

Parks and Recreation Advisory Commission

Thursday January 19, 2012

Worksession 4:30 P.M.

Regular Meeting 5:30 P.M.



Cowles Council Chambers

City Hall

491 E. Pioneer Avenue

Homer, Alaska 99603



**NOTICE OF MEETING
REGULAR MEETING AGENDA**

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- 15. COMMENTS OF THE CHAIR**
- 16. ADJOURNMENT THE NEXT REGULAR MEETING IS FEBRUARY 16, 2011** at 5:30pm in the City Hall Cowles Council Chambers located at 491 E. Pioneer Avenue, Homer Alaska

PARKS AND RECREATION ADVISORY COMMISSION
REGULAR MEETING
NOVEMBER 17, 2011

Session 11-10, a Regular Meeting of the Parks and Recreation Advisory Commission was called to order by Chair Bumpo Bremicker at 5:38 p.m. on November 17, 2011 at the City Hall Cowles Council Chambers located at 491 E. Pioneer Avenue, Homer, Alaska.

PRESENT: COMMISSIONERS CUMMING, BRANN, ARCHIBALD AND BREMICKER

ABSENT: COMMISSIONER LILLIBRIDGE (EXCUSED)

STAFF: DEPUTY CITY CLERK I RENEE KRAUSE

APPROVAL OF THE AGENDA

Chair Bremicker requested a motion to approve the agenda.

ARCHIBALD/BRANN – MOVED TO APPROVE THE AGENDA.

BREMICKER/BRANN – MOVED TO AMEND THE AGENDA TO MOVE THE HOPP REPORT UNDER VISITORS.

There was a brief discussion.

VOTE. (Amendment) YES. NON-OBJECTION. UNANIMOUS CONSENT.

Motion carried.

VOTE. (Main) YES. NON-OBJECTION. UNANIMOUS CONSENT.

Motion carried.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES (*Minutes are approved during Regular Meetings.*)

A. Meeting Minutes for the October 20, 2011 Regular Meeting

Chair Bremicker requested a motion to approve the minutes from the October meeting.

ARCHIBALD/BRANN - MOVED TO APPROVE THE MINUTES AS PRESENTED.

There was no discussion.

VOTE. YES. NON-OBJECTION. UNANIMOUS CONSENT.

Motion carried.

PUBLIC COMMENTS REGARDING ITEMS ON THE AGENDA

There were no comments from the public present.

VISITORS

A. Miranda Weiss, City Resident and Co-Chair of Community Group HoPP (Homer Playground Project)

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Ms. Weiss gave a summary of the actions performed to date by the HoPP group. She provided the Commissioners with an updated design of the proposed playground.

The following was noted as changes:

1. Scaled playground back
2. Added a covered playground that will have room for 6 picnic tables.
3. The boardwalk ramp was cut back to one turn to the proposed tower.
4. A Seasonal hand operated water feature for kids to play with created with natural materials.

Points made were that the existing yellow fencing would be removed; a Large grassy area perfect for impromptu games of soccer, etc. would be created and multiple ADA accessible routes to the playground and picnic areas.

Ms. Weiss announced that build week is planned for the week of May 21, 2012. They have raised a bit over \$30,000 to date with programs in the works to raise more funding. They have the advantage of a new resident who was the former head playground maintenance person for a playground in Juneau designed by the same people. They have accumulated over 200 names of persons that are interested in this project. She noted that they do not have a grant writer at this time.

Commissioner Brann offered to pass along any information regarding grants that he feels may be applicable to the group and the project. A discussion ensued on the revised drawings for the following:

1. Covered walkways
2. Price breakdown
3. Prohibitive devices to prevent cars driving on various areas.
4. Removal of the Red Shed.
5. Addressing security issues at the park and playground.

Ms. Weiss requested the Commissioners forward a recommendation of support for the project to Council at the January meeting. The Clerk confirmed that there were three options available that the Commission could use to express support of the proposed project. The strongest is a resolution and the reasons(wheras) why Council should support the project is needed. Mrs. Weiss stated she could provide that information to Staff.

There were no further discussion.

RECONSIDERATION

There were no items scheduled for reconsideration.

STAFF AND COUNCIL REPORTS/COMMITTEE REPORTS/BOROUGH REPORTS

A. Parks & Campgrounds Report – Angie Otteson

There was no report this meeting. Ms. Otteson was not in attendance.

B. Community Schools and Recreation Report – Mike Illg

There was no report this meeting. Mr. Illg was absent.

C. Staff Report – Renee Krause

Ms. Krause reported that there will be some changes in the way the minutes will be written regarding the format and content. She advised the commissioners that there is no regular meeting in December and that is why she advised Ms. Weiss to request being on the January agenda. There was a brief discussion on the council decision on the Resolution 11-90 regarding the Kachemak Drive proposed path.

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Staff explained the process and stated that the Commissioners could request the resolution be remanded back to the committee in response to a question posed by Commissioner Brann. Chair Bremicker commented that he believed this was getting into a more of a strategy discussion which should be held during the next committee meeting.

There was no further discussion.

D. Spit Parks and Recreation Committee
1. Synopsis of the November 3, 2011 Meeting

Commissioner Archibald commented that they did meet and he would be glad to answer any questions.

Chair Bremicker inquired about the status of a Resolution to City Council regarding the recommendation to relocate the entrance to Mariner Park and changing the speed limit for that approach. He was sure that this was addressed at a previous meeting of the commission.

Staff will look into the status of that recommendation from the Commission. She explained the process to the best of her knowledge.

Further discussion by the commissioners included the following:

- Safety issues regarding the existing entrance location
- the ease of relocating the entrance closer to the base of the spit nearer the lagoon
- who would be involved in the reduction of the speed limit and relocation of the entrance

UPDATE: Further research has indicated that the Commission approved a motion to recommend staff research and provide information at the January meeting on these topics. They did not submit a recommendation to council at the October meeting.

There was no further discussion.

Commissioner Archibald reviewed the surveys received commenting on the highest concern represented by respondents; he noted a lengthy discussion with Mr. Ilg regarding a needs assessment survey; and holding a meet the trucks event at Mariner Park.

E. Karen Hornaday Park Committee and HoPP Report

Commissioner Archibald reported that Mr. Meyer was present for the meeting and will have the preliminary costs associated with the road realignment by the end of November; Ms. Cumming was a scheduled visitor and provided a PowerPoint presentation on information compiled and previously submitted by the friends of Woodard Creek; he noted that a discussion was entertained on the removal of the red shed at the park; and HoPP provided the same report that was given tonight. He reported additional agenda items discussed were the Adopt a Park Program, getting the main gate issues addressed by Public Works in the spring, safety concerns with the proposed improvements, annual clean up days in spring and fall.

Discussion on potential funding requests from HoPP and that the committee did approve a recommendation to support the HoPP plan for playground improvement only, no financial support which would be forwarded to the commission in the near future and safety issues ensued.

Commissioner Archibald commented that he would be checking with the Homer Police Department to get their recommendations and will look forward to getting the cost estimate from Mr. Meyer at the end of the month. He noted that something will have to be done to offer better security for facilities and visitors.

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There was no further discussion.

F. Kachemak Drive Path Committee Report

Chair Bremicker reported on the progress of the committee during the last month. He stated that they had a visitor at the most recent meeting, Lynn Whitmore who represents the Moose Habitat and were concerned what the committee was proposing and what the design would be through the property. Chair Bremicker stated that the information and advice that the committee received from Mr. Whitmore who is experienced with the different state agencies was very helpful and especially the best types of paths to put through that property that will not deter or hamper a moose passage through the area.

It was noted that the committee made progress on defining the proposed path and where it should be located along Kachemak Drive. They have received very helpful advice and efforts from Kevin Walker also. An option that was discussed was to use an established easement for a road that goes from East End Road in front of Redden Marine to Kachemak Drive. The committee has reached consensus on the proposed location and the next steps will be the design cross sections and funding.

The members of the committee responded to questions from the commission on portions at the easterly end of the proposed path and connection to the beach access.

The committee will have a meeting on November 22, 2011 at 5:30 p.m.

There was no further discussion.

PUBLIC HEARINGS

No public hearings were scheduled.

PENDING BUSINESS

A. Transient Camping Along Trails in City Limits – Discussion and Recommendations

Chair Bremicker opened discussion by asking clarification on the Staff recommendation.

A lengthy discussion covered the following topics:

- offering a place where someone could camp for free for a limited time
- to prevent garbage and debris being left behind from transient campers

It was noted that the information provided by Ms. Krause did contain several simple suggestions such as clearing brush and shrubbery to make the problem areas more open to visual inspection, bring problems to the attention of local police enforcement, etc. It was discussed in depth that the police department needs to respond and react to complaints that are filed by residents. This is an issue that affects all areas of trails and the like. Including advertisement or notice encouraging reporting incidents of unlawful camping in a resolution forwarded to council.

BRANN/ARCHIBALD - MOVED TO DIRECT STAFF TO SEND A MEMORANDUM TO THE HOMER POLICE CHIEF MARK ROBL THROUGH THE CITY MANAGER WALT WREDE TO ENFORCE CITY CODE, 19.08.030 AND 19.08.070 AS APPLICABLE TO THE AREAS NOTED FOR TRANSIENT CAMPERS AND THE ASSOCIATIVE PROBLEMS AND TO INSTALL ADDITIONAL SIGNAGE PROHIBITING CAMPING.

There was a brief discussion.

BREMICKER/BRANN - MOVED TO OFFER FRIENDLY AMENDMENT, AND TO ISSUE PUBLIC SERVICE ANNOUNCEMENTS ENCOURAGING RESIDENTS TO REPORT ILLEGAL CAMPING TO THE POLICE DEPARTMENT AND MAKING SURE OFFICERS FOLLOW-UP ON THE ALLEGED VIOLATIONS.

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VOTE. (AMEND) YES. NON-OBJECTION. UNANIMOUS CONSENT.

Motion carried.

VOTE. (MAIN) YES. NON-OBJECTION. UNANIMOUS CONSENT.

Motion carried.

There was no further discussion.

B. Discussion and Recommendation to Request Update on Costs, Plans, or Alternatives to Relocation of the Roadway into Karen Hornaday Park from City Personnel

Commissioner Cumming reported on her presentation at the Karen Hornaday Park Committee. The following points she made were as follows:

- comments and opinions from Friends of Woodard Creek
- concern regarding a memorandum issued by the city to the state legislature to obtain the \$250,000 grant
- the city funding any additional request from HoPP

Commissioner Cumming read an email from Ralph Broshe into the record and then listed the names of the others who submitted additional emails that were similar in content.

Commissioner Cumming proceeded to comment on the results and discussions held during the most recent Karen Hornaday Park Committee. She felt that the city has no intention on realigning the road into the Park and that they intend to just nickel and dime the monies away.

