Charlie Pierce Borough Mayor

August 12, 2019

Homer City Council 491 East Pioneer Avenue Homer, AK 99603-7645

RE: Vacate the 10-foot-wide drainage easement on Lot 24-A, AA Mattox Peggi's Addition, granted by AA Mattox Peggi's Addition (Plat HM 99-64); within Section 17, Township 6 South, Range 13 West, Seward Meridian, Alaska, within the Kenai Peninsula Borough. KPB File 2019-048V.

**Dear Homer City Council Members:** 

The KPB Planning Commission approved the referenced drainage easement vacation during their regularly scheduled meeting of June 24, 2019. Attached are the minutes of the pertinent portion of the meeting and other related materials.

Sincerely,

Max J. Best

Planning Director

MJB:jah

**Attachments** 

# Google Maps 4598 Heidi Ct



Image capture: Aug 2009 © 2019 Google

Homer, Alaska



Street View - Aug 2009

From: tonyneal@popsiefishco.com
To: Reif, Jordan; Sweppy, Maria
Cc: "Susannah Webster"; "Carey Meyer"
Subject: Peggi addition drainage easement
Tuesday, June 18, 2019 6:52:34 PM

Attachments: image002.png

#### Hello Jordan,

This supplements our comments to the Planning Commission for the 24June meeting. We will not accept vacation of the drainage easement unless there is a Court order to do so. We will accept a compromise. We will agree to the vacation of the drainage easement if Nelson Avenue is restored to the buildable public access that it was intended to be and once was, and the restoration is paid for by the responsible parties and accepted by the permitting agencies. If the creek also drains on Nelson, not a problem as long as we have buildable and maintainable access. We intend to move for our own Court order to accomplish this, if no compromise is reached. We own property that is served by the Nelson Public Access right of way.

The creek in question is pictured in Carey Meyer's first photo. The man and the creek are on our property, in 2017. In 1999 that creek flowed naturally though our property, across Nelson Avenue, and down the drainage easement shown on the 1999 plat "Peggi's Addition" approved by the Borough and attached to the Patton application, and into City ditch on Heidi Court. In 1999, Nelson Avenue was a dry public easement and buildable.

After the Borough approved Peggi's Addition (with drainage easement intact), the Pattons caused the creek to be dammed and the water to be diverted down the middle of Nelson and onto the Kalman Street right of way, making a swamp of Kalman and making Nelson unbuildable. This was before 2017 when they involved the City in removing an old culvert and Carey's photos were taken. In our opinion, there is no public interest in the easement damming and creek diversion. This was only for the personal financial self-interest of the Pattons.

1. Carey Meyer is in error when he writes the Planning Commission" Surface water always was connected to an existing ditch in the center of Nelson Avenue. ...." Carey is again in error when he writes "(See photos taken prior to work being completed showing water always flowed down the center of Nelson Avenue)". Neither of these comments are true.

Carey's photo looking east on Nelson, with a man's back to the camera, shows the dam ... he is standing on it... and shows the ditch dug onto Nelson, turning the water onto Nelson. The ditch material was cast to the side, creating sort of a levee. Clearly, this ditch as shown in the photo is not a natural waterway. Again, water diverted down Nelson is 100% man-made.

We want the buildable access to our property that is expected on a public right of way easement and existed on Nelson until it was destroyed for the personal financial self-interest of the Pattons. Thank you,

Tony Neal 907-299-2351 www.PopsieFishCo.com

# F. VACATIONS NOT REQUIRING A PUBLIC HEARING

1. Vacate the 10-foot wide drainage easement on Lot 24-A, AA Mattox Peggi's Addition (HM 99-64). Petitioner: Peggi Patton of Homer, AK KPB File 2019-048V

# AGENDA ITEM F. VACATIONS NOT REQUIRING A PUBLIC HEARING

# F. Utility Easement Vacation

 Vacate the 10 foot wide drainage easement on Lot 24-A, AA Mattox Peggi's Addition, granted by AA Mattox Peggi's Addition (Plat HM 99-64); within Section 17, Township 6 South, Range 13 West, Seward Meridian, Alaska, within the Kenai Peninsula Borough. KPB File 2019-048V

STAFF REPORT PC Meeting: June 24, 2019

Purpose as stated in petition: The 10' drainage easement has not been used since it was granted in 1984. There is an alternative corridor in place on the Nelson Avenue ROW above the north lot line of the subject property. A long driveway permit on the Nelson Avenue ROW has been issued by the City of Homer to the Quiet Creek Park LLC Project. The long driveway permit requires that the existing drainage corridor remain in place on the North side of the long driveway. The current corridor on the Nelson Avenue ROW handles any storm or seasonal water runoff from the Quiet Creek Park LLC Project and above, as well as, the drainage plan in place in the Quiet Creek Park LLC Project. The owner understands that the City of Homer prefers not to cross personal property when other more adequate options or corridors are available to the City of Homer for drainage and seasonal runoff. The subject property is currently for sale and buyers are concerned about the future use of the subject property 10' drainage easement, therefore preventing them from making an offer on the subject property. This is creating an adverse effect to the subject property. Vacating this easement would not create any adverse effects to the surrounding properties.

Petitioner: Peggi Patton of Homer, Alaska

Location: on Nelson Avenue and Heidi Court, in the City of Homer

<u>Notification</u>: Notice of vacation mailings were sent by regular mail to 17 owners of property within 300 feet. Notice of the proposed vacation was emailed to 8 agencies and interested parties.

The public notice was posted on the Planning Department's bulletin board at the KPB Administration Building.

The City of Homer Advisory Planning Commission recommended approval of the drainage easement vacation on May 15, 2019.

#### **Comments Received:**

Alaska Communications Systems: No objection.

ENSTAR Natural Gas: No objection.

GCI: No objection.

Homer Electric Association: No objection.

Tony Neal: Objection

Mr. Neal is a land owner of Lot 8 and the remainder of Tract A, which are two lots located at the west end of Nelson Avenue. The two lots are currently being combined into one parcel, Lot 8-A of proposed AA Mattox Subdivision Gwen's 2019 Addition. The Plat committee approved this replat at the May 28, 2019 meeting on the condition of an access easement be granted from Sanjay Court. Currently the only legal access to the reminder of Tract A is from Nelson Drive.

Mr. Neal also owns the 37 Acre development of Barnett's South Slope Subdivision Quiet Creek Park Unit 2 (HM 2018-40). Lots 34, 35, and 36 of HM 2018-40 front on Nelson Avenue, however the constructed access is from a different Nelson Avenue located further north.

Mr. Neal's letter states his concerns with drainage and the ability to use Nelson Avenue to access proposed Lot 8-A.

Carey Meyer, Public Works Director, City of Homer

Mr. Meyer contacted the Planning Department and submitted written comments in response to Mr. Neal's letter. Mr. Meyer stated that the City of Homer has no interest in a drainage easement across private property when a dedicated Right of Way is nearby. The City of Homer prefers to utilize a dedicated street right of way, whenever possible, to provide drainage corridors to direct water to natural drainage ways. A natural drainage way is located approximately 400 feet to the east.

#### Staff comments:

1999 – An application was submitted to vacate the 15 foot utility and drainage easement within former Lot 24 and the 10 foot utility easement within former Lot 25 AA Mattox Subdivision.

The 1999 vacation application was approved by the City of Homer Planning and Zoning Commission.

The KPB Planning Department, after listening to concerns regarding drainage and water/sewer services, denied the application. The application was then appealed to the Homer City Council.

The Homer City Council overturned the denial and approved the vacation on the condition that a 25 foot water and sewer easement be granted on the east boundary of former Lot 25 as well as a 10 foot drainage easement be granted on the west side of former Lot 25. The request for the drainage easement came from the City of Homer Public Works Department.

The City of Homer Public Works has submitted comments stating no objection to the vacation of the 10 foot drainage easement. Public Works prefers to utilize utility and drainage corridors within dedicated right of ways whenever possible, as opposed to easements on private property. Nelson Avenue and Kallman Road contain an existing drainage corridor.

#### Findings:

- 1. Per the petition, the drainage easement proposed to be vacated is not in use by a utility company.
- 2. ACS, ENSTAR, GCI, and Homer Electric Association provided written non-objection to the proposed vacation.
- 3. The Homer Advisory Planning Commission recommended approval of the proposed vacation on May 15, 2019.
- 4. AA Mattox Peggi's Addition (Plat HM 99-64) granted a 10-foot wide drainage easement on Lot 24-A.
- 5. Per the Homer Advisory Planning Commission hearing packet, the city prefers to utilize utility and drainage corridors in dedicated street rights-of-way whenever possible.
- 6. Per the Homer Advisory Planning Commission hearing packet, a draining corridor exists easterly along Nelson Avenue and southerly down Kallman Road.
- 7. No surrounding properties will be denied utilities or drainage.

Based upon the above findings, staff recommends granting the vacation as petitioned, subject to:

- 1. Provide a sketch clearly indicating the draining easement being vacated to be recorded with KPB Planning Commission Resolution 2019-19, becoming Page 2 of 2.
- 2. The Planning Department is responsible for filing the Planning Commission resolution.
- 3. The applicants will provide the recording fee for the resolution and its attachments to the Planning Department.

