

**CITY OF HOMER  
HOMER, ALASKA**

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**RESOLUTION 23-030**

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF HOMER, ALASKA,  
SUPPORTING IMPROVEMENTS TO THE PROPERTIES OF THE  
HOMER PUBLIC LIBRARY, ACCORDING TO A DESIGN PLAN  
DEVELOPED BY THE FRIENDS OF HOMER LIBRARY, CONTINGENT  
UPON THE AVAILABILITY OF FUNDS FOR CONSTRUCTION.

WHEREAS, The library grounds consist of the parcel with the library building (Glacier View Subdivision No. 26 Tract A) and an adjacent property to the west with a trail and greenspace (Tract B); and

WHEREAS, The western parcel (Tract B) is underutilized and has great potential to be developed for library activities and public enjoyment; and

WHEREAS, The Friends of Homer Library have long advocated for improvements to Tract B that would serve various aims, including upgrading the trail to the standards of the Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA), protecting the environment, adding directional signage, adding educational signage covering the natural and human history of the area, encouraging greater use of the lot with a play space and room for programs, and enhancing the aesthetic attractions of the parcel; and

WHEREAS, Homer City Council adopted Resolution 21-018, supporting a public process to design such improvements in collaboration with City offices, the National Park Service, various community organizations and interested citizens; and

WHEREAS, The process has narrowed options down to one design plan, which has been reviewed by the Library Advisory Board, the ADA Advisory Board and the Parks, Art, Recreation and Culture Advisory Commission; and

WHEREAS, The Friends of Homer Library will comply with any applicable state or federal laws and City of Homer policies regarding the construction of all design features, will transfer ownership of the completed features to the City, and will raise funds for the construction of all features except the ADA upgrades to the trail; and

WHEREAS, the City of Homer will fund and execute the ADA upgrades and assume responsibility for the maintenance and upkeep of each part of the project as it reaches completion; and

WHEREAS, The design plan is included as Attachment A.

45 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the City Council of Homer, Alaska, hereby  
46 supports improvements to Glacier View Subdivision No. 26 Tract B, following the design plan  
47 included in Attachment A, contingent upon the availability of funds for construction.  
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49 PASSED AND ADOPTED by the Homer City Council this 10<sup>th</sup> day of April, 2023.  
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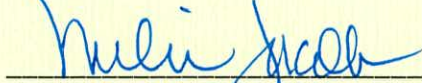
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KEN CASTNER, MAYOR

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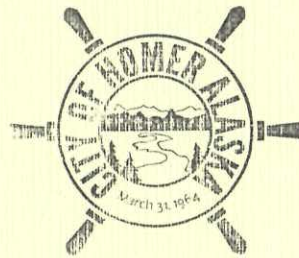
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59 MELISSA JACOBSEN, MMC, CITY CLERK

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61 Fiscal note: N/A



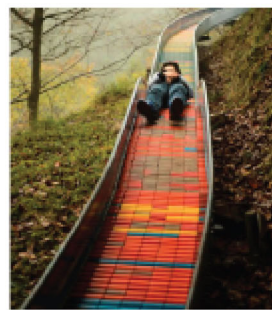


Natural play area: Large boulders (local glacial), play sculpture climbable animals, other balance activities (stepping logs, driftwood, over/under tunnels, hillside slide and ladders). Built for safety, ecosystem protection, and minimal maintenance. Final siting and design to be developed.

Gathering area: Picnic tables and stump seating.

Future Project: Redesign front plaza to include covered outdoor space for education, reading and gathering.

Reading Tree: seating around tree, location to be determined



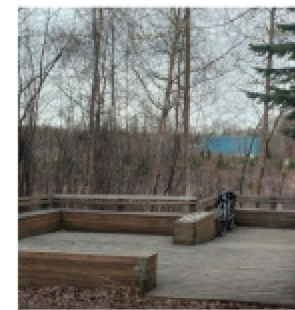
Knoll Slide



Stump Seating



Bird's Nest Play Area



Wetland Viewing Platform



Reading Tree



Book Bench (ADA compliant)



Compass Rose Gathering Area

*A vibrant, accessible community space adjacent to the Library where learning and nature give rise to a sense of discovery and delight.*

Homer Library Placemaking

NPS Rivers, Trails and Conservation Assistance Program (RTCA)

American Society of Landscape Architects Alaska Chapter

Conceptual Design  
Homer Library Western Lot

Friends of Homer Library Working Group  
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