Chair Bremicker inquired if there was a specific recommendation Ms. Cumming would like the Commission to make to council.

Commissioner Cumming reported that she would like the commission to submit a request to the City to present a detailed cost analysis to move the road over, and to include water and sewer and if the city is not going to relocate the road then the city should take monies out of the \$250,000 to construct a trail along Woodard Creek, this is not the first choice but a good alternate. She believes that the city is dragging its feet two years after the city council approved the master plan. She opined that many of the adopted pages never received approval and recommendation from the commission either and it is her belief that the commission should have been consulted.

Chair Bremicker stated that the only option the commission had was to forward a recommendation to city council to direct personnel to start working on the road realignment. Reminding them that the commission is advisory in nature only. The City Council has the ultimate authority no matter what they think.

There was further comments and discussion on the history of the road realignment discussion as a whole and previous comments and price estimates. It was noted again that this commission did recommend and council approved a resolution on getting the preliminary engineering done, plus the ball field improvements, playground improvements, drainage, etc. it was noted also that Mr. Meyer had reported to the park committee that he would have the estimate at the end of November.

It was questioned that once they have received the costs to relocate that road what was the next steps that the commission would take, what if the cost was \$1,000,000? What would they do then? The biggest concern with some of the commissioners was the safety factor and squandering more money.

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It was further discussed that an assessment of what needs to be done, what can the public provide and once they get those costs then they can always get a second opinion if needed, before decisions are made. If the figures are too high then they have to revisit and determine what they need to do.

Commissioner Brann offered some additional temporary measures but did state he would vote to use some of the funds if nothing else has been done in a few years or five.

Chair Bremicker repeatedly assured Commissioner Cumming that at this time there is no intention to give the HoPP any more monies.

Additional discussion was entertained on the intentions of the City Administration and Public Works personnel. Commissioners voiced their dismay on the lack of concern on the non-progress in getting things moving at the park, to remove the old and replaced with new, solving safety issues.

BREMICKER/ARCHIBALD - MOVED TO SUBMIT ANOTHER MEMORANDUM TO THE PUBLIC WORKS DIRECTOR REQUESTING THE COST ANALYSIS ON RELOCATING THE ROAD INTO THE PARK BY THE END OF THE MONTH.

There was a brief discussion.

VOTE. YES. CUMMING, BRANN, ARCHIBALD, BREMICKER.

Motion carried.

Chair Bremicker recessed the meeting at 8:00 p.m. The meeting was reconvened at 8:09 p.m.

C. Discussion and Recommendation to Review and Prioritize the Needs of Karen Hornaday Park

There was a brief discussion on prioritizing the needs for the park. The commissioners quickly reviewed the Phase I of the Master Plan. Staff pointed out that the recommendation was included in Ordinance 11-22 allocating the funds in June. It was determined that this is what will be done and the priority listing could not be changed by personnel.

Staff will have copies available for the commissioners if they wanted one.

There was further discussion on whether the City will do what was adopted and that certain things did not go through the commission, decisions were made by city staff, and the Mayor.

There was no further discussion.

D. Discussion and Recommendation to Submit Application for the Soil & Water Conservation District Grant for 2011. *(This item was postponed from the October meeting.)*

Commissioner Archibald called and spoke to a representative today and that this grant will not be available until Fall 2012. Information can be found at State of Alaska website, Department of Natural Resources.

Commissioner Brann inquired as to the point of applying for this grant and what was it to be used for if they received it? Mr. Archibald responded that this is a matching grant used for outdoor recreation and there are some pretty stiff stipulations. He briefly explained why this grant was applied for the last time.

The commissioners agreed to submit a recommendation to staff to submit a request to the person hired to fill the Economic Development Coordinator position.

There was no further discussion.

- E. Review and Updating the Strategic Plan for 2011-12 *(This item was postponed from October meeting.)*

The commission agreed by consensus to set a special meeting on December 8, 2011 at 5:30 p.m. to address this item.

There was no further discussion.

NEW BUSINESS

- A. Discussion and Recommendations on a New Park – City Hall Pocket Park

Chair Bremicker recommended that they could establish it as a pocket park, but installation of a bench is all he could see being there. Commissioner Archibald wanted the consideration of maintenance addressed before taking on an additional park. Commissioner Cumming suggesting selling that parcel and using the proceeds for another park. There was a comment that the current resident may be interested in purchasing that space.

Commissioner Brann recommended postponing this item until Wayne Aderhold was able to be present to comment, verifying it is city owned property and if so, it would be perfect for the adopt a park program.

There was consensus from the Commission that this item should be postponed to the January meeting to allow Mr. Aderhold to attend. Commissioner Brann will contact him. Staff was directed to verify ownership of the parcel in question.

- B. Approval of the 2012 Meeting Schedule

BRANN/CUMMING - MOVED TO APPROVE THE 2012 MEETING SCHEDULE AS PRESENTED.

There was a brief discussion.

VOTE. YES. BRANN, ARCHIBALD, BREMICKER, CUMMING.

Motion carried.

INFORMATIONAL MATERIALS

- A. Kachemak Bay Water Trail – Email from City Manager Wrede dated November 8, 2011

Dave Brann explained the reason behind this email and the unintended furor that misinformation caused with certain members of city council.

There was no further discussion.

- B. Memorandum to Mayor Hornaday and City Council Re: Vaulted Toilets at Mariner Park

There was no further discussion.

COMMENTS OF THE AUDIENCE

There was no audience present.

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COMMENTS OF THE COUNCIL MEMBER (if one is assigned)

None.

COMMENTS OF STAFF MEMBERS

There were no comments from staff.

COMMENTS OF THE COMMISSION

There were no comments from the commission.

COMMENTS OF THE CHAIR

Chair Bremicker requested that elections be on the January agenda.

ADJOURN

There being no further business to come before the Commission Chair Bremicker adjourned the meeting at 9:18 p.m. The next regular meeting is THURSDAY, JANUARY 19, 2012 at 5:30 p.m. There will be a SPECIAL MEETING on DECEMBER 8, 2011 at 5:30 p.m. at the City Hall Cowles Council Chambers.

RENEE KRAUSE, CMC, DEPUTY CITY CLERK I

Approved:

PARKS AND RECREATION ADVISORY COMMISSION
SPECIAL MEETING
DECEMBER 8, 2011

Session 11-11, a Special Meeting of the Parks and Recreation Advisory Commission was called to order by Chair Bumpo Bremicker at 5:38 p.m. on December 8, 2011 at the City Hall Cowles Council Chambers located at 491 E. Pioneer Avenue, Homer, Alaska.

PRESENT: COMMISSIONERS LILLIBRIDGE, BRANN, ARCHIBALD AND BREMICKER

ABSENT: COMMISSIONER CUMMING (EXCUSED)

STAFF: DEPUTY CITY CLERK I RENEE KRAUSE

APPROVAL OF THE AGENDA

Chair Bremicker requested a motion to approve the agenda.

BRANN/ARCHIBALD – SO MOVED.

The agenda was approved by consensus of the Commission.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES (*Minutes are approved during Regular Meetings.*)

There were none to approve.

PUBLIC COMMENTS REGARDING ITEMS ON THE AGENDA

There were no comments from the public present.

VISITORS

There were no visitors scheduled.

RECONSIDERATION

There were no items scheduled for reconsideration.

STAFF AND COUNCIL REPORTS/COMMITTEE REPORTS/BOROUGH REPORTS

There were no reports included for this special meeting.

PUBLIC HEARINGS

No public hearings were scheduled.

PENDING BUSINESS

A. Review and Updating the Strategic Plan for 2011-12

Chair Bremicker requested guidance from Staff on how to proceed with making changes to the existing plan. Staff recommend reviewing the plan and delete completed items, then discuss adding items under each section or create new.

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The commission reviewed and discussed making changes to the Mission Statement and determined that the word "advocate" should be inserted before in.

The following additional changes to the 2012 Strategic plan was discussed and agreed upon by the Commission:

- Remove the goals under 3-5 Year Period, list under new heading General Goals of the Commission
- Change "retaining" to "obtaining" and add the word "additional" in the first goal listed
- Delete "Keep on top of" replace with "Receive notification"
- Add "Identify and" preserve areas of natural beauty and access
- Delete "Preserve Beach access" replace with "Receive Notification"
- Add Report on City cemetery maintenance costs, future land use, budget origination funds derived and originated, how many plots, costs where does that money go.
- Raise Public Awareness of Parks and Recreation Opportunities on the Homer Spit

Under 3-5 Year Projects – Revised category

- Advocate for a Parks and Recreation Department – get information on each city on the Peninsula that has a Parks and Recreation Department and Commission
- Establish Campground Host Program at Karen Hornaday Park

Staff commented on the current format and recommended a few changes in the goals and objectives and projects.

Rename 1-2 Year Period to Projects

- add "pedestrian path" to the first item
- Move 2nd item to the 3-5 year projects heading. Revisit later in the year.
- Add to 3rd item, support playground improvements
- Revise 7th item to read, "Create an overall uniform sign design for the city parks and recreation areas.
- Add new item, Review Town Center Plan to identify short term projects

Under Actions of the Commission

- Add Educate other city commissions, committees and boards
- Staff to send notices of commission projects

BRANN/ARCHIBALD – MOVED TO DIRECT STAFF TO MAKE THE REVISIONS TO THE STRATEGIC PLAN FOR REVIEW AT THE JANUARY 19, 2012 MEETING.

There was a brief discussion.

VOTE. YES. NON-OBJECTION. UNANIMOUS CONSENT.

Motion carried.

There was no further discussion.

NEW BUSINESS

There was no new business on the agenda.

INFORMATIONAL MATERIALS

There were no informational materials.

COMMENTS OF THE AUDIENCE

There were no audience comments.

COMMENTS OF THE COUNCIL MEMBER (if one is assigned)

None.

COMMENTS OF STAFF MEMBERS

Ms. Krause stated that the revised draft Strategic Plan will be on the January agenda for further comments and revisions.

COMMENTS OF THE COMMISSION

There were no comments from the commissioners.

COMMENTS OF THE CHAIR

Chair Bremicker requested that elections be on the January agenda.

ADJOURN

There being no further business to come before the Commission Chair Bremicker adjourned the meeting at 7:05 p.m. The next regular meeting is THURSDAY, JANUARY 19, 2012 at 5:30 p.m. There will be a SPECIAL MEETING on DECEMBER 8, 2011 at 5:30 p.m. at the City Hall Cowles Council Chambers.

RENEE KRAUSE, CMC, DEPUTY CITY CLERK I

Approved:

Session 12-01, a Special Meeting of the Parks and Recreation Advisory Commission was called to order by Chair Bumpo Bremicker at 5:38 p.m. on January 5, 2012 at the City Hall Cowles Council Chambers located at 491 E. Pioneer Avenue, Homer, Alaska.