NOTE: Action after denial of vacation (KPB 20.70.120)

- A. Denial of a vacation petition is a final act for which no further consideration shall be given by the Kenai Peninsula Borough.
- B. Upon denial by the planning commission, no reapplication or petition concerning the same vacation may be filed within one calendar year of the date of the final denial action except in the case where new evidence or circumstances exist that were not available or present when

# the original petition was filed.

END OF STAFF REPORT

#### KENAI PENINSULA BOROUGH PLANNING COMMISSION RESOLUTION 2019-19 HOMER RECORDING DISTRICT

Vacate the 10 foot wide drainage easement on Lot 24-A, AA Mattox Peggi's Addition, granted by AA Mattox Peggi's Addition (Plat HM 99-64); within Section 17, Township 6 South, Range 13 West, Seward Meridian, Alaska, within the Kenai Peninsula Borough. KPB File 2019-048V

WHEREAS, Peggi Patton of Homer, AK requested the vacation of the 10 foot wide drainage easement on Lot 24-A, AA Mattox Peggi's Addition, granted by AA Mattox Peggi's Addition (Plat HM 99-64); and

WHEREAS, affected utility companies provided written non-objection to the proposed vacation; and

WHEREAS, The City of Homer Advisory Planning Commission recommended approval of the drainage easement vacation on May 15, 2019; and

WHEREAS, per the petition, the easement is not in use by any utility companies; and

WHEREAS, the proposed vacation will not deny drainage or utility easement(s) to surrounding properties; and

WHEREAS, on June 24, 2019, the Kenai Peninsula Borough Planning Commission considered the background information, all comments received, and recommendations from KPB Planning Department staff regarding the proposed vacation; and

WHEREAS, right of way dedications of Nelson Avenue and Kallman Road exist and can provide drainage corridors and public access; and

WHEREAS, the Planning Commission has found that vacating the drainage easement will not be detrimental to the public interest; and

WHEREAS, 20.70.140 of the Kenai Peninsula Borough Code of Ordinances authorizes the Planning Commission to accomplish vacations by Resolution.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE PLANNING COMMISSION OF THE KENAI PENINSULA BOROUGH:

<u>Section 1.</u> That the 10 foot wide drainage easement on Lot 24-A, AA Mattox Peggi's Addition, granted by AA Mattox Peggi's Addition (Plat HM 99-64), is hereby vacated.

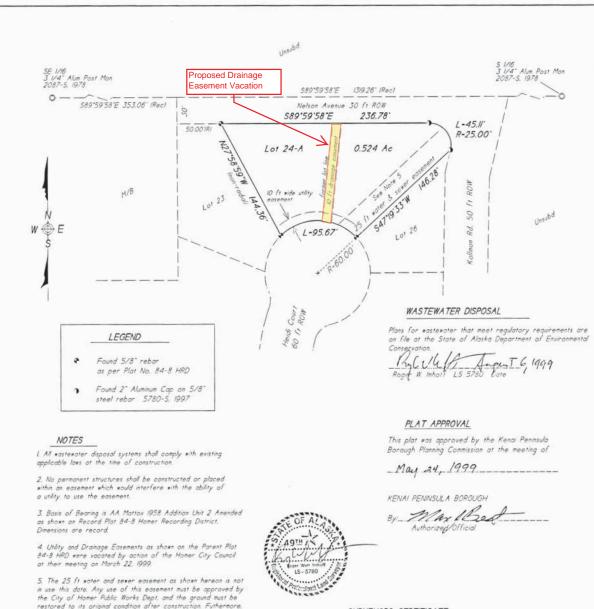
<u>Section 2.</u> That a sketch showing the location of the drainage easement being vacated be attached to, and made a part of this resolution, becoming Page 2 of 2.

<u>Section 3.</u> That this resolution is eligible for recording upon being signed by the Planning Commission chairperson and will be deemed void if not recorded within 90 days of adoption.

 $\underline{\text{Section 4.}} \ \, \text{That this Resolution becomes effective upon being properly recorded with petitioner being responsible for payment of recording fee.}$ 

ADOPTED BY THE PLANNING COMMISSION (	DF THE KENAI PENINSULA BOROUGH ON THIS DAY
OF, 2019.	
	Blair J. Martin, Chairperson Planning Commission
ATTEST:	
 Julie Hindman	
Administrative Assistant	
Return to: Kenai Peninsula Borough Planning Department 144 North Binkley Street	

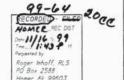
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#### SURVEYORS CERTIFICATE

I hereby certify that I am a Registered Land Surveyor and that this plat represents a survey made by me or under my direct supervision and the monuments shown hereon actually exist as described and that the dimensions and other details are correct to the best of my knowledge.

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We further certify that the Deed of Trust affecting this property does not contain restrictions which would prohibit this subdivision: or require signature and approval of the peneficiary.

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4510 Heidi Court
Homer Ak 99603

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# AA Mattox Peggi's Addition

Being a Replat of Lots 24 and 25 AA Mottox 1958 Addition Unit 2 Amended as shown on Record Plat 84-8 Homer Recording District

Located within the SE I/4 SE I/4 Sec. I7, T65, RI3W, SM, in the City of Homer Third Judicial District, Alaska

Contains 0.524 Acres, more or less

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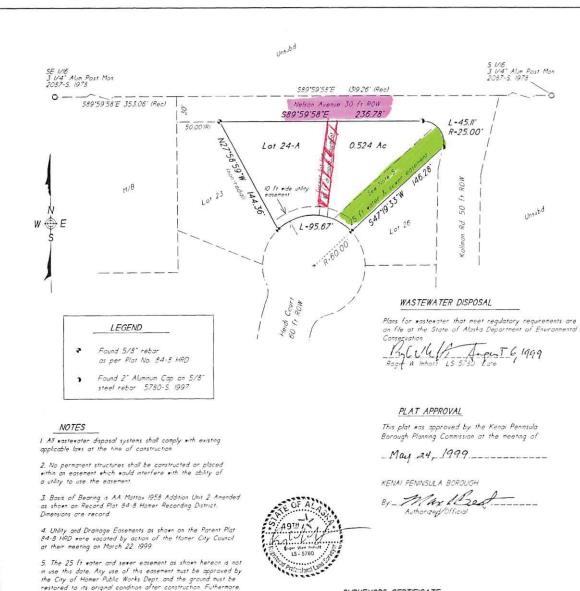
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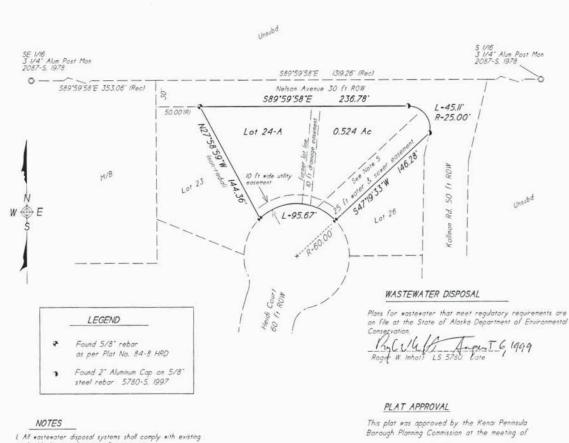
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- I. All wastewater disposal systems shall comply with existing applicable laws at the time of construction.
- 2. No permanent structures shall be constructed or placed within an easement which would interfere with the ability of a utility to use the easement.
- 3. Basis of Bearing is AA Mattox 1958 Addition Unit 2 Amended as shown on Record Plat 84-8 Homer Recording District. Dimensions are record.
- 4. Utility and Drainage Easements as shown on the Parent Plat 84-8 HRD were vacated by action of the Homer City Council at their meeting on March 22, 1999.
- 5. The 25 ft water and sewer easement as shown hereon is not in use this date. Any use of this easement must be approved by the City of Homer Public Works Dept, and the ground must be restored to its original condition after construction. Futhermore. this easement shall be vacated by request of the City of Homer if water and sewer mains are placed in Kallman Road.
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-May 24, 1999

