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Memorandum 13-136

TO: Mayor Wythe and Homer City Council
THROUGH: Julie Engebretsen, Planning Technician
FROM: Parks and Recreation Advisory Commission
DATE: September 20, 2013
SUBJECT: HERC Site

At the Parks and Recreation Advisory Commission meeting of September 19, 2013, the Commission made the following recommendation:

Moved to recommended supporting the use of the HERC Site for recreation and education.

Motion passed with unanimous approval.

Below is an excerpt of the meeting minutes.

D. Discussion on City Council Decision to Use the HERC Site as the New Public Safety Complex Site

Chair Bremicker read the title into the record.

Mr. Illg brought to floor the information of a new resolution to keeping the Gym in Cold Status

Discussion developed on the Council changing the procedures for the CIP, dropping a bomb on the commission and having a public hearing by the commission or council.

Points made were as follows:

- Boys and Girls Club left quietly no one knows why
- More efforts have been made to use that building for Community recreation
- Keep what we have
- Spoke about the tour given by the City Manager and many groups were ready to rent space that were non-profits and recreationally based.
- This has been a conversation for the last two years or more
- It cannot really cost \$10 million to mitigate the asbestos and renovate the building to address the safety and code requirements.
- Deal with the Borough on the land

- Propose another location where the RV dump is that would address the Chief's concern about being further distanced from the Spit
- What happens to the Skateboard Park

During the CC worksession there were four sites considered – Julie participated in that site visits

- Town Center
- Main Street
- HERC Site

BREMICKER/BRANN - MOVED THAT PARKS AND RECREATION ADVISORY COMMISSION SUPPORTS THE USE OF THE HERC SITE FOR RECREATION AND EDUCATION.

Discussion ensued.

LILLIBRIDGE/- MOVED TO AMEND THE MOTION TO FOCUS ON KEEPING THE GYM
LOWNEY/STEFFY - MOVED TO AMEND HERC BUILDING TO HERC SITE

Pointed out that there were many comments and council said thank you and continued discussion.

VOTE. (Amendment) YES. LOWNEY, STEFFY, LILLIBRIDGE, BREMICKER, BRANN
VOTE. NO. ARCHIBALD.

Further discussion on it being too weak a statement. The commission has done their work and it is now up to the public to voice their point of view. The commission has already expressed their opinion on the HERC building. Further discussion on the popularity, previous attendance and programs ensued. Chair Bremicker called for the vote.

VOTE. YES. NONOBJECTION. UNANIMOUS CONSENT.

Motion carried.