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**CITY OF HOMER  
HOMER, ALASKA**

City Manager

**RESOLUTION 24-027**

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF HOMER, ALASKA  
ADOPTING THE BAYVIEW PARK PLAN.

WHEREAS, Bayview Park has long served as a resource with a playground designed for children aged 0-5 and their families; and

WHEREAS, City staff have worked with Corvus Design to develop a plan with community input; and

WHEREAS, The park plan was designed to be ADA compliant and was reviewed by the ADA Advisory Board; and

WHEREAS, The park plan was reviewed by Parks, Art, Recreation, and Culture Advisory Commission who have recommended adoption.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the City Council of Homer, Alaska hereby adopts the plan as presented in Exhibit A.

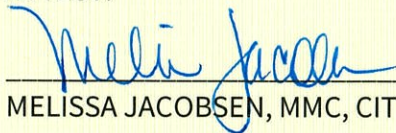
PASSED AND ADOPTED by the Homer City Council this 11<sup>th</sup> day of March, 2024.

CITY OF HOMER



KEN CASTNER, MAYOR

ATTEST:



MELISSA JACOBSEN, MMC, CITY CLERK

Fiscal note: N/A





# MEMORANDUM

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## Resolution 24-027, A Resolution of the City Council of Homer, Alaska Adopting the Bayveiw Park Plan. City Manager.

**Item Type:** Backup Memorandum  
**Prepared For:** City Council  
**Date:** February 28, 2024  
**From:** Matt Steffy, Parks and Trails Planner  
**Through:** Rob Dumouchel, City Manager

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In April of 2023, the City of Homer accepted funds through the Healthy and Equitable Communities grant, part of which the Council designated for funding the Bayview Park Restoration Project.

Last summer, the City of Homer began a park planning project. The design contract was awarded to Corvus Design, LLC.

A website was set up on the City webpage with a webform for folks to submit comments, suggestions, or ask questions. On September 12<sup>th</sup>, 2023, Corvus designers visited Homer and met with interested users on-site at Bayview Park to discuss what they would like to see. This group included passive neighborhood users, as well as organizations like Sprout who provide services to families in the community through partnerships. The collation of that input was presented as an initial draft at the January PARCAC meeting. The plan was then shared at the February ADA Advisory Board meeting where the accessible parking, pathway, and play equipment were highlighted. After further comment and discussions with staff, the final draft was submitted to PARCAC at the February meeting. After reviewing the new plan and asking some basic questions, the commission moved to recommend the City Council adopt the plan as it is shown in Exhibit A.

The primary components of the park plan include ADA parking, an ADA pathway that encircles the park, and ADA compliant play equipment with accessible safety surfacing. Funding for this project is already secured through an HEC grant, Rotary donations, and both HART Road and HART Trails funds. Future funding will address the fence that needs replacing, and minor natural play elements.

### **RECOMMENDATION:**

Recommend adopting Bayview Park Plan by Resolution 24-027

### **ATTACHMENTS:**

Park Plan – Exhibit A  
PARCAC Minutes  
ADA Memo

B. Bayview Park Plan – Additional Commission Review and Recommendation

Chair Lewis introduced the item and deferred to Parks & Trails Planner Steffy.

Parks & Trails Planner Steffy stated that he amended the plan in accordance with comments received from the Commission and the ADA Advisory Board and presented the amendments as follows:

- Composite play structure swing set
- ADA accessible pathway completes full loop around lower portion
  - o Noted the future paved pathway on the upper portion
    - Bids will be requested in phases and dependent on costs will determine the length completed
- Natural play elements
- Drainage
- Mini-amphitheater seating
- Snow removal in winter
  - o No disposal of snow removed from streets or private residences
  - o Additional stressor on drainage during spring melt
- Parking is limited to 4 or 5 spaces plus the ADA space
  - o No land to increase parking
  - o Geared as a neighborhood park in walking distance
  - o Van Accessible ADA Space will be level, striped and asphalt
  - o Remaining spaces will be gravel
- Concrete or asphalt pad for portable toilet with permanent screening for aesthetics
- Fencing will be improved, not enough funding to totally replace
  - o Gates will be operational

Parks Maintenance Coordinator Felice responded that drainage will be addressed, the fence will be repaired and replaced between staff and rotary funding and they do not want to delay until June to order equipment as that will postpone everything else to mid-summer.

Chair Lewis called for a motion to adopt.

HARRALD/ARCHIBALD MOVED THE COMMISSION SUPPORTS THE ADOPTION OF THE PROPOSED BAYVIEW PARK SITE DESIGN PLAN 24-013.

There was a brief comment to keep in mind the Commission comments with the adoption of the plan.

VOTE. NON-OBJECTION. UNANIMOUS CONSENT.

Motion carried.