PRESENT: COMMISSIONERS BRANN, BREMICKER, LOWNEY

TELEPHONIC: COMMISSIONER ARCHIBALD

ABSENT: COMMISSIONER LILLIBRIDGE (EXCUSED)

STAFF: CITY MANAGER WALTER WREDE
PUBLIC WORKS DIRECTOR CAREY MEYER
COMMUNITY AND ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT COORDINATOR KATIE KOESTER
DEPUTY CITY CLERK I RENEE KRAUSE

APPROVAL OF THE AGENDA

The agenda was approved by consensus of the Commission.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES (*Minutes are approved during Regular Meetings.*)

There were no minutes for approval.

PUBLIC COMMENTS REGARDING ITEMS ON THE AGENDA

Ralph Broshes, city resident and member of Friends of Woodard Creek and Karen Hornaday Park. Mr. Broshes read his letter of April 7, 2011 for the record. He explained his reason for joining the friends was to get a trail built along Woodard Creek. He also stated that he worked with Jack Wiles on creating the master plan for the park. He strongly advocates for parking and road improvements and would like the Commission to consider the overall safety and best use of all when developing the park. He acknowledged that implementing the master plan will take a lot of money.

Jim Preston, city resident, read a letter from Jack Wiles into the record regarding use of the remaining funding. Jack Wiles in his letter strongly recommends a preferred alternative to fund for the road and parking improvements.

Roberta Highland, city resident, thanked the commissioners for their service. She stated that Karen Hornaday Park is a jewel and Woodard Creek is a gem. She advocated for parking and road improvements to be considered before anything else for safety issues. Ms. Highland recommended that a joint effort from all interested parties with the initial focus of the parking and road improvements should be considered.

Phil Needham, representing the Little League, wanted to express appreciation to commission for the seed money they received to perform improvements to the fields at Karen Hornaday Park. He stated that Little League is the biggest user group at this park and they did not want to be left out of any future plans. They have already lost some parking to the planned playground improvements without any consultation and they have concerns regarding spending all the money that is currently available on design leaving no funds to perform the actual work. He stated that the Little League would like to see more money and consideration given to maintenance and upkeep to existing facilities such as restroom roof requires replacement.

Janice Preston, city resident, read a letter that she wrote in response to how to spending the legislative grant received. She advocated and supported spending monies on road and parking improvements that will benefits the residents and visitors alike who use the park.

Jim Preston, city resident, commented that the Friends of Woodard Creek and Karen Hornaday Park were instrumental in stopping the dirt from being dumped in the area along the creek; he provided details on the effects of the creek bed and the safety benefits relocating the road and parking improvements.

Janice Preston, read a letter into the record from Marty McCleary who advocated support for use of the remaining funds to finish the engineering report to provide a shovel ready project and fully supported the parking and road improvements and beautification efforts at the entrance to the park.

Beth Cumming, city resident, and member of Friends of Woodard Creek and Karen Hornaday Park. Ms. Cumming advocated not spending any additional funds until the commission could fully review the costs estimates recently provided by Mr. Meyer and consideration given to holding additional meetings that can have interested parties from all groups attend to discuss the priorities and distribution of funds. She offered a few observations since the playground project have started and the goals set by the group and that there are several important decisions made negating the effectiveness of the commission. She commented on the instrumental efforts of the Friends of Woodard Creek and Karen Hornaday Park that initiated all of the interest in the Park. Ms. Cumming additionally commended and recognized individuals of the community and city staff.

There were no further comments.

VISITORS

Miranda Weiss, Homer Playground Project (HoPP), Update on Playground Project/Equipment

Deb Cox, city resident and co-chair of the group distributed an informational handout that included a summary of how the funding was obtained for Karen Hornaday Park, and the actual and estimated costs for the proposed playground improvements.

Ms. Cox stated that the group is using a format that has been proven with other parks in the state and were accomplished in the one year plan with the exception of one which had land issues. Ms. Cox noted that in the packet of information the HoPP group is requesting the commission send City Council a recommendation of support for the project and allocation of an additional \$50,000 from the current funds that the City has designated for the Phase I Karen Hornaday Park Master Plan. She expounded that approving the request for \$50,000 will generate the recognition and the remaining funds required to complete the project. She further noted that speaking for herself she would love to work with the other interest groups on the improvements to the park. She acknowledged the concerns expressed by the representatives of the Friends.

Ms. Cox quickly summarized the funds they have been able to raise to date, citing the methods the group has employed so far; why it would be in the best interest of the park to approve the request for \$50,000 and submitting a recommendation to City Council in support of the group's efforts.

Ms. Cox responded that HoPP has not approached Rasmussen yet for a grant she believed it was planned to apply this month.

Commissioner Brann recommended a team approach from all the interested groups in applying to Rasmussen for a grant. Ms. Cox was very agreeable on that approach and felt that pooling efforts was a great idea and fully supports that idea but strongly recommends moving forward and not losing the momentum to accomplish HoPP's stated goals.

Ms. Cox was unable to answer Commissioner Archibald inquiry on what the group would do with additional funds from the City if they were unable to raise the remaining \$200,000.. She reiterated the

intent of HoPP and in her opinion would maybe scale back the plan but continue working on raising all the funds needed to implement the overall plan.

Commissioner Lowney expressed agreement in pooling resources, concern if the user groups cannot work together as a whole they revert back to their individual projects; she does not know how; she did not know if the playground would be the impetus to affect this; she would like to see a consensus on prioritizing the pieces of the overall project. She is not sure what would or should be the first piece.

Ms. Cox opined again that with the current energy mobilized with the playground portion and the hundreds of people coming forward to help with this project. She again acknowledged that the project may not be high on everyone's list.

Chair Bremicker stated that they have a Master Plan that has been approved by City Council and the question is how we implement it now.

Ms. Cox responded to further requests for clarification on the support being requested from the Commission to endorse the project, and setting build week for May 19, 2012.

There were no further questions or comments.

RECONSIDERATION

There were no items scheduled for reconsideration.

STAFF AND COUNCIL REPORTS/COMMITTEE REPORTS/BOROUGH REPORTS

Mr. Walt Wrede, City Manager agreed with more concerted and coordinator efforts within all the interest groups. He stated that he has heard from a number of persons regarding the use of the available funds. He introduced Katie Koester, Community and Economic Coordinator. As her first task she has been asked to work with the Commission and all user groups to develop an agreeable coordinated plan on how this money should be spent. Mr. Wrede further agreed that the City will not get any additional monies from the Legislature until this current funding is spent. She has come up with a draft budget to start the conversation on how to expend the available funding. He also informed the commission that the grant received was designated for Phase I of the Master Plan.

A brief discussion on the road and parking improvements not being included in Phase I of the Master Plan.

Commissioner Archibald stated that the Committee has been waiting to hear those figures from Mr. Meyer and recommended a camp host program and removal of the red shed to comply with a request from the HoPP group.

PUBLIC HEARINGS

No public hearings were scheduled.

PENDING BUSINESS

There were no items on the agenda.

NEW BUSINESS

A. Cost Estimate for Road and Parking Concepts for Karen Hornaday Park, by Public Works Director Meyer

Mr. Meyer, Public Works Director summarized the information contained in the packet and promised to not go into a long dissertation on cost estimating. Mr. Meyer provided costs estimates for Concept A to Concept B2. He noted the following:

- offered the same amount of parking spaces
- \$250,000 in Access and Parking Improvements
- Earthwork between concept A & B is approximately \$100,000
- The trail and pedestrian bridge are included but as a separate line item as other improvements
- The road length is approximately the same in each concept

Mr. Meyer responded to questions from the commissioners regarding the road re-alignment and what could be done with existing funds towards parking and road improvements and what could or would volunteers be allowed to provide or do. He further commented that the numbers provided do not take into account volunteer services. They are based on if these services were contracted out. He added that contractors will be less willing to volunteer services during the height of the construction season.

Commissioner Brann commented that they really need to prioritize the needs in the Master Plan and that there are other avenues for funding and all stakeholders need to be involved in searching out those funds. Commissioner Archibald thanked Mr. Meyer for providing these cost estimates.

Chair Bremicker called for a brief recess at 6:57 p.m. The meeting was reconvened at 7:04 p.m.

Katie Koester, Community and Economic Development Coordinator provided a handout that provides a draft outline to initiate dialog and produce tangible results between all the user groups. Ms. Koester stated she included funding sources and amounts; work in progress, allocated or completed; suggestions for allocating the remaining funds; application for 2012 LWCF and future steps. Ms. Koester emphasized that the grant received was for Phase I Improvements and the scope of the grant agreement included playground equipment and revitalization of a playground; expanding day use area; survey, engineering, construction and drainage improvements; removal of the old storage shed; a pedestrian bridge; and resurfacing and other parking improvements. She tried to keep her recommendations in line with the grant agreement and Land and Water Conservation Foundation grant application.

Ms. Koester reviewed the handout provided to the commission. She expounded on the need to spend these funds before getting additional funding from the Legislature. Discussion ensued on the work that has been completed and allocated for this park including preliminary engineering on the road realignment, pedestrian bridge and drainage improvements. Her recommendations also include elements that were included in the LWCF grant application which is what the State grant was based on. For the recommendation entitled "Northern parking improvements" clarification was provided by Mr. Meyer on the location as below the red shed in the area of the restrooms. Ms. Koester stated that the City will reapply for a LWCF grant in the spring and if that is received it could possibly construct the trail along Woodard creek and complete the pedestrian bridge.

The commissioners expressed appreciation for the recommendations as outlined by Ms. Koester and agreed with producing something tangible, visible and draw more attention to the overall project. The political component was acknowledged also. It was opined that as long as all parties could be convinced to buy in to this plan it would be great but would also like that conversation. Discussion included extending the term of the grant; the grant agreement was dated February 2011 and must be used five years from the date on the agreement.

Commissioner Brann offered a recommendation to address safety issues regarding speeders on the road within the park.

There was no further discussion.

B. Use of a Portion of Legislative Grant Funds for Phase I Karen Hornaday Park for Playground Equipment.

Chair Bremicker read the item into the record. He noted that just focusing on one portion maybe was not the best process. He acknowledged that there was urgency on the part of the HoPP group but any recommendation would still have to be approved by City Council. He further commented that he would like to hear comments from the Friends of Karen Hornaday, Woodard Creek and Little League regarding the overall project and get additional viewpoints before making a recommendation.

Jim Preston, a soils expert by trade provided personal observation on the effects of dumping and opinions on relocating the road into the park and how it affected Woodard Creek. He offered some recommendations on what they should have as a goal to put Woodard Creek back on the right path.

Chair Bremicker called for a brief recess at 7:38 p.m. to allow members of user groups present to confer for a moment to respond to the Chair request. He called the meeting back at 7:41 p.m.

