the grounds. The Friends board approved this initial funding request to improve the gardens.

The work entailed a War on Weeds day in the spring of 2010 as well as refurbishing the beds in front of the library entrance. Brenda Adams of Gardens by Design was hired to oversee the volunteer weed-pulling efforts as well as plan and plant the front beds. The cost of Gardens by Design's services totaled more than \$10,000 in 2010, in part because of the extensive weeding effort required. In addition, new topsoil had to be brought in to replace existing soils, and several of the garden beds were completely replanted with perennials.

Brenda Adams made it clear from the beginning that the cost of maintaining the flower beds would be significantly reduced if the surrounding library grounds were mowed to prevent more weedy invasions. The Friends passed this information on to the Library Advisory Board with the hope that the city would mow the grounds. Meanwhile the Friends agreed to continue paying for garden maintenance to ensure the success of its initial investment and in response to the positive feedback library staff received about the new improved appearance. To date, in 2011, the Friends has spent more than \$4,000 on gardening efforts.

When it was clear that the city was not planning to mow during the height of the dandelion season, a private citizen stepped in and hired a private contractor to mow the grounds before weed seeds undid the efforts accomplished thus far. The Friends then paid for workers to come and remove the cut grass, which was a big undertaking. The cutting improved visibility of the current gardens as well as uncovered two benches that no one seemed to know even existed. But most importantly, continued mowing will prevent invasive species and weeds from taking over the now-maintained gardens at the library.

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The Friends is currently reviewing how maintenance of the library gardens fits in with its mission to provide volunteer support for library programs and services, to raise funds that enrich the library experience and to promote the use and enjoyment of the library. The board would like the city of Homer to consider a mid-year budget revision to include mowing of the library grounds in its mowing contract as well as discuss the city's plans for future involvement in the Homer Public Library grounds and garden maintenance. It is our hope that by working together, the city of Homer and the Friends of the Homer Public Library, supported by community volunteer efforts, can maintain and enhance the landscaping around the Homer Public Library for the safety and enjoyment of all who visit this cornerstone building of our community.

Thank you for your consideration,

Cleo Webb, Andrew Haas, Sean Campbell, Frank Vondersaar, Sue Mauger, Marylou Burton, and Ann Dixon

The Friends of the Homer Public Library board of directors



# King problems line up as perfect storm

The phrase "Perfect Storm" comes from a movie of the same name where a hardened commercial fishing captain experiences the best catches of prized fish and a killer storm on the same trip. The vessel, crew and catch are all lost in the storm. The fisheries staff of KRSA began using the phrase prior to and during the February/March 2011 meeting of the Alaska Board of Fisheries to describe a scenario that we felt was very possible.

That scenario is comprised of a dangerously low return of late-run king salmon bound back to the Kenai River, unknown abundance of Kaslof king salmon, unknown abundance of Susitna sockeye salmon, unknown abundance of coho and very large return of sockeye salmon bound back to the Kenai River. Add in to this dangerous mix the fact that no one, including the department, has much confidence in our ability to estimate the abundance of late-run king salmon.

KRSA staff had two meetings with the Alaska Department of Fish and Game personnel prior to the 2011 season, one with the commissioner and directors and one with regional and area staff.

At each meeting we asked what course of action the department would implement should this "perfect storm" be realized. ADF&G staff response was that they would adhere to the management plans until such time that it was no longer possible and then they would use the commissioner's authority to manage for established goals, specifically the sonar goal for Kenai sockeye. They were silent on what that might mean for late-run king salmon or coho.

Well, it is now July 22, 2011 and the "perfect storm" scenario is being realized in real time. Today, after the daily strategy meeting held by department managers, they will issue an emergency order prohibiting the use of bait in the sport fishery for late-run king salmon in the Kenai River effective 12:01 am Monday July 25. At the same time, managers will announce that the total return of sockeye to the Kenai River will likely be in the range of 6-7 million fish in contrast to the pre-season forecast of 3.9 million. Anything greater than 4.6 million and the gloves come off, so to speak, causing com-

mercial fish managers to "cry havoc" and go all out to stop the run from entering the river. That means both the Tuesday and Friday windows (closures of the set net fishery to allow fish to enter the Kenai River) go away and killing the last sockeye trumps any effort to put kings and cohos into the river. To make matters worse, the king salmon run also appears to be tailing off, prompting managers to face daily the possibility of further restriction, even closure of the sport fishery and the coho run is not looking all that great.