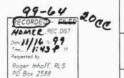
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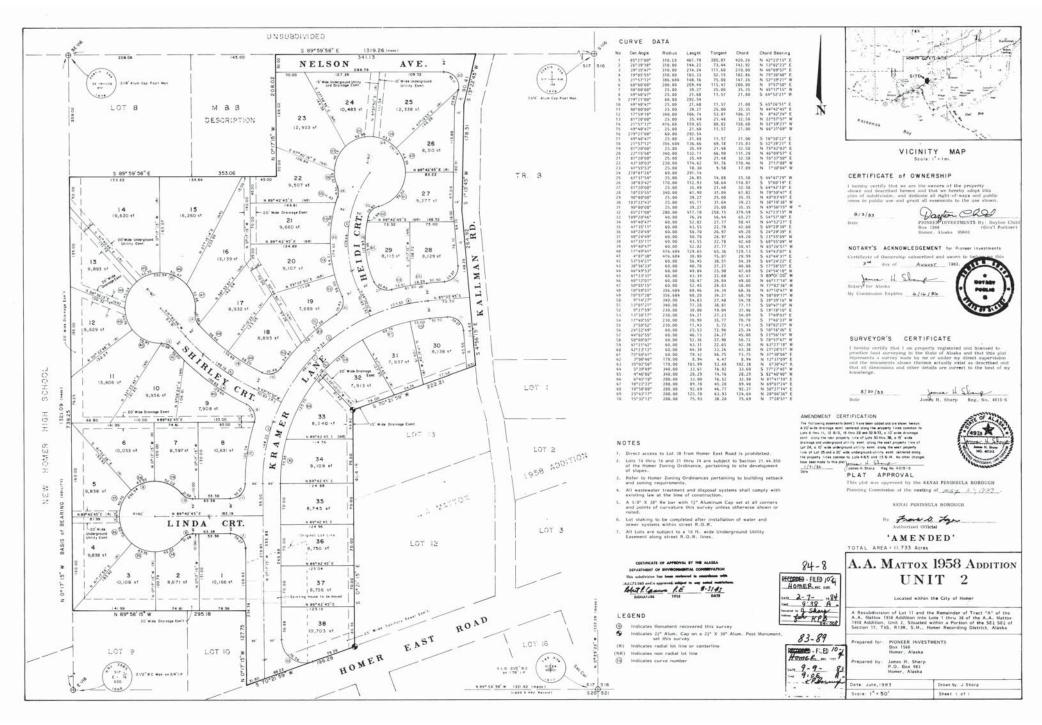
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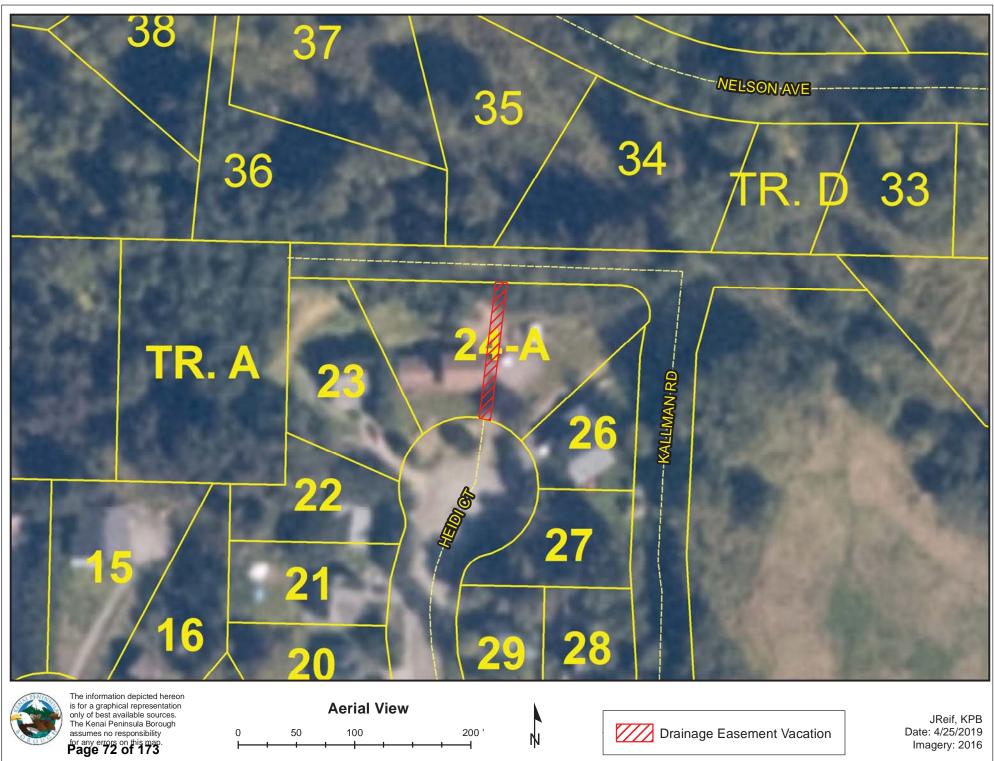
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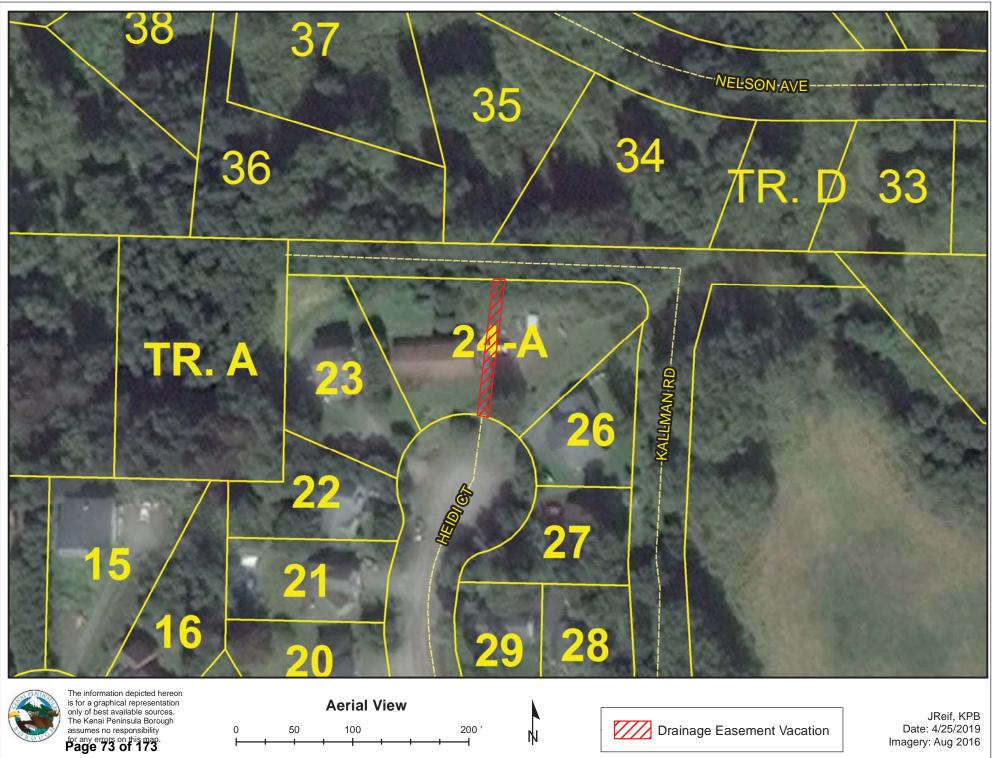
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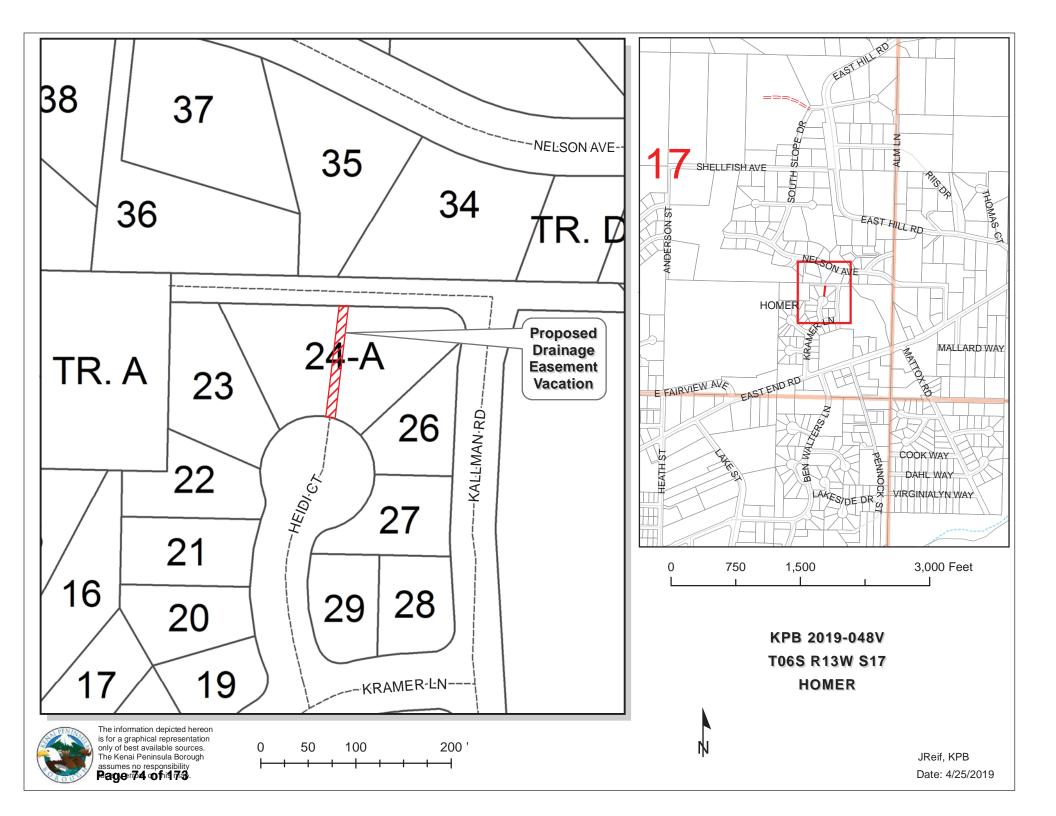


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Drainage Easement Vacation

Date: 4/25/2019 Imagery: Aug 2016





# CITY OF HOMER APPLICATION & PERMIT TO CONSTRUCT AND MAINTAIN DRIVEWAY ON PUBLIC RIGHT-OF-WAY

PART 1: To Be	Completed by Permittee	839 Welson	AVOICE Permit No: _	2027
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Address:	P.O. Box 3368, Homer Alaska 996	603	Phone: 907-299-2351	
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#### DRIVEWAY CONSTRUCTION INSTRUCTIONS

A permit to use or occupy roads or streets with access or driveway approaches must be obtained before any work shall be undertaken within the limits of a street right-of-way. The cost of all the construction AND maintenance of the work shall be borne by the applicant, his grantees, successors and assigns (11.80.090)

Our inspector will review the driveway site with permittee and/or contractor before construction begins and will advise permittee and/or contractor of the City requirments and grant the permit accordingly. 24 hours notice in advance of construction is required ~ 235-3170.

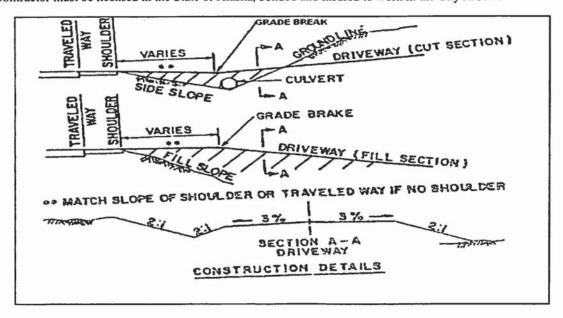
After the driveway is completed, our inspector will inspect the work. If it is acceptable, the inspector will note on the permit that the construction is approved. If not acceptable, the inspector will advise the permittee and/or contractor and note on permit why it is unacceptable to the City.