Roberta Highland speaking for the Friends of Woodard Creek and Karen Hornaday Park, related the groups experience in relation to the grant application and funding received. She stated that the main concerns of safety, establishing a trail and creek restoration were the major concerns of the group. Ms. Highland stated that the group recommends that any additional expenditures of money be postponed until further review of all the numbers and facts submitted at this meeting before anything else is done. They would further recommend re-writing the Phase I projects since it does not address any of the initial concerns that started this whole endeavor.

A brief discussion on if fill removed from one area could be used in other areas of the project. Two contractors involved stated that the quality of materials removed from that area would not be suitable for the parking and road improvements recommended. The materials could be used to fill some areas though that it was needed.

Ms. Krause stated that the discussion is off topic and that the commission was supposed to be discussing "Use of a Portion of Legislative Grant Funds for Phase I Karen Hornaday Park for Playground Equipment"

Chair Bremicker acknowledged that fact but opined that discussion was needed and that the commission was not ready to address just that issue and that they need to look at the big picture. The commissioners present agreed with the statement to postpone a decision. He also stated that the Committee should address this request, but acknowledged the circumstances not allowing that to happen at this time.

Todd Steiner, city resident and local contractor, having kept silent until now acknowledged the time and previous efforts of the other user groups but stated that the Commission should put consideration on the fact that HoPP purposes to bring \$150,000.00 to the table for \$50,000.00 to help improve the area.

The commissioners discussed and agreed to have a joint worksession with the user groups prior to the regular meeting to discuss Karen Hornaday Park. A discussion on how the meeting would be conducted ensued and what would be on the agenda.

Chair Bremicker requested all the groups to bring to the worksession their ideas and what they would like to see done.

There was no further discussion.

INFORMATIONAL MATERIALS

There were no informational materials.

COMMENTS OF THE AUDIENCE

Todd Steiner, city resident, commented that there were two items before the commission tonight and he could understand if they needed more time to make a decision on the request for more money but if they

could resolve to support HoPP tonight it would assist the group in obtaining donations from other grant organizations and seeing the city supporting the organization would also help in private donations.

Deb Cox, HoPP, appreciated everyone's comments; together everyone achieves more, Go Team! Ms. Cox commented that the HoPP project is on a timeline and they have already published the build week and she expressed concern that not everyone is not in favor of building a new playground. She is genuinely interested in the whole master plan not just HoPP. HoPP has a MOU with the City; time is of the essence with their project. She wanted to plug one last time for something tangible; something to make that park stand out; remember that they have the masses that are coming together to build this playground. Ms. Cox stated that the footprint of the playground has been enlarged to include some of the area in the lower portion nearer the existing shelter in response to Commissioner Lowney's inquiry.

Beth Cumming, city resident, commented that Parks and Rec voted to accept the Master Plan and the B2 site plan and she felt that the B2 plan needed to be altered severely. She has spent numerous hours at the park during the height of the little league season and the most cars she counted was 85, so the parking lots can be made smaller. She also mentioned that the City has some sort of ecological plan where they are trying to be more ecologically sensitive and areas should be designated for compact vehicles.

COMMENTS OF THE COUNCIL MEMBER (if one is assigned)

None.

COMMENTS OF STAFF MEMBERS

Katie Koester, Community and Economic Development Coordinator commented that the Friends do not feel totally disheartened by the analysis of Phase I and as Walt Wrede stated there has been \$50,000 allocated for engineering/design work and hope that will be part of the worksession discussion.

Ms. Krause had no comments.

COMMENTS OF THE COMMISSION

Commissioner Brann commented that supporting the concept of HoPP was important and they have expressed support for the concept previously to Council. He thanked everyone for attending.

Commissioner Lowney and Archibald had no comments.

COMMENTS OF THE CHAIR

Chair Bremicker welcomed and thanked the newest Commissioner Deb Lowney and recognized Katie Koester as one of the newest City Staff. He thanked everyone for their input and attending the meeting.

ADJOURN

There being no further business to come before the Commission Chair Bremicker adjourned the meeting at 8:19 p.m. The next regular meeting is THURSDAY, JANUARY 19, 2012 at 5:30 p.m. A Worksession will begin at 4:30 p.m. at the City Hall Cowles Council Chambers.

RENEE KRAUSE, CMC, DEPUTY CITY CLERK I

Approved:

~~October 13, 2011~~ January 19, 2012

To: City of Homer, Parks & Recreation Commission

Subject: City Hall-Campus “pocket” park & trail

With the completion of the expansion efforts at both City Hall and the College, the City is accomplishing another important step forward in the development of its core. These necessary steps have, unfortunately, required the conversion of more open space into buildings and parking.

I would like to propose that the City complement this recent growth by incorporating the development of a small piece of nearby public land into a convenient “pocket” park that could be used both as an outdoor respite for City Hall & University personnel as well as pedestrian access and rest stop by the public.

The subject property is already owned by the public as part of a dedicated Right-of-Way that was essentially abandoned during the reconstruction of Kachemak Way and Klondike Avenue in the 1980s. I do not envision a huge expense to develop this park ... mainly some grading and earthwork to develop a gravel pathway, some benches, and probably a nice wooden fence to separate public property from private property. There is already a beautifully-shaped spruce that forms a natural focal point in the center of the public property.

Please consider adding this existing asset to the City’s parks and recreation plan to enrich the urban center. We need more quality indoor and outdoor space.

Sincerely,

Wayne Aderhold
353 Grubstake Ave.

Priorities:

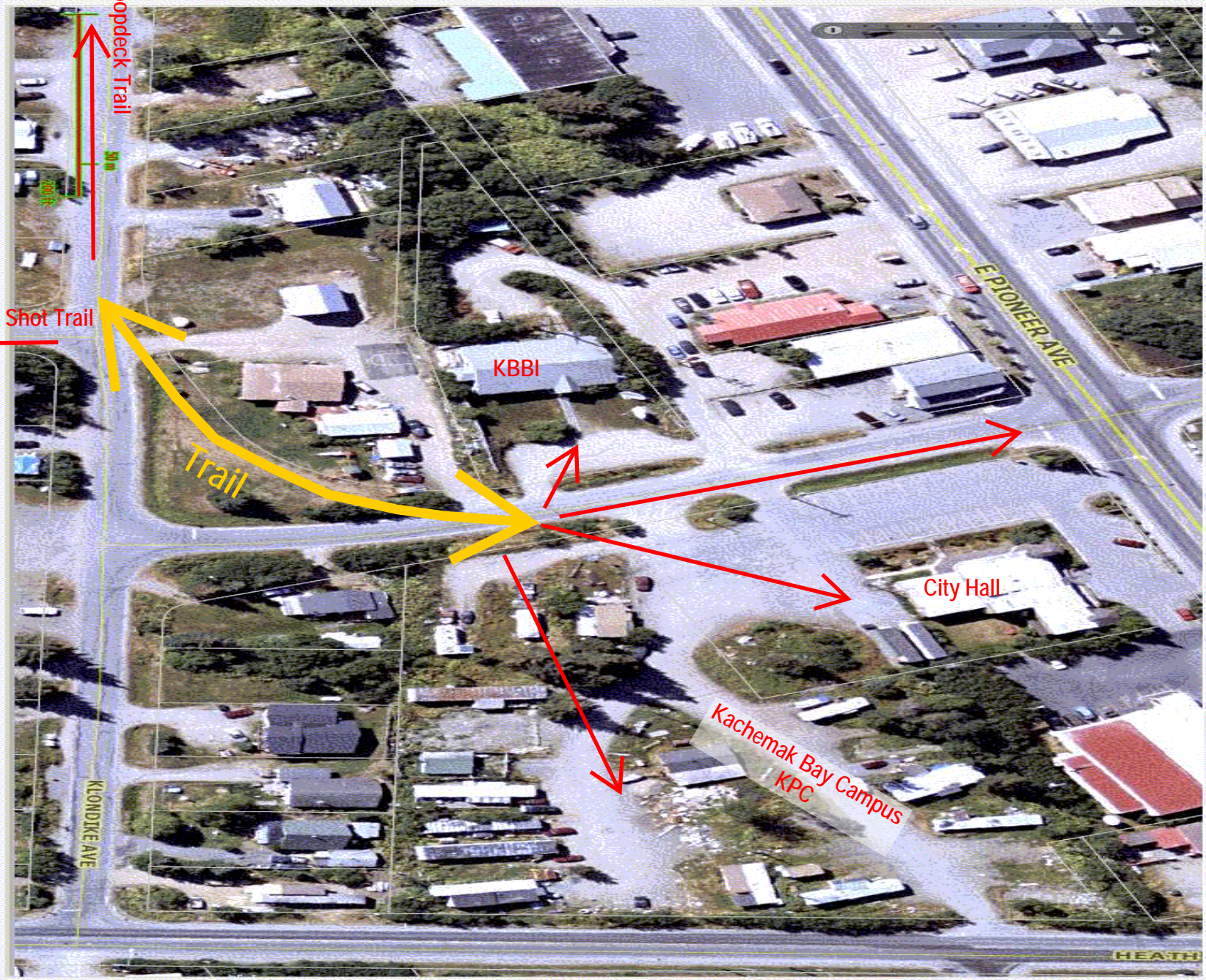
#1: trail (approx 250' in length, non-motorized, pedestrian, gravel surfaced)