Unless the estimate of abundance for king salmon improves dramatically and fast the sport fishery for late-run king salmon in the Kenai River will be face a bait restriction and/or catch and release/trophy restrictions for certain and the commercial nets will be in the water continuously for the remainder of the sockeye run to the Kenai.

If the king salmon run tails off at a rate worse than currently anticipated then things get really interesting. If sport fish managers assess that the final spawning number of kings salmon will be less than 17,800 fish

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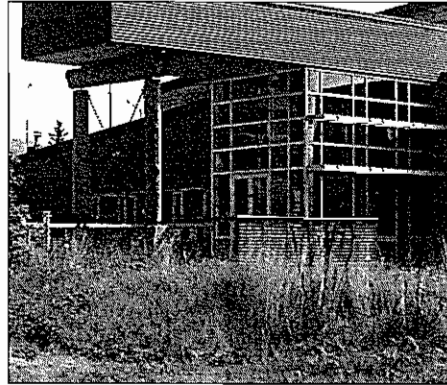
by Kevin Delaney

then they are obligated by the management plan to close the sport fishery completely and commercial fish managers are instructed to close the set net fishery at the same time. If we get to that point, potentially next Tuesday or Wednesday, it will then become a Commissioner's call since the codified management plans will no longer provide enough specific instruction. Will protection of king salmon trump sockeye harvest or will the uncertainty caused by a marginal sonar counter create enough ambiguity for the sockeye heyday to continue? And, where are the coho?

We will continue to provide updates daily and through the day if necessary as this season plays out. All updates will be posted at the Kenai River Sportfishing Association website.

*Kevin Delaney is a Kenia River Sportfishing Association consultant and the former director of the Division of Sportfishing for the State of Alaska.*

# To mow or not to mow?



Homer Public Library

The Homer Public Library lawn epitomizes some of the town's eccentric traits. Through the years, its summer turnout is a compromise between the factions in town who would have all lawns mowed and those eco-friendly people who point out it wastes resources and is not the best approach for the environment.

No doubt it is an attractively unkempt yard. Weeds sprout amongst the wild and planted flowers next to the building. A neatly mowed swath trims its outer edges, and well-maintained garden sections greet those walking on the trail down to the building. When visitors arrive for summer, we can point with pride to our unusual public yard - it's scenic and it brings the town together when it comes time to pull weeds, especially invasive plants. We show it off as a place that reflects an essential Homer oddity.

## EDITORIAL

Now the City of Homer is undergoing conversations about possibly going ahead and mowing the lawn, changing its stand on the aesthetics of mother nature vs manicured. Homer city officials met last week with the Library Advisory Board to talk about a couple of upcoming issues.

The Friends of the Homer Public Library have contributed time and money toward improving and maintaining the gardens, thousands raised to plant the flowers there.

Homer City Manager Walt Wrede wrote to the Homer City Council of the problem. "There seems to be a growing consensus that we should abandon the natural look (a Leadership in Energy and Environmental Design certification issue) and start mowing more of the grounds. Both of these issues could require more time and resources from the City; especially if City crews have to spend additional time maintaining flower gardens there," he said.

Since the parks maintenance staff took hits in the last budget cycle, this would stretch a small crew thinner. More summer staff and an increase in the mowing contract could be on the horizon.

What went wrong with the library's lawn? Apparently people complained it was a public embarrassment. Going natural might have sounded like a good idea, but the reality of weeds got in the way. Even though the weeds were kept out of flower beds, winds blew seeds around where they could take root in unwanted places. Benches put up for public enjoyment are hidden by tall grasses, and alders are growing where they shouldn't be.

Is this a bit of a disappointment? Is Homer abandoning one of its odd positions? There's a bumper sticker making its rounds through the years that goes: "Please, let Homer stay weird." Will mowing the lawn at the library be a step away from that goal?

Not necessarily. A neatly manicured lawn may do a better job of showing off the library's design. It would look more normal as a public building heavily used by the local and visiting populations. Homer exhibits enough eccentricity to stretch across its population; all you have to do is wait long enough and someone will come up with another idea. No need to fear - Homer won't become too awfully normal anytime soon.

Go ahead - mow the lawn.

## LETTERS

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### Anonymous help with fuel barrel

I'm hoping you publish my letter of thanks to the person, or persons, who helped me obtain my fuel barrel.

They are greatly appreciated, and wish I were able to thank them in person, along with a big hug. You have taken an awful weight from my shoulders for the winter heating process.

My thanks to you and I will pass your generosity along to another in need.

