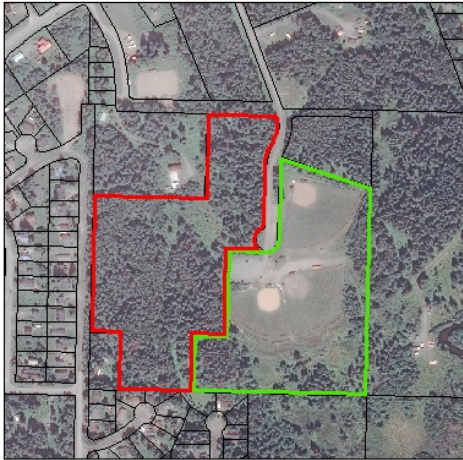




Memorandum 20-026

TO: Parks, Art, Recreation and Culture Advisory Commission
THROUGH: Homer City Council
FROM: Councilmember Smith
DATE: February 10, 2020
SUBJECT: Consideration of lot for sale adjacent to Jack Gist Park



The purpose of this memo is to solicit input from the Parks Art Recreation and Culture Advisory Commission (PARCAC) on the potential purchase of a lot adjacent to Jack Gist Park that has recently been listed for sale at \$285,000.

During the planning phase of Jack Gist Park, this lot was considered for future soccer fields and equestrian areas. In recent years, a smaller 2.33 lot adjacent to the park was for sale. PARCAC recommended against purchasing it because that lot was too small to add much utility to the park, and this 14.84 acres parcel was much more desirable, if it ever came up for sale.

Questions for PARCAC to consider:

- Does the Commission see value in owning this lot for future growth of the park?
- Is purchasing this lot the best use of limited funds designated for parks and recreation? (Estimated 2021 ending balance of Parks Reserve account is \$122,736.)
- What would PARCAC recommend for future development of the land?
- If the whole lot was not available, what portions of the land would they like to have and for what priorities/ purposes?
- Would PARCAC recommend the City offer to purchase a 100 foot buffer between the existing parks and potential residential development if the parcel is subdivided?