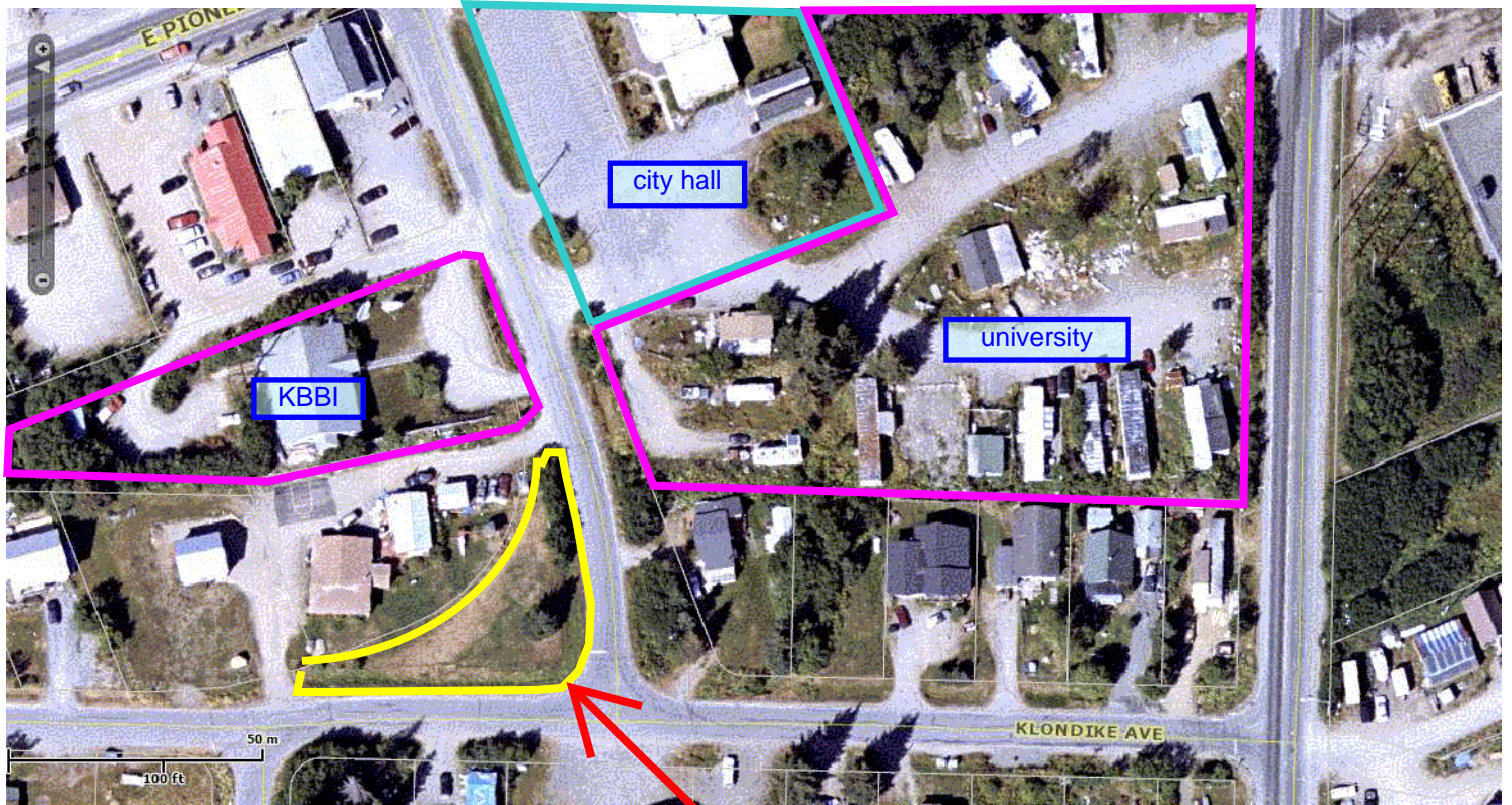
#2: fence (approx 220')

#3: park improvements (benches, landscaping)

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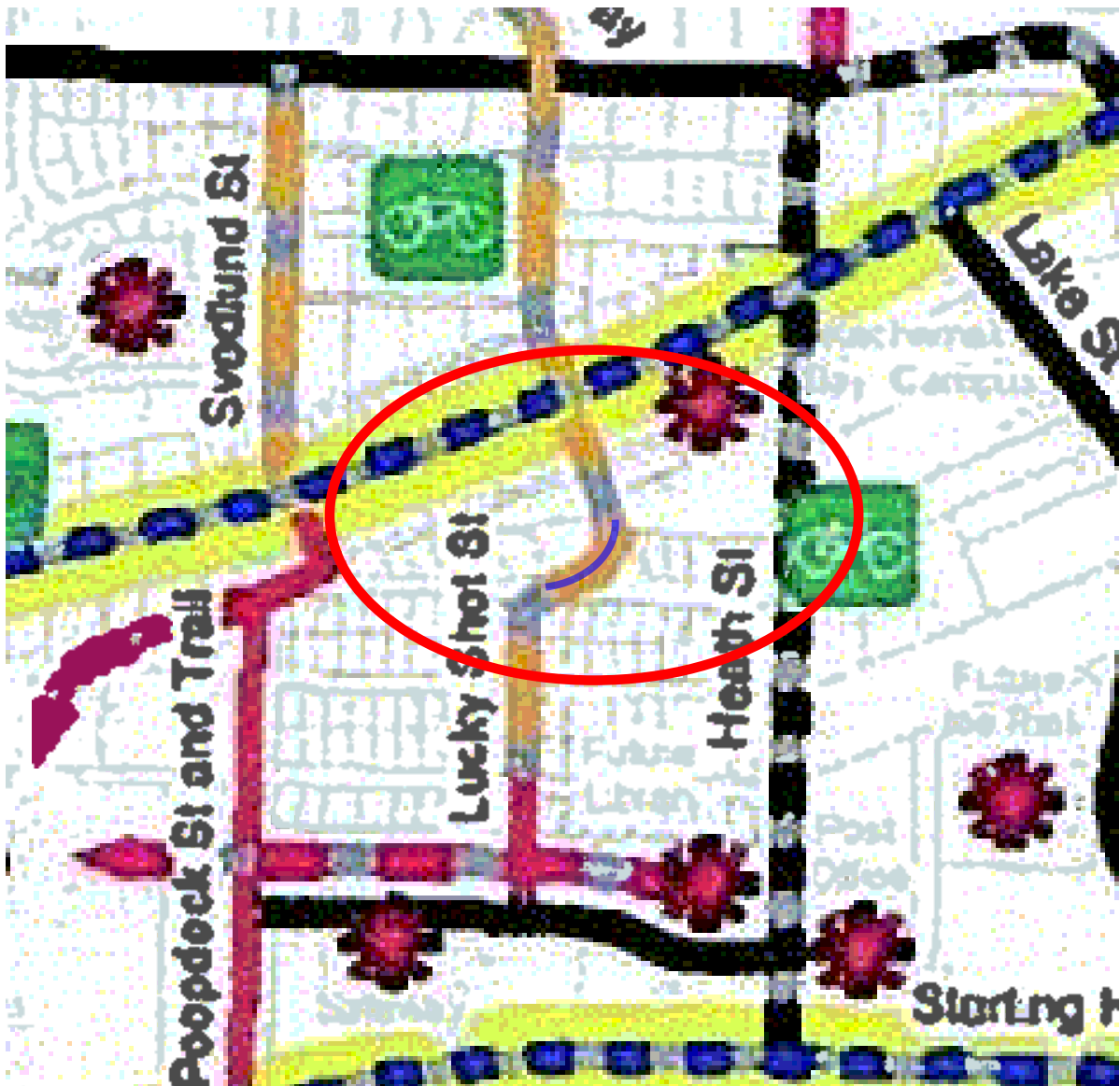


KPB Parcel Viewer

Printed: Oct 10, 2011

Proposed "City Hall" Park & Trail





Map, excerpted from Homer Trails Plan
(showing subject trail alignment on the "bike" map)



P.O. Box 1498, Homer, AK 99603 • HomerPlayground@gmail.com
www.HomerPlaygroundProject.org

January 15, 2012

Dear Parks and Recreation Advisory Commissioners,

We are writing to urge you to support HoPP's request for \$50,000 of Karen Hornaday Park funds. Here are a few reasons why:

- **This \$50,000 investment in the new playground will yield a return of 750%.** That is, HoPP will bring to the park—in cash, volunteer labor (both professional level and unskilled) and donated materials—an additional \$375,000. City of Homer support will tangibly illustrate local investment for the new playground, and help us leverage additional funds, including a grant from the Rasmuson Foundation.
- **This support will ensure we can maintain project momentum and Build Week dates of May 21 – 27, 2012.** We can put this support to work immediately ordering materials that will take a long time to get here. Without this support, we might have to delay Build Week and possibly miss the 2012 spring/summer building season altogether.
- **Hundreds of volunteers and partners are counting on this project.** We have recruited hundreds of volunteers and partner businesses/organizations to participate in this project.
- **The new playground will get hundreds of individuals, families, businesses, and organizations invested in Karen Hornaday Park for the long term.** Imagine Wells Fargo employees—in company t-shirts—working the same Build Week shift to assemble a slide. Picture a dozen Girl Scouts moving wood chips. Imagine a corps of skilled Build Week “captains” who have given a week of their time to supervise other volunteers in building the playground. And plaques on most pieces of play equipment that recognize specific businesses, organizations, and individual sponsors. These are some of the individuals and entities that will have a stake in the long-term up-keep of the playground and in the fate of the park as a whole.

continued

- **This highly visible, fun, and successful project will be a chance for the Parks and Recreation Advisory Commission—and park and recreation issues in general—to get the attention they deserve in our community.**

HoPP's Fundraising Plan

Attached please find a brief version of HoPP's fundraising plan. HoPP's \$50,000 request represents 23% of our total budget—but only 12% of the total value of the project. HoPP's Fundraising Committee (chaired by Angie Newby and Erica Marley) is firing on all cylinders right now. We are submitting multiple corporate and business requests each week, planning fundraising events in February and March, actively seeking sponsors of individual play equipment, and preparing a \$25,000 request to the Rasmuson Foundation. If we do not raise the full budget amount, we will likely scale back the project—reducing the number of play components, etc.

HoPP's Commitment to the Master Plan and Long-Term Park Involvement

Most of us got involved in the playground project because we spend time in Karen Hornaday Park with our kids. We want to help make the park a better place to be and play. HoPP sees the new playground as a catalyst for other park improvements in the Master Plan. What better way to gain community support and political traction for additional improvements in Karen Hornaday Park than to carry out a very visible, tangible, and successful project that brings our community together? In addition, HoPP has a contact list of about 300 individuals and families (this list will likely double—or nearly so—before the project is over) that can be used to leverage additional support from the State of Alaska and other sources.

HoPP is also very supportive of the following initiatives being pursued by the Karen Hornaday Park Committee and/or City: Campground Host, Adopt-A-Park, and Annual Park Maintenance Day(s). We will look to leadership from the Committee on how HoPP can assist with these programs. And again, we will have hundreds of contacts of people invested in the park who may also want to get involved.

Conclusion

Thank you for considering HoPP's request and for the support you've already shown the Homer Playground Project. Do not hesitate to contact us at (Miranda: 299-5550; mirandaweiss@gmail.com) or (Deb: 299-1516; debdcox@mac.com).

Sincerely,

Miranda Weiss & Deb Cox, HoPP Co-Chairs & the whole HoPP crew

HoPP Fundraising Plan January 2012

Income		Raised to Date	Left to Raise	Notes
Individual donations	38,000	11,000	27,000	Component sales, direct asks
Business & Corporate	45,000	15,500	29,500	ConocoPhillips, BP, Wells Fargo, FNBA, etc.
City of Homer	55,000	5,000	50,000	
Foundation grants	38,500	7,500	31,000	including Rasmuson, Homer Fdn
Events	16,000	6,570	9,430	donations/sales at events, ticket sales, auction bids, etc.
Picket Sales	20,000	5,520	14,480	400 pickets x \$50 per picket
Organizatons/Associations	6,000	4,000	2,000	COTR, Kach Board of Realtors, SPH Fdn Board, Rotary Groups
Other Sales	1,500	768	732	t-shirts, hoodies, coffee, kids cards, other merchandise
Total Income*	220,000	55,858	164,142	

*Original project budget increased by 10% contingency cost as advised by HoPP volunteer/contractor Todd Steiner, Steiner's North Star Construction.