Should the permittee and/or contractor not know the exact date that the driveway construction will begin, the Public Works
Inspector must be notified at least 24 hours in advance as to when the work will begin.

Any questions regarding the City's requirements regarding construction should be directed to the Public Works Inspector (235-3170).

#### **CONSTRUCTION NOTES:**

- Stabilized fill material is required for the top two feet of the driveway for a distance of <u>15 feet</u> from the shoulder line.
   Fill will not contain material exceeding two inches in diameter, and the top six inches within the R.O.W. must match the top course material of the road surface, however, not exceeding one inch in diameter.
- 2. Driveway will be constructed to match slope of shoulder or traveled way if no shoulder, for a distance as directed by the inspector.
- Stabilized material for bedding for a minimum distance of six inches around the culvert will not contain material exceeding two inches in diameter.
- All construction materials, methods and practices shall be in accordance with HMC Title 13, Standard Construction Practices.
- 5. Contractor must be licensed in the State of Alaska, bonded and insured to work in the City R.O.W.



# 2 4 4 HOMER CITY COUNCIL REGULAR MEETING MINUTES MARCH 22, 1999

Session 99-6, a Regular Meeting of the Homer City Council was called to order at 7:35 p.m. by Mayor Jack Cushing at the Homer City Hall Council Chambers located at 491 E. Pioneer Avenue. Homer, Alaska and opened with the Pledge of Allegiance.

PRESENT: COUNCILMEMBERS:

FENSKE, MARQUARDT, WADDELL, WELLES.

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STAFF:

CITY MANAGER KOEBERLEIN

CITY CLERK CALHOUN CITY ATTORNEY TANS

POLICE LT. ROBL

INTERIM PUBLIC WORKS DIRECTOR JONKER

LIBRARY DIRECTOR HELM

ABSENT: COUNCILMEMBER:

PARKS (excused)

AGENDA APPROVAL

AGENDA Approval

CALL TO ORDER

(Addition of items to or removing items from the agenda will be by unanimous consent of the Council. HCC 1.24.040.)

The agenda was approved by consensus of the Council.

# PUBLIC COMMENTS UPON MATTERS ALREADY ON THE AGENDA

# PUBLIC COMMENTS

Ginger Tornes reported that her father John Tornes and her brother James Tornes, both landscape architects, had drawn the Lake Street Triangle park conceptual that she distributed and displayed. She gave a brief description of the concept and history of the park. The salient points of this concept are:

LARE STREET TRIANGLE PARK

- 1. Low maintenance. These trees and shrubs will need no pruning and will respond with a very small amount of water the first season. The wildflower/grass mix is perennial.
- 2. Plants are indigenous to Alaska and/or cold weather climates and have a natural resistence to moose.
- 3. Since this landscape provides a more of a back drop, the open space could be used for demonstration projects, it welcomes signage and an endless list of other items
- 4. Underground utilities have been considered.
- 5. This land scape project will not block the view of McDonalds.
- 6. This planting will not obscure sight distance.

Ms. Tornes felt it important that the City make a decision as soon as possible, so that work could commence by April. Her written comments are a part of the Council packet.

Robert Patton commented on the reconsideration of the Patton appeal. He reiterated the following:

- PATTON APPEAL
- The KPB Planning staff reviewed the file on the AA Mattox preliminary plat and that it did not show the easement currently under review for vacation
- City staff did not request the easement common to lots 24 and 25.
- The City Planning Commission did not request the easement.

VSTE: The third amendment passed by a majority vote.

HAMMELMAN	BRYSON	WHITMORE-PAINTER YES	BOSCACCI	CARPENTER	CLUTTS
YES	YES		YES	YES	NO
COLEMAN ABSENT	GANNAMAY NO	HENSLEY ABSENT	NO	SKOGSTAD	SIX YES THREE NO TWO ABSENT

Chairman Hammelman asked the Commission if they needed to have the main motion as amended re-stated. No requests to have the main motion repeated were heard.

VOTE: The motion as amended passed by a majority vote.

HAMMELMAN	BRYSON	WHITMORE-PAINTER	BOSCACCI	CARPENTER	CLUTTS
YES	YES	YES	YES	YES	NO
COLEMAN ABSENT	GANNAWAY YES	HENSLEY ABSENT	JOHNSON YES	SKOGS AD YES	EIGHT YES ONE NO TWO ABSENT

Chairman Hammelman said the Commission would recommend enactment of Ordinance 98-33 Substitute is cluding the Commission's recommended amendments. He thanked everyone for their comments. He thanked Assembly Mambers Scalzi and Drathman for attending.

#### AGENDA ITEM.E. UNFINISHED BUSINESS

Petition to vacate the entire of the fifteen foot wide drainage and underground utility easement within the easterly
fifteen feet of Lot 24, AA Mattox 1958 Addition Unit 2 Amended (Plat 83-89 & 84-8 HRD); and vacate the ten
foot wide utility easement within the westerly ten feet of Lot 25, of said AA Mattox subdivision; being within
Section 17, T5S, R13W, Seward Meridian, Alaska. Within the City of Homer; KPB File - 98-264 — Carried
forward from November 23, 1998

Staff report as read by Lisa Parker.

PC Meeting 1/26/99

Petitioners: Peggi L. Patton of Homer, Alaska

# Purpose as stated in petition:

There is a house on Lot 24. Lot 25 is vacant. The owners may vacate the common lot line between the lots sometime in the coming year. For the present however, they wish to extend their garage easterly and develop the existing driveway on Lot 25 for access. The driveway for Lot 24 would be abandoned and reclaimed for lawn.

These plans and other construction plans require the removal of 15 foot utility and draining easement on Lot 24. The Pattons have offered and the City of Homer has agreed to dedicating a 10 foot drainage easement on Lot 25. There is an existing 10 foot utility easement already in place. Since a drainage and utility easements are not necessarily compatible, we therefore ask that the utility easement for Lot 25 also be vacated.

There is an existing 2 foot wide ditch close within Lot 25 handling the current water flow, primarily for breakup.

Notice of vacation mailings were sent to owners of property within a 300 foot radius.

During the November 23, 1998 public hearing, Bob Barnett of Homer spoke against the vacation. Following the hearing, the motion to postpone until January 26, 1999 carried.

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Since the November meeting, the City of Homer, on January 5, 1999 submitted a letter wherein they state the City has no objection to the easement vacation as originally submitted. When water and sewer service would be extended to the north of the referenced subdivision, the City would plan to have the utilities placed in the Kallman right-of-way rather than in the referenced easement. The City prefers the utilities be placed in the right-of-way for the following reasons:

- The utilities could serve the lots to the east of Kallman Road;
- The existing 25' wide utility easement is marginal in width for accommodating both the water and sewer 2)
- Maintenance of the utilities would be more easily accomplished in the ROW than in an easement on 3) private property. The City has also stated — The existence of a utility easement on the referenced lots should not be interpreted to mean that the City would approve the location for placement of water and sewer mainlines.

No other comments have been submitted since the November 23rd hearing.

# Statement of non-objection — November hearing

Homer Electric Association

PTI Communications

GCI Cablevision — GCI has no objections to the vacation but has requested grandfather rights to provide service in the future to two existing CATV underground service drops.

# Statement of objection — November hearing

Bernadine and Bob Barnett - no address provided. A signed letter was sent via fax. Mr. Barnett objected to the vacation stating the easements were intended (he believed) and required to provide services to adjoining property on the north.

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City of Homer of	comments
9/16/98	City of Homer Public Works stated no objection with the understanding that a 10' drainage easement
	will be dedicated along the western property line of Lot 25.
10/30/98	Handwritten on the 9/16/98 City of Homer Public Works letter is the notation "OK, does not need
	planning commission review" - signed by Eileen R. Bechtol.
11/18/98	Homer Planning Commission meeting - Mr. Barnett requested a letter from the City indicating they had
	received an objection. The Planning Director agreed to do so.
11/19/98	Memorandum from City of Homer Planning/Zoning advised that Mr. Barnett objected to the vacation;
	that he believed the easement was in place for future development of the property to the north of Nelson
	Avenue. The easement was to be used to bring the sewer main to the north property for development.
	The City Planning Department requested the City Public Works to see if there is a viable alternative.
11/20/98	City of Homer Public Works - sent via E-mail: It has been verified in the field that the sewer mainline
11/20/90	can be extended through the Kallman ROW rather than exclusively through the existing utility
	easement between Lots 24 and 25 of AA Mattox Sub. It may require running additional piping, but the
	Kallman ROW provides an adequate corridor for future utility expansion to Barnett's Subdivision.
	Kallman KOW provides an adequate control for future utility expansion to barriers adda to the control of the co

Borough staff has reviewed the file for A.A. Mattox 1958 Addition Unit 2 and made the following findings.

The preliminary plat did not show the easements currently under review for vacation.

The City staff did not request the easements along the lot line common to Lots 24 and 25; nor did the City Commission.

The Borough staff did not request the easements along the lot line common to Lots 24 and 25, nor did the Borough Plat Committee or Planning Commission.

The utility companies reviewing the plat did not request the easement in this location.

The plat was filed on September 9, 1983 in the Homer Recording District as Plat 83-89 without these

On February 7, 1984, an amended plat was filed in the Homer Recording District as Plat 84-8. The plat was amended to add these easements, as well as other drainage easements.

#### FINDINGS

- 1. No utility company objects to the vacation.
- The City has stated no objections.
- The City has advised that Kallman right-of-way provides an adequate corridor for future utility expansion to Barnett's Subdivision.
- The existing easements were not requested or recommended by the either the City or the Borough.
- GCI Cablevision has requested rights to provide service in the future to two existing CATV underground service drops; however, they did not provide information showing the location of these existing facilities.

