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MEMORANDUM 20-121

To: Mayor Castner and Homer City Council
From: Julie Engebretsen, Deputy City Planner
Date: August 18, 2020
Subject: Poopdeck Trail funding

Requested Action: Amend the 2020 capital budget by \$45,000 from HART Trail funds to purchase supplies and materials to complete the Poopdeck trail on City and KHLT properties. This includes leveraging community volunteers to install signage, benches, an ADA ramp from the accessible parking stall off of Pioneer Ave, and leveling the trail.

Synopsis

Over the past year, the Kachemak Heritage Land Trust (land trust) secured funding for and constructed an accessible trail on City and land trust properties. The goal was a universally accessible trail connecting Pioneer Ave, the land trust property, and lower Poopdeck and library trails. The City contributed financially to the project by providing a 10% cash grant match to the land trust, and paving an ADA parking stall at the City's trailhead.

After a winter which included some heavy rains, it was clear that some parts of the trail needed to be reworked. Additionally, the phase two work of interpretive signage, benches, and trailhead kiosks have been designed and are ready for purchase. (The land trust used other funding for this design work). Lastly, the trailhead access from the City parking stall to the trail is too steep. After researching options for reducing the grade, staff has determined an aluminum light penetrating boardwalk with handrails is the best long term solution.

The cost for all improvements, plus a 15% contingency, is \$45,000. This funding will leverage work and volunteers coordinated by the Land Trust AND result in a complete project by the end of 2020.

The Parks, Art, Recreation and Culture Commission is scheduled to make a recommendation on this item at their Thursday August 20th meeting. Staff will provide their comments to Council for the supplemental packet on Monday August 24th.

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