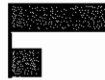
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## ONLINE POLL

**More oil and gas development in Cook Inlet promises more jobs and a healthier economy for the Kenai Peninsula. Do you welcome this development?**

Yes 71.88% (46 votes)

No 26.13% (18 votes)

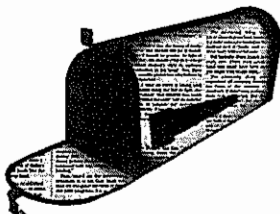


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and the National Weather Service, a National Weather Radio alert warning goes out statewide. Sirens go off in every coastal Alaska city even if they aren't in danger.

Complicating the process is the many levels of government involved in the alert system warnings. The Kenai Peninsula Borough owns and maintains the tsunami hardware, but each alert is activated regionally by NOAA, noted the Office of Emergency Management Director Eric Mohrmann.

Under the new plan, the Homer Police Department would receive a faxed, phoned and Internet message from the Tsunami center and would make a decision about issuing an alert based on whether there is an immediate need to do so for Homer and Kachemak Bay communities.

Officials will have a chance to work out more kinks in February when they take part in "Alaska Shield 2012," an exercise to test emergency preparedness. The exercise will follow an energy disaster scenario, with participation by ENSTAR Natural Gas. In the meantime, all communities need a disaster plan that works for them.

Kenai Peninsula Borough Assemblyman Mako Haggerty pointed out that Nanwalek and Port

Graham need to be involved in discussions. "They are more vulnerable than Homer, and they need to be part of the process," he said.

The council passed a resolution but amended it to include inclusion of the villages in its plan for action in case of a tsunami alert.

### In other matters:

A jackup rig that is planned to be wintered over at the Homer Port and Harbor won't arrive until next winter. Mark Landt, a vice president for the Buccaneer Alaska Operations LLC, spoke to the Homer City Council on the company's plans for drilling in Cook Inlet. Buccaneer has pushed back its drilling schedule for more preparation to be completed on the rig, the Adriatic XI, which currently is in Malaysia. It is to receive more fittings in Singapore before its trip north sometime after the first of the year, Landt said.

Four offshore exploration wells in upper Cook Inlet are planned in an effort that involves a \$30 million investment partnership with the Alaska Industrial Export Authority. Landt's presentation included the permitting and environmental safety steps ahead.

The Adriatic is larger than the Spartan 151, which is currently en route to Cook Inlet from Vancouver for another drilling company, Escopeda. Landt described the Adriatic as containing 400-foot legs that can work in depths from 15 to

300 feet of water, and drill to a depth of 25,000 feet. The rig was built for arctic conditions and has experience in the North Sea.

"When the rig is wintered over in Homer, the legs will be up because it is a vessel at that point," Landt said. Docked in Homer, the rig will need maintenance, which could generate a few local jobs. Ultimately, there would be around 400 new jobs created from drilling programs, he said.

Eileen Faulkner, director of the Library Advisory Board, gave an update on a recent LAB decision to recommend mowing the library lawn. During the design and building of the new library, landscaping funds were eliminated that could have prevented a runaway weed problem that has taken over, Faulkner said.

"Alders are now all over the property and could ruin the foundation of the facility. And of course the weeds continue to grow. Gardens became weed gardens instead of a flower garden," she said. "This has been an exhaustive and expensive process."

A survey of library patrons showed a consensus to mow it. This winter, a task force will come up with a plan for landscaping and care of the grounds by next season, she said.

The council passed a resolution asking the Kenai Peninsula School District to make a priority of repairs to the Homer High School track. Bill Steyer, high school track coach, talked about the degraded conditions on the track and asked for community

support to get it fixed. The track has had no renovations in 25 years, there are few visible lines and many rutted surfaces. Athletes compete in the long jump and train on the track, but it no longer is sanctioned for official track meets. "Such neglect is unsettling," Steyer said.

Local real estate agent Merlin Cordes talked to the council about a problem homeowners are having in areas of town zoned as general business districts.

Under GCI designation, a home can't be refinanced because city code won't allow it to be rebuilt if it burns down. New homeowners can't obtain loans under those conditions for insurance reasons, Cordes said. He outlined a situation in town where a family with four children can't sell their house to buy a larger one, and they can't add on to their house for a growing family. "If any of you had to live with four children in a two-bedroom apartment, you would see how unjust this zoning law is," he said.

Cordes filed a petition, signed by 50 residents, to request a zoning change that would remedy the problem, but no activity after more than a year means all these homeowners remain stuck in limbo, unable to sale and unable to build on.

City Attorney Tom Klunker is working on code changes that will address the problem for the residents, he told Cordes at the meeting.



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