Based on the above findings and facts, staff has no basis upon which to recommend a denial of the vacation and is recommending the vacation be approved.

#### STAFF RECOMMENDATIONS:

- A. Planning Commission make their findings, and approve KPBPC Resolution 99-03, thereby granting the vacation subject to the following conditions:
  - Granting the ten foot drainage easement within the westerly ten feet of Lot 25, as requested by City
    of Homer Public Works Department.
  - Granting easement for use of GCI's existing facilities.

NOTE: If the vacation is denied, the petitioner has eight calendar days in which to appeal the Planning Commission denial. Written appeal must be submitted to the Homer City Clerk.

#### END OF STAFF REPORT

MOTION: Commissioner Carpenter moved, seconded by Commissioner Boscacci, to concur with, accept the findings, and approve KPBPC Resolution 99-03, thereby granting the vacation subject to staff recommendations.

Commissioner Gannaway opposed the motion. Mr. Barnett is being asked to put utilities along more than 400' of Kallman Road. However, the distance along the utility easement is about 100'. Commissioner Gannaway understood the expenses involved. Mr. Barnett will not recover the money he will spend on the utilities because the City does not refund money paid for utilities. The proposed vacation will force Mr. Barnett to spend three times the amount to put in utilities.

#### Bob Barnett

Mr. Barnett did not think much development would occur on the northern side in the near future. The extra cost of running a sewer line several hundred feet unnecessarily seemed like a ridiculous requirement. The easement was put in by the developer so the property to the north could be served from the cul-de-sac. Mr. Barnett thought it was unreasonable to vacate the easement.

Recalling previous discussions, someone asked if it would be acceptable to move the easement to the east or west. Mr. Barnett would not object if the easement is moved either to the east or west. He did not want the easement vacated.

#### Roger Imhoff

Mr. Imhoff said he was representing Peggy Patton. He noticed an omission from the City of Homer comments. An additional letter dated January 5, 1999 was written. In trying to resolve everyone's concerns, he asked the Homer Public Works Department if they would object to moving the easement 25' to the eastern side of Lot 25. The Public Works Department said they did not care about the location of the easement on the lot because Mr. Barnett had to use Kallman Road if he wanted to develop the property to the north. The Public Works Department does not want the water/sewer lines going through a private lot. They want the lines in the right-of-way where they can work on them without disrupting private property.

Commissioner Gannaway commented that water and sewer lines crossed private property throughout Homer.

He added that installing utility lines costs more than \$100 per foot.

#### Bob Barnett

Mr. Barnett said any property to the north that may be sold in the future will be large enough to accommodate on-site water. Homes with wells are in the area. However, sewer service is another matter. Sewer service must be installed before water is installed. Mr. Barnett said he would appreciate it very much if the Commission denied the vacation.

Commissioner Johnson preferred the easement be moved to the west or east so the petitioner can develop her property and Mr. Barnett can get a sewer line across the lot if the City will concur. If the sewer line is installed along Kallman in the future, the easement can be vacated at that time. Commissioner Johnson did not know if the easement should be on the eastern or western side.

Commissioner Gannaway said main lines and manholes were on private property within the City. Chairman Hammelman asked Commissioner Gannaway if he had suggestions about relocating the easement to the east or west. Commissioner Gannaway declined. He pointed out the subject easement was existing.

Referring to the map on Page 89 of the mailout packet, Commissioner Johnson noted it appeared if the easement were moved to the east a short distance, the property owner could proceed with her development and Mr. Barnett could accomplish what he would like to do.

Commissioner Johnson asked Mr. Imhoff if the property owner would object if the easement were moved to Lot 25. Mr. Imhoff asked Commissioner Johnson if he wanted to move the easement the entire 25'. Commissioner Johnson replied he wanted to move it the necessary distance. Mr. Imhoff could not agree to this suggestion without first talking to the property owner. Just because the easement exists does not mean the City will allow the lines to be placed in the easement if Mr. Barnett develops his property in the future.

Commissioner Whitmore-Painter asked who decided where the sewer lines would be installed. Commissioner Gannaway replied the lines were usually installed in the road rights-of-way. In this case there is no road right-of-way. He thought the Public Works Department decided the location of the utility lines. Commissioner Whitmore-Painter said Public Works stated they would not install the lines in the easement.

Ms. Parker commented that when a property owner wants to develop his property, he/she will talk with the City and work together toward a common goal.

Chairman Hammelman re-stated the motion.

Commissioner Carpenter thought the letter from the Homer Public Works Department was unclear. He read a portion of the letter:

The existence of a utility easement on the referenced lots should not be interpreted to mean that the City would approve the location for placement of water and sewer mainlines.

VOTE: The motion failed by a majority vote.

HAMMELMAN	BRYSON	WHITMORE-PAINTER	BOSCACCI	CARPENTER	CLUTTS
NO	YES	YES	NO	NO	
COLEMAN ABSENT	GANNAWAY NO	HENSLEY ABSENT	NO	SKOGSTAD YES	SIX NO THREE YES TWO ABSENT

AGENDA ITEM E.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

Session 19-10, a Regular Meeting of the Homer Advisory Planning Commission was called to order by Chair Venuti at 6:30 p.m. on May 15, 2019 at the City Hall Cowles Council Chambers located at 491 E. Pioneer Avenue, Homer, Alaska.

PRESENT: COMMISSIONERS BANKS, SMITH, VENUTI, HIGHLAND, PETSKA-RUBACLAVA

ABSENT: COMMISSIONER BOS, BENTZ (EXCUSED)

STAFF: CITY PLANNER ABBOUD

DEPUTY CITY CLERK KRAUSE

The Commission conducted a worksession prior to the meeting on the subject of building height maximums in the East End Mixed Use District with Fire Chief Purcell, Alan Engebretsen and Ken Moore that included previous discussion points of fire safety and building height in general.

#### APPROVAL OF THE AGENDA

Chair Venuti called for a motion to approve the agenda

HIGHLAND/SMITH - SO MOVED.

There was no discussion.

VOTE. NON-OBJECTION. UNANIMOUS CONSENT.

Motion carried.

#### **PUBLIC COMMENT**

#### RECONSIDERATION

#### **ADOPTION OF CONSENT AGENDA**

- A. Approval of minutes of May 1, 2019
- B. Drainage Easement Vacation Request at 4510 Heidi Court
- C. Time extension request for Sterling Hwy/Main Street AKDOT Right of Way Acquisition Preliminary Plat

Chair Venuti requested a motion to approve the Consent Agenda.

HIGHLAND/BANKS - SO MOVED.

From: Carey Meyer

**Sent:** Monday, May 13, 2019 8:47 AM

To: Travis Brown

**Subject:** RE: Heidi Court drainage easement vacation

Mr. Brown,

The Public Works Department has no objection to vacating the drainage easement across Lot 24-A, AA Mattox – Peggi's Addition.

We prefer to utilize utility and drainage corridors in dedicated street rights-of-way whenever possible. Easements across private are more difficult to access (and more often than not more costly) for maintenance than dedicated right-of-way.

In this case, a drainage corridor exists easterly along Nelson Ave. and then southerly down Kallman Road.

# Carey S. Meyer, P.E., MPA

Public Works Director/City Engineer City of Homer, Alaska 3575 Heath Street Homer, AK 99603 cmeyer@ci.homer.ak.us

(p) 907-435-3124

(f) 907-235-3145

(c) 907-399-7232

From: Travis Brown <tbrown@ci.homer.ak.us>

**Sent:** Friday, May 10, 2019 12:26 PM

**To:** Carey Meyer < <a href="mailto:CMeyer@ci.homer.ak.us">CMeyer@ci.homer.ak.us</a> <a href="mailto:Subject">Subject</a>: Heidi Court drainage easement vacation

Carey,

Thanks for providing an email for the commission to see. I attached the rest of the documents associated with this request so the references are at your fingertips.

Travis Brown
Planning Technician
City of Homer
Planning and Zoning Office
(907)235-3106



#### Kenai Peninsula Borough Planning Department 144 North Binkley Soldotna, Alaska 99669-7599

Toll free within the Borough 1-800-478-4441, extension 2200 (907) 714-2200

# Petition to Vacate Utility Easement No Public Hearing Required

Submit completed form to the Kenai Peninsula Borough Planning Department, 144 North Binkley St., Soldotna, AK 99669

Upon receipt of complete application with all required attachments the vacation will be scheduled for Planning Commission action. The petitioner must secure and submit written comments from utility companies. If the easement is within city limits; secure and submit city's written comments. The completed petition, with all required attachments, accompanied by a \$75.00 non-refundable fee, must be submitted to the Planning Department a minimum of thirty (30) days prior to the meeting at which the Planning Commission will take action. Fees - \$75.00 non-refundable fee attached. To accomplish an approved vacation; a Planning Commission Resolution must be filed with the State Recorder to enter the vacation into the public records unless the vacation is accomplished by plat. Petitioner must pay filing fees (usually \$22-\$27). Utility easement requested to be vacated was granted by plat of Subdivision, filed as Plat No.  $\frac{99-64}{1000}$  Recording District. NOT U +11.74 EASEMENT COraina Utility easement proposed to be vacated was granted by (specify type of document) as recorded in Book Page of the Recording District. (Copy of recorded ind Any Recorded documen document must be submitted with petition) Couldn't Comments from Electric Association attack Please note comments or no Comments from comments on the sketch or plat that is Telephone Company attached. Comments from to be submitted with the petition. Cable Company attached Comment from Comments from the KPB Roads Department attached if applicable Comments from City of attached. One copy of plat or map (sketch) showing area proposed to be vacated. If easement was granted by document; one copy of recorded document must be submitted. If an existing structure is encroaching into easement; As-Built showing encroachment must be attached. Is easement being used by utility company? If yes, which utility The petitioner must provide reasonable justification for the vacation. Reason for vacating: SEE ATTACHED REASON FOR VACATING: The petition must be signed (written signature) by owners of the land subject to the easement proposed to be vacated. Each must include mail address and legal description of his/ her property. Submitted by: Signature As Petitioner Representative PEGGI L. PATTON Address: 4510 HEIDI CT. HOMER, AK 99603 Phone: 907-399-4055 Petitioners: Signature Signature Name Name Address Address Owner of Owner of Signature Name Address Address

Owner of

Owner of

The petitioner's reasonable justification for vacation of 10' drainage easement.