Pending Requests

City of Homer--\$50,000
 ConocoPhillips--\$10,000
 Wells Fargo--\$10,000
 Tesoro--\$3,750
 Petro Marine Services--\$3,500
 HilCorp--\$2,500
 Kach Board of Realtors--\$2,500
 South Pen Hospital Board--\$2,500
TOTAL PENDING: \$84,750

Upcoming \$5,000+ Grant Requests

Rasmuson Foundation--\$25,000/Jan 2012
 Homer Foundation--\$6,000/Feb 2012
TOTAL MAJOR REQUESTS TO BE SUBMITTED: \$31,000

Other Fundraising Notes

Events--fundraising dinner/auction scheduled for March at Homestead Restaurant; goal: \$10,000
 Component Sales & Picket Sales--ongoing
 Corporate asks--ongoing
 Individual donation asks--ongoing



CITY OF HOMER

Community Recreation
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Fax (907) 235-8933
Web Site
www.homercommunityrecreation.com

Staff Report

To: Parks & Recreation Advisory Commission
From: Mike Illg, Community Recreation Coordinator
Date: 1/13/12

1. Recreation Programs. Attached is the summary for the 2011 Community Recreation participation and a rough draft of the upcoming 2011 Spring/Summer Recreation Guide.
2. Karen Hornaday Park. I strongly urge the Parks & Recreation Commission to approve and recommend the allocation of funds as presented by the city's economic development director, Katie Koester. Most significant to the allocation of funds is the \$50,000 for the new playground. The incredible amount of time, coordination and volunteer effort that has gone into this project should not be for naught as the funds will go a long way in achieving the goal and timeline of building a new playground for the children in our community.
3. Telluride Mountainfilm. We are hosting two evenings of incredible short films (different films each night), on Thursday, January 19th and Saturday, January 21st at 7p.m. This is an important event for the Recreation program as it serves as a significant fundraiser. Tickets are \$10 each and are available at the bookstore or the recreation office.

Attachments

2011

Summary Spring 11 to Winter 11-12

City of Homer Community Recreation

Participants (Ages)

Session	Events	Programs Offered	Programs Cancelled*	0-19	20&up	Total	Total Visits	Revenue	Volunteers	Vol. Hours	Vol. Value*
(estimated)											
Winter 10-	2	31	11	189	559	748	4,816	\$13,447	17	372	\$7,953.36
Spring 11	2	34	8	807	465	1272	6,754	\$5,912	32	1140	\$24,373.20
Summer 11	0	14	0	94	144	238	1,436	\$3,547	6	729	\$15,586.02
Fall 12	2	37	9	205	399	604	2,015	\$7,252	21	391	\$8,359.58
TOTAL:	6	116	28	1295	1567	2862	15,021	\$30,158	76	2632	\$56,272.16

* 2010 State of Alaska average volunteer value: \$21.38/hour

* 2010 National average is \$21.36/hour

Source: http://www.independentsector.org/programs/research/volunteer_time.html

*Programs cancelled due to lack of participation, low enrollment or instructor's decision.

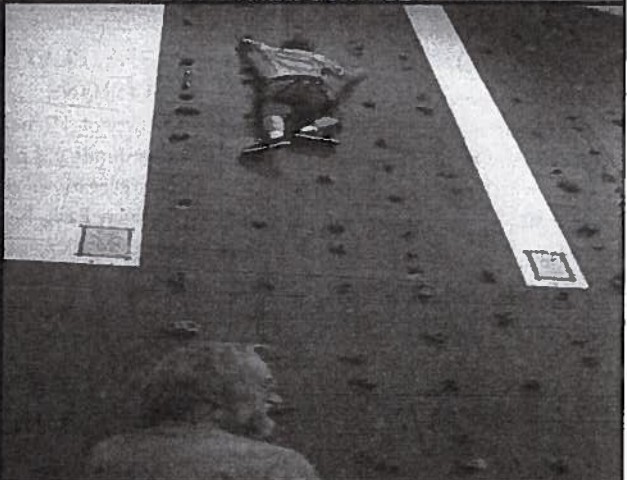
Top revenue classes 2011	
BB Sponors	\$4,346
Telluride Films	\$4,340
Pick Up BB	\$4,119
BB League	\$2,965
Volleyball	\$1,881
Soccer	\$1,791
Karate	\$1,412
Pilates	\$1,400
Weight Room	\$1,266
Play Group	\$1,223
Wrestling	\$1,040

Total Advertisement Revenue 2011	\$2,410
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City of Homer

Community Recreation Guide

SPRING/SUMMER 2011



907.235.6090

YOUR GUIDE TO FUN!

VISIT ONLINE!

www.homercommunityrecreation.com

The 2012 Spring/Summer Homer Recreation Guide is proudly presented by the City of Homer Community Recreation program. We hope this comprehensive and easy-to-use guide will help your family and friends engage with unlimited recreation opportunities in one of the world's most spectacular playgrounds.

Homer is great place to live and a wonderful place to play. We are fortunate to have many indoor and outdoor recreational opportunities and incredible organizations to choose from. Keep you eyes open for the upcoming community build playground in May 2012!

Our goal is simple: we want to help you make recreation and fitness a priority in your life.

We'll see you here!

Michael Illg, CPRP

Recreation Coordinator
City of Homer

**CITY OF HOMER
RECREATION PROGRAM**

The City of Homer Recreation Program office is located in the commons at Homer High School. Our recreational activities are primarily located at Homer High, Homer Middle and the Old Intermediate School.

We will continually strive to meet the diversity of recreational needs for our Community. We depend on your input, ideas and feedback on how we may better promote healthy lifestyles through our programs. Please continue to call or e-mail us with your comments or ideas. Please visit us online at www.homercommunityrecreation.com to review our programs and events or to sign up for our e-mail alerts of new activities.

BE A PART OF OUR PROGRAMS!

We strive to continually develop new and affordable programs for our community. If you have any special skills to share, or ideas for programs you would like to see offered, please give us a call.

**PARKS, PLAYGROUNDS &
PAVILIONS**

The City of Homer provides many parks, playgrounds and pavilions for your outdoor recreational endeavors. Check out Hornaday Park, Bishop's Beach and Bayview Park to name a few.

CONTACT US

Recreation office is located in the Homer High School building:
600 E. Fairview Ave
Homer, AK 99603
millg@ci.homer.ak.us
www.homercommunityrecreation.com
907.235.6090

OFFICE HOURS

12:00 p.m. -8:00 p.m. (Mon.-Thurs.)
9:00 a.m. - 5:00 p.m. (Fri.)

CODE OF CONDUCT

Proper behavior by all participants is expected at all times. Participants shall be respectful to peers, staff, equipment, supplies and facilities. Community Recreation reserves the right to terminate participation toward individuals who cannot exhibit proper behavior.

UNSUPERVISED CHILDREN

Please do not bring children to adult classes/activities. It can be a distraction to others and creates a liability for the recreation program.

REFUND POLICY

Community Recreation will not refund, credit or prorate any classes/activities unless it is cancelled. The coordinator will determine a refund based on unusual circumstances on a case by case basis.

REGISTRATION

Registration is ongoing for most of our programs, but there are some that require pre-registration. Be sure to call in advance if there is a pre-registration required! If you are interested in signing up for a class, first contact the instructor or the recreation coordinator.

DISCLAIMER

Many if not all of the Community Recreation classes are held in the local schools. The school may require any of our classes or activities to be cancelled with limited notice. Classes may or may not be rescheduled pending time and space availability.

VOLUNTEER

If your are interested in teaching a class or helping out with the program, please contact us today at 235-6090. Thanks for your support and participation!

www.homercommunityrecreation.com

LOCAL RUNNING CALENDAR

Coming soon...Kachemak Running Club! Runners & walkers of all ages and abilities in the Homer area are encouraged to join the new club. Our goal is to get people together, have fun and get moving! Please contact Andy Haas at yatra@ak.net or Bill Steyer at steyerbill@yahoo.com for more information.

Apr Friday Night Fives – Homer

Fri Race time 5:30 pm – Two Sisters Bakery 5K – town loop, Entry fee: None
Contact: Rachel Lord 235-3250
Rachel.e.lord@gmail.com
Sponsored by: Kachemak Runners

May 5 Polar Bear Pink Cheeks Triathlon – Seward

Sat Meet 10 am – Seward High School
* 5K run, 10K bike, 900Y swim – varied terrain
Race time 11 am, Entry fee: See website Contact: Maggie Wilkins 224-4054
mwilkins@cityofseward.net
www.cityofseward.us
Sponsored by: Polar Bear Festival & SPRD Recommend off-road bike, helmets required Registration remains open, space permitting, no same day registrations.

May 13 15th Migration Run – Homer

Sat Race time 9 am – Fishing Lagoon
* 5K – flat, along Homer Spit
Entry fee: \$10/\$5 10 & under/\$20 family Contact: Bill Steyer 399-1078
steyerbill@yahoo.com
Sponsored by: Homer Chamber of Commerce & Kachemak Runners Club
Proceeds benefit Homer High Track & Field

June 9 Run for the River – Soldotna

Sat Meet 8 am – Soldotna Creek Park
* 5K & 10 miles – gravel/paved roads, multiple Turn flat loop course, Race time 8:30 & 9 am
Entry fee: \$20/\$30 after June 6/\$35 race day
Contact: Rhonda McCormick 260-5449
rhonda@kenaiwatershed.org
Josselyn O'Conner 260-5449
Bib pick up and spaghetti feed June 8 Proceeds benefit the Kenai River Festival

June 16 "Nikiski Days" Family Fun Walk/Run – Nikiski

Sat Meet 9 am – NPRSA Facilities
* 3 & 5 miles – wooded & paved trails, some hills
Race time 10 am, Entry fee: \$15, t-shirts Contact: Rachel Parra 776-8800
rparra@borough.kenai.ak.us

June 23 Spit Run – Homer

Sat Race time 10 am – Homer High School * 10K – flat, fast course Entry fee: None/\$5 after June 1
Contact: Mike Illg 235-6090
millg@ci.homer.ak.us
Sponsored by: South Peninsula Hospital, Homer Community Recreation & Homer High Running

Programs Proceeds benefit Homer High Cross Country Running

July 4 Mount Marathon Race – Seward

Wed Meet 4th & Adams Street
* Road/mountain run, 3,022' climb (3.25 miles)
Junior division only goes to half-way point Race times: 9:30 am juniors (7-17 years), 11:15 am women, 3 pm men Entry limits: 350 men & women/250 juniors
Entry fee: \$25 juniors/\$65 adults
Contact: Chamber of Commerce 224-8051
events@seward.net
www.seward.com
Sponsored by: Seward Chamber of Commerce

July 14 Rotary Unity Run – Soldotna

Sat Meet 8 am – Soldotna High School
* 5K & 10 miles – Unity bike trail, Race time 9:30 am Entry fee: \$30/\$10 12 & under/\$50 family
Race day \$35/\$15 12 & under/\$55 family
Contact: Dale Bagley 398-1865
dale@redoubtrealty.com
www.soldotnarotary.org
Sponsored by: Kenai Peninsula Rotary Clubs
Awards to top three finishers. Register on-line @ www.active.com/running/soldotna-ak/rotary-unity-run-2012
Bus transportation to start lines - 9 am & 9:15 am
T-shirts, gift bags & post race BBQ

July 27 Everything But The Red Run – Soldotna

Fri Meet 5 pm – behind Skyview High School * 5K – rolling hills, dirt surface
Race time 6 pm, Entry fee: \$10
Contact: Laura Pilifant 262-7740
tsalteshi@yahoo.com
Tom Seggerman 262-3189
www.tsalteshi.org

Aug 19 Breast Cancer Run – Homer

Sun Meet 10 am – Bishop's Beach Pavilion * 1 & 5 miles – road & path, Race time 11 am Entry fee: Donations/Sponsorships
Contact: Kachemak Bay Family Planning Clinic 235-3436
kbfpc@ak.net
www.kbfpc.org Sponsored by: Kachemak Bay Family Planning Clinic Entertainment along route, great food afterwards Wear pink!