C. Proposed Community Recreation Center: Location Selection Recommendation  
Memorandum PARC-24-006 from Recreation Manager as backup



# AGENDA ITEM REPORT

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## Bayview Park Plan

**Item Type:** Informational Memorandum  
**Prepared For:** Parks, Art, Recreation and Culture Advisory Commission  
**Meeting Date:** 15 Feb 2024  
**Staff Contact:** Julie Engebretsen, Economic Development Manager

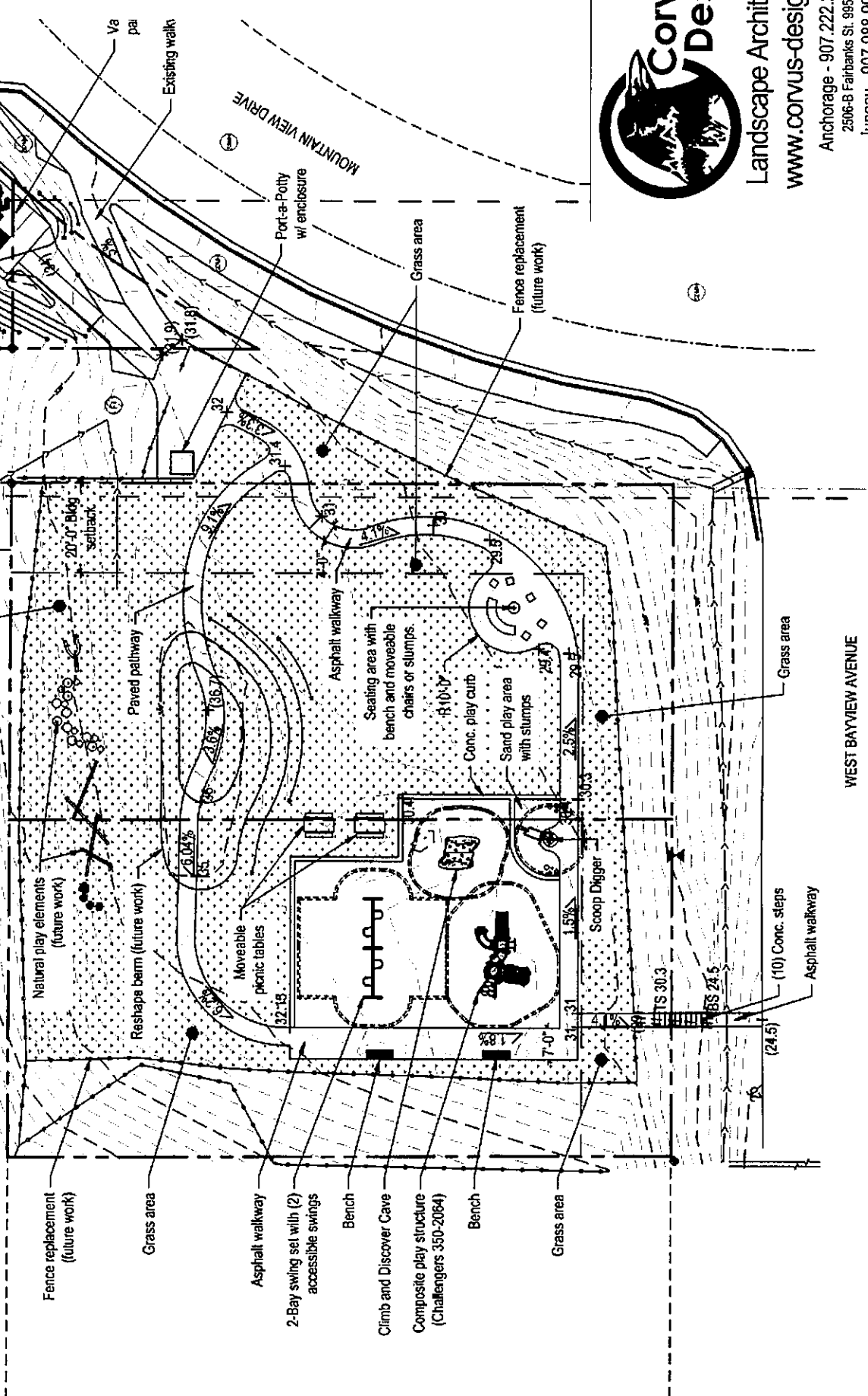
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### Summary Statement:

On Thursday February 8<sup>th</sup> I attended the ADA Board meeting and spoke regarding the Bayview Park plan. The Commission appreciated the opportunity to comment on the plan and provided some great recommendations:

1. Have both picnic tables be ADA accessible; when family groups meet they frequently have more than one wheelchair user.
2. They felt the secondary mulch path should either be accessible, or not built at all. This is an urban park and should be accessible for all users. The Board recognized there may not be funding to build this secondary access at this time, but the City should plan for it to be an accessible route if and when it is built. The path would not necessarily need to be paved – there are paving alternatives that are accessible – but its important to plan for access for all users from the beginning rather than retrofit in the future.

# Exhibit A - Bayview Park Plan - 02.15.2024



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