Subject Property: Lot 24A AA Mattox Peggi's Addition Plat No. 99-64

The 10' drainage easement on the above mentioned subject property has not been used since it was platted on the subject property original plat 84-HRD.

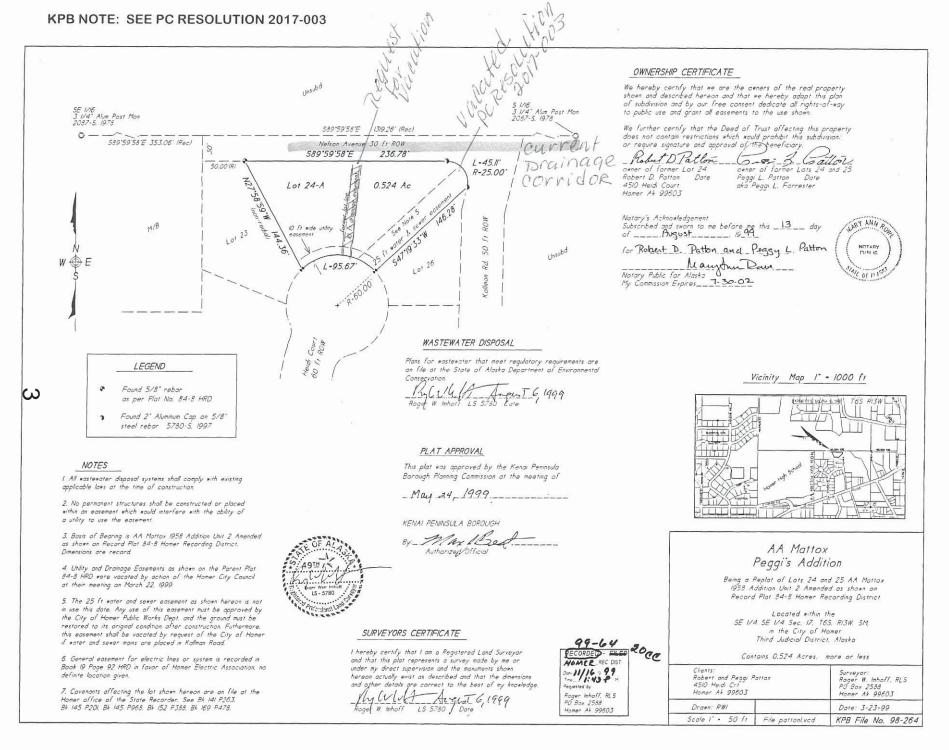
There is an alternative corridor in place on the Nelson Avenue ROW above the north lot line of the subject property. A long driveway permit on the Nelson Avenue ROW has been issued by the City Of Homer to the Quiet Creek Park LLC Project. The long driveway permit requires that the existing Drainage corridor remain in place on the North side of the long driveway. (see driveway permit, original and current subject property plats 84-HRD and 99-64, attached)

The current corridor on the Nelson Avenue ROW handles any storm or seasonal water runoff from the Quiet Creek Park LLC Project and above, as well as, the drainage plan in place in the Quiet Creek Park LLC Project.

It is my understanding that the City of Homer prefers not to cross personal property when other more adequate options or corridors are available to the City of Homer for drainage and seasonal runoff.

The subject property is currently for sale and buyers are concerned about the future use of the subject property 10' drainage easement, therefor preventing them from making an offer on the subject property. This is creating an adverse effect to the subject property.

Vacating this easement would not create any adverse effects to the surrounding properties.





# CITY OF HOMER APPLICATION & PERMIT TO CONSTRUCT AND MAINTAIN DRIVEWAY ON PUBLIC RIGHT-OF-WAY

PART 1: To Be	Completed by Permittee	839 Welson	n Avenue Permit No:	2027
	DRIVEWAY ADDRESS:	Lot 36 Quiet C	Creek Park	
Permittee:	Echo Trading Compnay, LLC		Date:	11-Jan-19
Address:	P.O. Box 3368, Homer Alaska 996	503	Phone: 907-299-2351	
	Lot: 26 Bloom	ock:		
	Sub: Quiet Creek Park		-	
CONTRACT	ΓOR: East Road Services			
KPB Parcel Number		* Residentia		al
F	ield inspection an notice required 24 ho		nstruction.	
	Call Public Works Inspecto	or at 235-3170.		
The permittee as	rtifies that: (1) he/she is the owner and/or	outhorized access of the	(2) (1) (1)	
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Permit granted by:			Data	
Final inspection by			Date:	
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CONSTRUCTION			Date:	
		Works Inspector)		
PERMIT APPROV			Date:	
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DISTRIBUTION:	1 ~ Permittee (completed part 1)		Paid By: Tony Neal	
	2 ~ Inspector (permit granted)		Date:1-11-19	
	3 ~ Planning Department (address file)	18	PAID CHK #1219 \$45	
	4 ~ Inspector (final inspection/and appr	(OVAL)		

# **DRIVEWAY CONSTRUCTION INSTRUCTIONS**

A permit to use or occupy roads or streets with access or driveway approaches must be obtained before any work shall be undertaken within the limits of a street right-of-way. The cost of all the construction AND maintenance of the work shall be borne by the applicant, his grantees, successors and assigns (11.80.090)

Our inspector will review the driveway site with permittee and/or contractor before construction begins and will advise permittee and/or contractor of the City requirments and grant the permit accordingly. 24 hours notice in advance of construction is required ~ 235-3170.

After the driveway is completed, our inspector will inspect the work. If it is acceptable, the inspector will note on the permit that the construction is approved. If not acceptable, the inspector will advise the permittee and/or contractor and note on permit why it is unacceptable to the City.

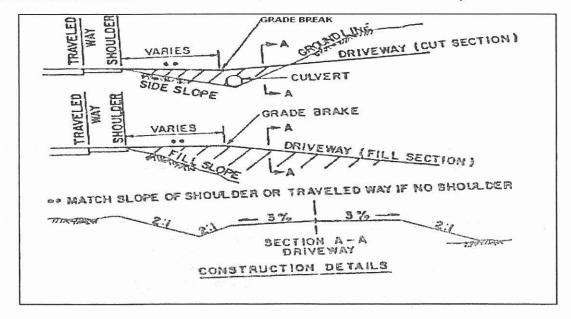
Should the permittee and/or contractor not know the exact date that the driveway construction will begin, the Public Works

Inspector must be notified at least 24 hours in advance as to when the work will begin.

Any questions regarding the City's requirements regarding construction should be directed to the Public Works Inspector (235-3170).

#### **CONSTRUCTION NOTES:**

- Stabilized fill material is required for the top two feet of the driveway for a distance of <u>15 feet</u> from the shoulder line.
   Fill will not contain material exceeding two inches in diameter, and the top six inches within the R.O.W. must match the top course material of the road surface, however, not exceeding one inch in diameter.
- 2. Driveway will be constructed to match slope of shoulder or traveled way if no shoulder, for a distance as directed by the inspector.
- 3. Stabilized material for bedding for a minimum distance of six inches around the culvert will not contain material exceeding two inches in diameter.
- 4. All construction materials, methods and practices shall be in accordance with HMC Title 13, Standard Construction Practices.
- 5. Contractor must be licensed in the State of Alaska, bonded and insured to work in the City R.O.W.





ENSTAR Natural Gas Company
A DIVISION OF SEMCO ENERGY
Engineering Department
Right of Way Section
401 E. International Airport Road
P. O. Box 190288
Anchorage, Alaska 99519-0288
(907) 277-5551
FAX (907) 334-7798

April 25, 2019

Peggi Patton 4510 Heidi Ct Homer, AK 99603

Re: Letter of Non-Objection - Drainage Easement Vacation

To whom it may concern:

ENSTAR Natural Gas Company has no objection to the vacation of the existing ten foot (10 FT) wide drainage easement, within Lot 24-A, AA Mattox Subdivision Peggi's Addition, according to Plat No. 99-64, Records of the Homer Recording District, Third Judicial District, State of Alaska.

Sincerely,

Cassie Acres

Right of Way & Compliance Technician

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**ENSTAR Natural Gas Company** 



April 26, 2019

To Whom It May Concern:

RE: Vacating of 10' Drainage Easement

Please be advised that Alaska Communications (ACS) has no objection to vacating the 10' Drainage Easement that runs north-south across the middle of lot 24A of the AA Mattox Subdivision Peggi's Addition (99-64).

Byron Jackson

ACS OSP Network Engineer III

151 Warehouse Dr Soldotna, AK 99669 (907) 714-8791

Byron.Jackson@acsalaska.com



April 25, 2019

Peggi Patton 4510 Heidi Court Homer, AK 99603

Dear Ms. Patton,

Provided the 10 foot utility easement along the Heidi Court ROW remains, GCI has no objection to vacating the 10 foot drainage easement running through Lot 24-A, AA Mattox Peggi's Addition, 4510 Heidi Court, between Nelson Avenue and Heidi Court.