Aug 25 Lost Lake Breath of Life Run – Seward

Sat Meet 6 am – Bear Creek Fire Station, Mile 6 Transportation provided to start Race time 8 am walkers, 10 am runners 16 miles – mountain trail, peak elevation 2,100' Entry fee: \$100 post-

marked by June 30 \$200 by July 31/ \$300 by August 18 Contact: Patrick K. Simpson 563-3474
patrick.k.simpson@gmail.com
www.lostlakerun.org
Sponsored by: CF Foundation & Lost Lake Run, Inc BBQ and awards afterwards, t-shirts to finishers
Proceeds benefit those with Cystic Fibrosis

Sept Homer Invitational – Homer

TBD Meet TBA – Homer High School
Fri 5K – hilly, trails, Race time TBD
Entry fee: None
Contact: Rachel Lord 235-3250
Rachel.e.lord@gmail.com
Sponsored by: Homer High Cross Country Team

Sept 15 Tustumena Fun Run – Kasilof

Sat Meet 10:30 am – Tustumena Elm School Parking Lot * 5K – paved, gravel roads & dirt trail, scenic route taken through Johnson Lake Recreation Area Race time 11:30 am, Entry fee: \$15/\$20 with t-shirt Contact: Carolyn Roush 262-1894
alaskaroulynn@live.com Proceeds benefit student activities at Tustumena School

Sept 30 Kenai River Marathon – Kenai

Sun Meet 8 am – Kenai Visitors/Cultural Center * 26.2 miles – flat, fast, paved, scenic Race time 9 am, Entry fee: Check website Contact: Bob Frates 283-3692
bfrates@ci.kenai.ak.us KCVB 283-1991
Half & relay marathon courses available
Register on-line @ www.kenairivermarathon.org

Oct 6 Run to the Alter Half Marathon – Homer

Sat Race time 10 am – Homer High School 13.1 miles – hilly, trails, Entry fee: None Contact: Megan Spurkland
megancorazza@hotmail.com
Day of registration day begins 8:30 am
Check our Run to the Alter Facebook page for race updates, map and results

Oct 27 Halloween Costume Crawl – Homer

Sat Race time 9 am – Baycrest Trailhead Trails & road, downhill, Entry fee: None Contact: Andy Haas
yatra@ak.net

Nov 23 Turkey Trot – Homer

Fri Race time 10 am – Two Sisters Bakery 5K, Entry fee: Donation
Contact: Rachel Lord 235-3250
Rachel.e.lord@gmail.com
Sponsored by: Kachemak Runners
Proceeds benefit Homer Community Food Pantry

ADOPT-A-PARK

In May 2011 the City of Homer established an Adopt-a-Park program to accommodate and promote volunteer participation in conserving and maintaining City parks, trails, and recreational facilities.

If you or your business or organization would like to adopt a park or trail, please fill out and return the attached application and agreement. From special one time projects to weekly trash clean up there is something to fit everyone's time.

Application Link: http://www.cityofhomer-ak.gov/sites/default/files/fileattachments/adopt-a-park_application.pdf

Agreement Link: http://www.cityofhomer-ak.gov/sites/default/files/fileattachments/adopt-a-park_agreement.pdf

Call Angie for information at 435-3139

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Help build the new Karen Hornaday Park Playground!

Join the fun at HoPP's Build Week

Monday, May 21 - Sunday, May 27, 2012

Hundreds of volunteers will build the playground in SIX DAYS. REALLY!

You don't need to be a skilled carpenter to help out. Tools, meals, and childcare provided for volunteers. Email HomerPlayground@gmail.com if you want to take part.

Become a PLAY SPONSOR!

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Bear Creek Winery and Lodging
Homer Medical Clinic
K-Bay Marine Corps League Detachment 838*

Join an auspicious list of businesses, organizations, and individuals who are sponsoring individual play components. An attractive plaque permanently affixed to these slides, swings, and climbing structures will

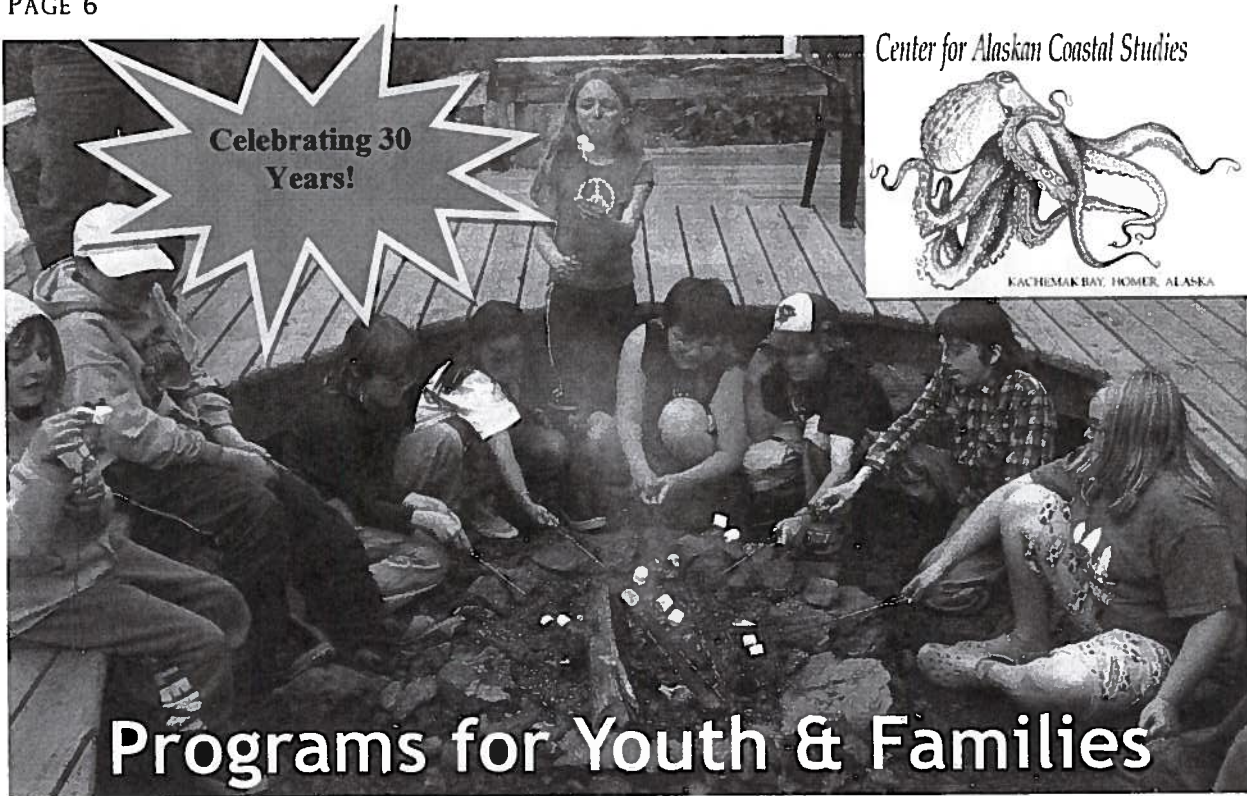
recognize donors' important contributions. Check out the list of play features available for sponsorship at the Donation page on HoPP's website or call Miranda (907-299-5550) for more information.

Become a permanent part of the new playground by purchasing an engraved fence picket... Your name, your kids' names, grandparents, friends. ONLY \$50. A limited number is still available. Get yours before they run out. Order forms available at HoPP's website or at North Wind Home Collection, 173 W. Pioneer.

Want to help out at Build Week? Can you cook meals for volunteers? Loan equipment or tools? Help out with childcare?

Call Miranda at 907-299-5550 or Deb at 907-299-1516 or send us an email at HomerPlayground@gmail.com.

For more info or to make a donation, visit www.HomerPlaygroundProject.org. Or make a check out to HoPP-Homer Foundation and mail to P.O. Box 1498, Homer, AK 99603.



Programs for Youth & Families

www.akcoastalstudies.org 235-6667 info@akcoastalstudies.org

Four Locations

Wynn Nature Center
East Skyline Drive

Winter Programs thru April 1st

- Snowshoe hikes & Bonfires (every Sunday)
- Wednesday snowshoe walk (noon - 1pm)

Weekly Summer Programs beginning June 19

- BioKids (ages 5-8)
- Wildlife Science Investigations (WSI)
- Wilderness Survival (ages 5-8)
- KneeHigh Naturalist (ages 2-4)
- Fantastic Fridays Workshops (Adults)
- Daily Guided Walks
5 miles of trails to explore
Handicapped accessible boardwalk

Peterson Bay Field Station

Summer Camps for Kids

- Junior Naturalist Camp (July 16 -19, ages 9-12)
- Marine Mammal Mysteries (June 4 - 8, ages 9-15)
- Teen EcoAdventure Camps (June 18 - 23 & Aug. 6-11, ages 12-15)

Retreats & Workshops for Adults

- Estuary Exploration Courses (May 21-23 & May 23-25)
- Wilderness Wellness Retreat w/ Jean Marcey (June 8-10 & Aug 17-19)
- Family Camp (June 15-17)

****See website for more weekend retreats offered****

- Daily Full Day Guided Natural History Tours
- Overnight Yurt Stays
- Daily Guided Tour & Kayaking

Headquarters Bldg.
Art & Nature Workshop (Spring Break)
Shorebird Festival Activities
Merchandise for Sale
Snow Shoe Rentals

Yurt on the Spit (Open May 26 – Sept. 1)
Daily Creatures of the Dock Tours
Merchandise for Sale

Memberships Available
Free Access to the Wynn Nature Center * Free Snowshoe Rentals *
Discounts on programs

708 Smokey Bay Way
907-235-6667
www.akcoastalstudies.org

OFF THE WALL DANCE STUDIO

Mondays 3:30-4:30pm Hip Hop 5-8yrs
 4:30-5:00pm Private Tap Instruction
 5:00-6:00pm Adult Hip Hop

Wednesdays 3:30-4:30pm Hip Hop (12-14yrs)
 4:30-5:30pm Hip Hop (Teen)

Thursdays 3:30-4:30pm (9-12yrs.)