Sincerely

Bradley Beck

Manager OSP O&M

From: <a href="mailto:tonyneal@popsiefishco.com">tonyneal@popsiefishco.com</a>
To: <a href="mailto:Reif, Jordan">Reif, Jordan</a>; <a href="mailto:Sweppy">Sweppy</a>, <a href="mailto:M

Cc: "Susannah Webster"; "Carey Meyer"; Andy.Mitzel@usace.army.mil

Subject: vacation of drainage easement Lot 24A, AA Mattox Peggi addition

**Date:** Saturday, June 08, 2019 12:49:38 PM

Attachments: <u>image003.png</u>

We have received Notice of Proposed Utility Easement Vacation on Lot 24-A, AA Mattox Peggi's Addition. The notice allows written comments to be received by e mail to Jordan Reif. Please respond that this message is received, or we will need to send a certified Mail.

I am in western Alaska and cannot attend the meeting. However, we are totally opposed to the vacation and will use all legal means to prevent it. The easement that is under consideration for vacation drains Wetlands and extensive area in Quiet Creek Park and areas above.

- 1. We refer you to Quiet Creek Park subdivision and the extensive public record on concerns about drainage, storm water, Wetlands, and related, and all the Borough Planning Commission concerns to meet public comments, and the regulations and constraints imposed on Quiet Creek Park to protect drainage for the public interest.
- 2. The drainage at issue, delineated official legal Wetlands regulated by the US Army Corps of Engineers. It is, in the words of the Corps of Engineers "waters to the United States" and regulated as such.
- 3. The Pattons, themselves, went above their property line, entered the Nelson right of way, entered our property, and built and earth fill dam, damming the flow down the natural water flow protected by this drainage easement. They dammed the flow to keep it from the drainage easement. They went on to Wetlands in Violation of the Corps regulation, with no permit and no notice. They dug a ditch with an excavator diverting the dammed water east from its natural southerly flow down the center of the Nelson Avenue public right of way. The water now empties on to the Kalman Street right of way where it has created a swamp.
- 4. The Pattons may claim they have City approval to enter on the Wetlands, dam the drainage, and divert the flow down Nelson. However, there is no record of the legally required City permit that is required to be issued to do work on a City right of way..
- 5. The Nelson right of way is our only legal access to our property at the end of Nelson, we have been forced to create a new easement for access because Nelson is unbuildable, but Nelson remains a legal public access for several lots.
- 6. We did apply for and obtain a driveway construction permit from the City of Homer (something the Pattons did not do ). This was to build our legal access to our property on Nelson Avenue.
- 7. However, upon our inspection and after hiring a surveyor, we discovered the Pattons had dug the unregulated, non-permitted, drainage diversion right down the middle of the Nelson access, making it impossible to build our driveway. Water flowing was eastward toward Kalman in an unregulated amount, creating a swamp and making the use of Nelson as the intended public access impossible.
- 8. The petition submitted to the Borough in support of the vacation is untrue, a misrepresentation, fraudulent I suppose, since the truth is known by the Pattons. The drainage has not been "unused" since 1984. Water has not flowed in the drainage since the Pattons dammed it off, but that wasn't 1984 nor does it create the easement as "unused". The "alternative corridor" said to exist on Nelson is an excavated ditch dug by the Pattons down the middle of the right of way.

Therefore we are totally and legally opposed to the vacation of the drainage easement. We simply will not permit vacation without a legally approved alternative.

One solution is to have the Pattons remove the dam and allow the Wetlands to drain naturally on the drainage easement so we can build an access to our property.

We would accept an alternative for the Pattons by accepting a diversion ditch along the edge of the Nelson right of way as long as there was enough space to allow us to build our access, and the diversion was approved by City of Homer and Corps of Engineers and any other required permitting

agency and we were indemnified for working in Wetlands and along the right of way where excess water was flowing, having been diverted from its natural flow. If permitted, the Pattons could hire a surveyor and contractor to remove the unregulated and un-permitted ditch down the middle of Nelson and replace it with a ditch on the edge of the right of way and create a passable driveway access, and ditch and clean up the swamp mess on Kalman.

Again, we are totally and legally opposed to this vacation without an officially approved alternative that does not restrict our legal access.

Thank you, Tony Neal, Member-Manager for Echo Trading Company, LLC.

Tony Neal 907-299-2351 www.PopsieFishCo.com



From: peggi patton
To: Reif, Jordan

Subject: Re: AA Mattox Peggi"s Addition Lot 24-A Drainage Easement Vacation KPB 2019-048V

**Date:** Tuesday, June 11, 2019 6:42:38 AM

Attachments: <u>image001.png</u>

# Dear Jordan

Mr Neal is incorrect. The drainage easement on our property has not been used for above property drainage. We did not create the drainage on the Nelson ave ROW I encourage the borough to speak with Kerry Meyer at the City of homer.

# Sent from my iPhone

On Jun 10, 2019, at 8:38 AM, Reif, Jordan < <a href="mailto:ireif@kpb.us">ireif@kpb.us</a>> wrote:

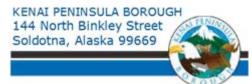
Hi Peggi,

Attached please find a comment from the public on AA Mattox Peggi's Addition Lot 24-A Drainage Easement Vacation KPB 2019-048V. The comment will be presented to the Planning Commission for their review.

Best,

### Jordan Reif

Platting Technician (907) 714-2200 (907) 714-2378 Fax



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<KPB 2019-048V Neal Comment 6\_10\_19.pdf>

From: <u>Carey Meyer</u>

To: Reif, Jordan; Sweppy, Maria

Cc: Tony Neal (tonyneal@popsiefishco.com)

Subject: RE: vacation of drainage easement Lot 24A, AA Mattox Peggi addition

**Date:** Wednesday, June 12, 2019 12:42:44 PM

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photos of Nelson Avenue culvert conditions prior to removal.pdf

# Mr. Huff,

Although I have expressed my recommendations (in support of the vacation of the drainage easement) to the Homer Advisory Planning Commission (through Planning Department staff), I wanted to respond to the email from Tony Neal (see below).

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**Subject:** vacation of drainage easement Lot 24A, AA Mattox Peggi addition

We have received Notice of Proposed Utility Easement Vacation on Lot 24-A, AA Mattox Peggi's Addition. The notice allows written comments to be received by e mail to Jordan Reif. Please respond that this message is received, or we will need to send a certified Mail.

I am in western Alaska and cannot attend the meeting. However, we are totally opposed to the vacation and will use all legal means to prevent it. The easement that is under consideration for vacation drains Wetlands and extensive area in Quiet Creek Park and areas above.

- 1. We refer you to Quiet Creek Park subdivision and the extensive public record on concerns about drainage, storm water, Wetlands, and related, and all the Borough Planning Commission concerns to meet public comments, and the regulations and constraints imposed on Quiet Creek Park to protect drainage for the public interest. Mr. Neal has protected wetlands and the existing drainage features within his subdivision development.
- 2. The drainage at issue, delineated official legal Wetlands regulated by the US Army Corps of Engineers. It is, in the words of the Corps of Engineers "waters to the United States" and regulated as such. I meet in Homer with Corps personnel regarding this issue. There is no reason to believe that there are any

- wetlands within the drainage easement proposed to be vacated or below in the developed subdivision. The Corps representative was not concerned that the work completed by the Patton's was a regulatory issue. Future work along this Nelson Ave./Kallman St. corridor might require coordination with the Corps.
- 3. The Pattons, themselves, went above their property line, entered the Nelson right of way, entered our property, and built and earth fill dam, damming the flow down the natural water flow protected by this drainage easement. They dammed the flow to keep it from the drainage easement. They went on to Wetlands in Violation of the Corps regulation, with no permit and no notice. They dug a ditch with an excavator diverting the dammed water east from its natural southerly flow down the center of the Nelson Avenue public right of way. The water now empties on to the Kalman Street right of way where it has created a swamp. Contractor and property owner say all work occurred within the Nelson Avenue right-of-way; admit that they removed the existing culvert (permission granted by Public Works); no ditching was completed within Nelson Avenue. Surface water always was connected to an existing ditch in the center of Nelson Avenue. (See photos taken prior to work being completed showing water always flowed down the center of Nelson Avenue).
- 4. The Pattons may claim they have City approval to enter on the Wetlands, dam the drainage, and divert the flow down Nelson. However, there is no record of the legally required City permit that is required to be issued to do work on a City right of way. The City never issues a permit to do work in wetlands. Verbal permission was given to remove the badly deteriorated "culvert".
- 5. The Nelson right of way is our only legal access to our property at the end of Nelson, we have been forced to create a new easement for access because Nelson is unbuildable, but Nelson remains a legal public access for several lots. In my opinion, nothing that the Patton's did made Nelson Avenue unbuildable.
- 6. We did apply for and obtain a driveway construction permit from the City of Homer (something the Pattons did not do ). This was to build our legal access to our property on Nelson Avenue. No comment.
- 7. However, upon our inspection and after hiring a surveyor, we discovered the Pattons had dug the unregulated, non-permitted, drainage diversion right down the middle of the Nelson access, making it impossible to build our driveway. Water flowing was eastward toward Kalman in an unregulated amount, creating a swamp and making the use of Nelson as the intended public access impossible. The Patton's did not dig a ditch down the center of Nelson. The photos show this "ditch" pre-existed any work by the Patton's.
- 8. The petition submitted to the Borough in support of the vacation is untrue, a misrepresentation, fraudulent I suppose, since the truth is known by the Pattons. The drainage has not been "unused" since 1984. Water has not flowed in the drainage since the Pattons dammed it off, but that wasn't 1984 nor does it create the easement as "unused". The "alternative corridor" said to exist on Nelson is an excavated ditch dug by the Pattons down the middle of the right of way. No comment.

Therefore we are totally and legally opposed to the vacation of the drainage easement. We simply will not permit vacation without a legally approved alternative.

One solution is to have the Pattons remove the dam and allow the Wetlands to drain naturally on the drainage easement so we can build an access to our property.

We would accept an alternative for the Pattons by accepting a diversion ditch along the edge of the

Nelson right of way as long as there was enough space to allow us to build our access, and the diversion was approved by City of Homer and Corps of Engineers and any other required permitting agency and we were indemnified for working in Wetlands and along the right of way where excess water was flowing, having been diverted from its natural flow. If permitted, the Pattons could hire a surveyor and contractor to remove the unregulated and un-permitted ditch down the middle of Nelson and replace it with a ditch on the edge of the right of way and create a passable driveway access, and ditch and clean up the swamp mess on Kalman.

Again, we are totally and legally opposed to this vacation without an officially approved alternative that does not restrict our legal access.

Thank you, Tony Neal, Member-Manager for Echo Trading Company, LLC.

Tony Neal 907-299-2351

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This photo (taken prior to culvert removal) looks north across the Nelson. Note that the "ditch" is turning east down Nelson Avenue.



This photo looks west along Nelson Avenue and shows that surface water ran down the center of Nelson Avenue prior to culvert removal.



This photo looks north at the downstream end of the culvert that was removed.

Roll call vote was requested for the main motion to approve a conditional land use permit application for Beachcomber LLC, Resolution 2018-23, that has been amended with voluntary conditions.

#### MOTION PASSED BY MAJORITY VOTE: 8 Yes, 2 No, 1 Recused, 1 Absent.

Yes: Bentz, Ecklund, Fikes, Foster, Martin, Morgan, Ruffner, Venuti

No: Carluccio, Whitney

Recused: Brantley Absent: Ernst

Chairman Martin thanked the public that attended, did their research and participated in the process.

# AGENDA ITEM F. VACATIONS NOT REQUIRING A PUBLIC HEARING

# F. Utility Easement Vacation

 Vacate the 10-foot-wide drainage easement on Lot 24-A, AA Mattox Peggi's Addition, granted by AA Mattox Peggi's Addition (Plat HM 99-64); within Section 17, Township 6 South, Range 13 West, Seward Meridian, Alaska, within the Kenai Peninsula Borough. KPB File 2019-048V

PC Meeting: June 24, 2019

Staff Report given by Scott Huff

Purpose as stated in petition: The 10' drainage easement has not been used since it was granted in 1984. There is an alternative corridor in place on the Nelson Avenue ROW above the north lot line of the subject property. A long driveway permit on the Nelson Avenue ROW has been issued by the City of Homer to the Quiet Creek Park LLC Project. The long driveway permit requires that the existing drainage corridor remain in place on the North side of the long driveway. The current corridor on the Nelson Avenue ROW handles any storm or seasonal water runoff from the Quiet Creek Park LLC Project and above, as well as, the drainage plan in place in the Quiet Creek Park LLC Project. The owner understands that the City of Homer prefers not to cross personal property when other more adequate options or corridors are available to the City of Homer for drainage and seasonal runoff. The subject property is currently for sale and buyers are concerned about the future use of the subject property 10' drainage easement, therefore preventing them from making an offer on the subject property. This is creating an adverse effect to the subject property. Vacating this easement would not create any adverse effects to the surrounding properties.

Petitioner: Peggi Patton of Homer, Alaska

Location: on Nelson Avenue and Heidi Court, in the City of Homer

<u>Notification</u>: Notice of vacation mailings were sent by regular mail to 17 owners of property within 300 feet. Notice of the proposed vacation was emailed to 8 agencies and interested parties.

The public notice was posted on the Planning Department's bulletin board at the KPB Administration Building.

The City of Homer Advisory Planning Commission recommended approval of the drainage easement vacation on May 15, 2019.

# Comments Received:

Alaska Communications Systems: No objection.

ENSTAR Natural Gas: No objection.

GCI: No objection.

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Homer Electric Association: No objection.

Tony Neal: Objection

Mr. Neal is a land owner of Lot 8 and the remainder of Tract A, which are two lots located at the west end of Nelson Avenue. The two lots are currently being combined into one parcel, Lot 8-A of proposed AA Mattox Subdivision Gwen's 2019 Addition. The Plat committee approved this replat at the May 28, 2019 meeting on the condition of an access easement be granted from Sanjay Court. Currently the only legal access to the reminder of Tract A is from Nelson Drive.

Mr. Neal also owns the 37 Acre development of Barnett's South Slope Subdivision Quiet Creek Park Unit 2 (HM 2018-40). Lots 34, 35, and 36 of HM 2018-40 front on Nelson Avenue, however the constructed access is from a different Nelson Avenue located further north.

Mr. Neal's letter states his concerns with drainage and the ability to use Nelson Avenue to access proposed Lot 8-A.

Carey Meyer, Public Works Director, City of Homer

Mr. Meyer contacted the Planning Department and submitted written comments in response to Mr. Neal's letter. Mr. Meyer stated that the City of Homer has no interest in a drainage easement across private property when a dedicated Right of Way is nearby. The City of Homer prefers to utilize a dedicated street right of way, whenever possible, to provide drainage corridors to direct water to natural drainage ways. A natural drainage way is located approximately 400 feet to the east.

#### Staff comments:

1999 – An application was submitted to vacate the 15-foot utility and drainage easement within former Lot 24 and the 10-foot utility easement within former Lot 25 AA Mattox Subdivision.

The 1999 vacation application was approved by the City of Homer Planning and Zoning Commission.

The KPB Planning Department, after listening to concerns regarding drainage and water/sewer services, denied the application. The application was then appealed to the Homer City Council.

The Homer City Council overturned the denial and approved the vacation on the condition that a 25-foot water and sewer easement be granted on the east boundary of former Lot 25 as well as a 10-foot drainage easement be granted on the west side of former Lot 25. The request for the drainage easement came from the City of Homer Public Works Department.

The City of Homer Public Works has submitted comments stating no objection to the vacation of the 10-foot drainage easement. Public Works prefers to utilize utility and drainage corridors within dedicated right of ways whenever possible, as opposed to easements on private property. Nelson Avenue and Kallman Road contain an existing drainage corridor.

#### Findings:

- 1. Per the petition, the drainage easement proposed to be vacated is not in use by a utility company.
- 2. ACS, ENSTAR, GCI, and Homer Electric Association provided written non-objection to the proposed vacation.
- 3. The Homer Advisory Planning Commission recommended approval of the proposed vacation on May 15, 2019.
- AA Mattox Peggi's Addition (Plat HM 99-64) granted a 10-foot wide drainage easement on Lot 24-A.
- 5. Per the Homer Advisory Planning Commission hearing packet, the city prefers to utilize utility and drainage corridors in dedicated street rights-of-way whenever possible.
- 6. Per the Homer Advisory Planning Commission hearing packet, a draining corridor exists easterly along Nelson Avenue and southerly down Kallman Road.
- 7. No surrounding properties will be denied utilities or drainage.

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Based upon the above findings, staff recommends granting the vacation as petitioned, subject to:

- 1. Provide a sketch clearly indicating the draining easement being vacated to be recorded with KPB Planning Commission Resolution 2019-19, becoming Page 2 of 2.
- 2. The Planning Department is responsible for filing the Planning Commission resolution.
- 3. The applicants will provide the recording fee for the resolution and its attachments to the Planning Department.

NOTE: Action after denial of vacation (KPB 20.70.120)

- A. Denial of a vacation petition is a final act for which no further consideration shall be given by the Kenai Peninsula Borough.
- B. Upon denial by the planning commission, no reapplication or petition concerning the same vacation may be filed within one calendar year of the date of the final denial action except in the case where new evidence or circumstances exist that were not available or present when the original petition was filed.

#### **END OF STAFF REPORT**

Mr. Huff noted in the laydown packet another letter was received from Tony Neal, the neighboring landowner. There is also a Google map street view image that looks up the driveway of the subject parcel. It appears the easement is between the driveway and the existing house. There are trees and grass growing in the area. There is also a contour map included to show the natural drainage patterns of the area.

Chairman Martin opened public comment. Seeing and hearing no one wishing to comment, Chairman Martin closed public comment and discussion was opened among the Commission.

**MOTION:** Commissioner Ecklund moved, seconded by Commissioner Venuti to approve the vacation of a 10-foot-wide drainage easement on Lot 24-A, AA Mattox Peggi's Addition in Homer, Alaska subject to staff recommendations and compliance with borough code.

Commissioner Ruffner noted that this had gone back and forth in the past. He wanted clarified the City of Homer's current position. Mr. Huff said the City of Homer does not want a drainage easement on private property when there is a right-of-way that can be used. City of Homer has reviewed this and they approved to have it vacated.

**MOTION PASSED:** Seeing and hearing no discussion or objection the motion passed by unanimous consent.

#### **SPECIAL CONSIDERATIONS**

# AGENDA ITEM G. SPECIAL CONSIDERATIONS

1. Review of May 13, 2019 Plat Committee Conditional Approval of Preliminary Plat Diamond Ridge Estates No. 5, KPB File No. 2019-037; Geovera, LLC/Arno

Location: intersection of Estate Drive and Skittles, north of Skyline Drive, Diamond Ridge area

Staff Report given by Scott Huff

Planning Commission Meeting: 6/24/19

The following staff report was presented to the Plat Committee for Preliminary Plat Diamond Ridge Estates No. 5, KPB File No. 2019-037; Geovera, LLC/Arno on May 13, 2019:

# AGENDA ITEM E. SUBDIVISION PLAT PUBLIC HEARINGS

4. Diamond Ridge Estates No. 5

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