Fridays 2:30-3:15pm Tap & Hip Hop split (3-5yrs)
 3:30-4:30pm Beginner Tap (5-8yrs)
 4:30-5:30pm Intermediate Tap (9-12yrs)
 5:30-6:30pm Adult Inter/Advanced Tap



Please call Margie Scholl with any further questions @ 399-5377

Leadership. Survival. Summer Camps. Expeditions.



- Hike
- Raft
- Camp
- Backpack
- Rock Climb
- Mountain Bike
- Mountaineer
- Canoe
- Yoga
- Surf

Call (907) 399-HOWL to register for 2012 courses.

www.howlalaska.org

SPECIAL EVENTS/PRESCHOOL

Special Events

The Popeye Wrestling Club Tournament

The local wrestling club is hosting a tournament for all wrestlers (5 and up). The tournament participants must be a USA Wrestling card member and have all release forms signed prior to participating. Registration will be held the evening before the tournament. **Entry fee for wrestlers may be required. Wrestlers from all over are welcomed to partake.**

WHEN: Saturday, March 3, 8 a.m. – 5 p.m.

WHERE: Homer High School Gym

FEE: Free to attend and cheer!

Annual Safe Kids Fair and Bike Rodeo

This event is dedicated to childhood injury prevention. Information will be available about specific injury prevention techniques and emergency response. Invaluable for parents, teachers, caregivers or anyone else living, playing, or working with children. Bike helmets are mandatory to participate in the bike rodeo. Bike rodeo helmets will be for sale in the High Schools Commons. Contact Ronny at 235-7712 for more general information. Donations are gladly accepted!



WHEN: Saturday, April 28 10 a.m. – 2PM

WHERE: Homer High School

FREE!

Preschool

Children's Playgroup

Parents and children 0-5 years old are welcome to run, romp, and play. Just sign up at the door. Note: some days may be canceled with minimal notice.



WHEN: Mondays and Fridays, 10:30 a.m. - noon, Ongoing until May 25.
WHERE: Boys & Girls Club Gym
FEE: Punch cards, 10 punches for \$20, 20 punches for \$40

Preschool Story Hour

Preschool Story Hour is sponsored by the Homer Public Library. Story Hour often includes a crafts project and sometimes music. No registration is necessary.

WHEN: Wednesdays, 10-11 a.m.

WHERE: Homer Public Library

FEE: Free!



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YOUTH & TEEN



BEST BEGINNINGS

Alaska's Early Childhood Investment

Families First: A Best Beginnings Partnership
announcement:

Week of the Young Child April 22-28

Focusing on the needs of
 young children and their families.

**Activities and fun for our
 littlest community members
 planned all around town
 all week long!**

For more information and list of events:
www.pop411.org
 search for: *Families First*

Youth & Teen

NOTE: Youth can also participate with adults in many other Community Recreation activities. See project descriptions for more information.

Popeye Wrestling

An excellent beginning sport where boys and girls learn about sportsmanship, individuality, team concepts, and the value of healthy physical activity. The exciting freestyle and Greco-Roman wrestling program for youth, teens, and adults has produced many great athletes. Fees include membership in USA Wrestling. Our home tournament will be on Saturday, March 3rd at Homer High. Practices start the week of February 20th. Call Abe at 299-3450 or Chris at 399-1480 for details.

WHEN:

Ages 5-12 years: Tuesdays/Thursdays,
 February 19 - May 3, 3:45 -5p.m. (**Homer High**)

Ages 13 & Up: Mondays, Wednesdays,
 February 20 - May 4, 5 - 6:30p.m. (**Homer Middle**)

Open Mats: Fridays, 4-6p.m. (pending the presence of a coach). (**Homer Middle**)

WHERE: Homer High & Homer Middle (see above)

FEE: \$75 payable to Popeye Wrestling



YOUTH & TEEN

Bruin Youth Basketball

Come and learn about the great sport of basketball. Practices, games, drills, Fundamentals, and lots of fun! Players must have clean basketball shoes. Feel free to bring a ball if you have one. Players must have a signed Community Rec registration form to participate. Contact Chris



Etzwiler 235-1560 for more information and registration. Space availability is limited.

WHEN: TBA

WHERE: West Homer Elementary /B&G Club

FEE: \$20/month per participant

Youth Kenpo Karate

This class is taught by Jesse Smith, Second Dan Chinese Kenpo, will introduce young participants to the art and sport of Kenpo Karate. The first time class is for 1st to 7th graders and is limited to 20 participants. Please register early to reserve a place in the class. For more information, contact the Jesse at 235-8978 or www.kenpoalaska.com.

WHEN: Tuesdays & Thursdays (Beginner), 5 p.m.

WHERE: Homer Middle School (Spring) Homer High (Summer)

FEE: \$6 per class or \$130 for entire Fall or Winter session, payable to the instructor; plus \$25 Community Recreation fee per quarterly session.

Gymnastics/Tumbling Classes with Jeanne Parker

All classes are taught by Jeanne Parker. The Winter/Spring Session is from January 9 - April 28. Each class has specific age and experience requirements. Please respect these guidelines. All payments are paid directly to Jeanne Parker.

DATES AND TIMES MAY CHANGE DUE TO ACTIVITIES AT THE HOMER HIGH SCHOOL. ANY CANCELLED CLASSES WILL BE DEDUCTED FROM THE TOTAL CLASS PRICE. PLEASE CHECK WITH JEANNE (235-6547) BEFORE COMING TO THE FIRST CLASS.



Beginner Tumbling and Vaulting (ages 6 & up & 6) (min. 4, max. 10)

WINTER/SPRING - January 10 - April 24

WHEN: Tuesdays; 6:00-7:15 p.m., Cancelled: 1/31

*FEE \$8/class (min. 4 consecutive classes) or \$90 (15 classes); payable to instructor
CR FEE \$3/per class*

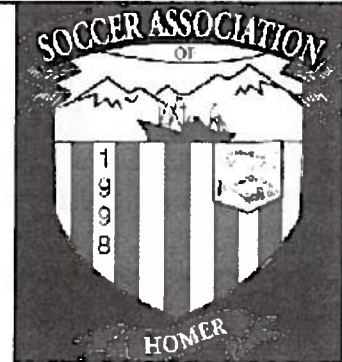
WHERE: Homer High School

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YOUTH & TEEN



SOCCER ASSOCIATION OF HOMER THINK SUMMER SOCCER!!



- Competitive/Travel Soccer: For ages 11 and older.
- Rec Soccer ages 6-12 & Little ages 3-5~
2 sessions: #1 June 5 to June 28 #2 July 10 to Aug. 2
Tuesday & Thursdays
- Registration at the SAFE Kids Fair (4/28),
Summer Activities Fair or online.
- See website for more information: www.homersoccer.com



**FOR MORE INFORMATION: CALL TOM
KIZZIA 235-4060 OR JULIE MCCARRON
235-1832**

All Levels Drop in (ages 8 & up currently enrolled in a tumbling class) (min. 4, max. 10)

WINTER/SPRING - January 10 - April 24

WHEN: Tuesdays; 7:00-8:30 p.m., Cancelled:
1/31

FEE: \$12/class (includes CR fee)

WHERE: Homer High School

Intermediate Tumbling and Vaulting (instructor approval required) (min. 4, max. 10)

WINTER/SPRING - January 9 - April 25

WHEN: Mondays & Wednesdays, 6:00-7:30 p.m., Cancelled: 2/20 & 3/26

FEE: \$12/class (min. 4 consecutive classes) or \$225 (25 classes); payable to instructor
CR FEE \$3/per class

FEE: \$12/class (min. 4 consecutive classes) or

\$260 (29 classes); payable to instructor
WHERE: Homer High School

Advanced Tumbling and Vaulting (instructor approval required) (min. 4, max. 10)

WINTER/SPRING - January 9 - April 25

WHEN: Mondays & Wednesdays, 6-8:00 p.m.,
FEE: \$15/class (min. 4 consecutive classes) or \$275 (25 classes); payable to instructor
CR FEE \$3/per class

FEE: \$15/class (min. 4 consecutive classes) or \$320 (29 classes); payable to instructor
Monday only \$154 Wednesday only \$165
CR FEE \$3/per class

RECREATION

Equipment Workshops (Class sizes limited to six)

WINTER/SPRING: 1/21, 1/28, 2/4, 3/10, 3/24, 3/31, 4/7, 4/14, 4/21 & 4/28

WHEN: Saturdays

WHERE: Homer High School

- **Young Beginners (5&6 years old)**

12:30-1:30 - \$15 (price includes CR fee and KPB tax)

- **Beginner/Intermediate (7-9 years old)**

1:45-3:15 - \$18 (price includes CR fee and KPB tax)

- **Int/Adv. (instructor's permission)**

3:30-5:30 - \$20 (price includes CR fee and KPB tax)

- **Adults ***

6:00-7:30 - \$15 (price includes CR fee and KPB tax)

** Adults must be involved in regular physical exercise a minimum of two days per week, in addition to the gymnastics class. Call Jeanne if you have questions. 235-6547)*

Arts & Crafts

Intermediate Silversmithing

This class taught by Art Koeninger is for students with some prior experience in small metal fabrication. Preference will be given to those who have taken Art's previous silversmithing class. The intermediate class will include a short review of techniques covered in previous classes. for more

information, call Art at 235-1014. A minimum of 6 students must register for the course to be offered; maximum allowed is 10.

WHEN: Friday, 6-9p.m.; Saturday, 9 a.m.-5 p.m.; Sunday, 1-6p.m.

February 3-5.

WHERE: Homer High School Art Room

FEE: \$150 per new student/\$90 for repeat students who have taken 2 or more previous classes with Art. (payable to instructor) covers supplies (saw blades, sandpaper, buffing supplies, etc.) and use of tools and equipment. Materials (metal, stones, etc.) are extra. Silver can be purchased at cost, as well as some inexpensive stones. (Average project is under \$15 for materials.)

Recreation

Kayak Basics

Learn the basics of kayaking in the comfort of a warm pool using maneuverable river kayaks that enhance your learning. Effective strokes and maneuvers, rescues and safety skills are covered. Professional kayak coaches are your instructors; all equipment provided.

WHERE: Homer High School Pool

WHEN: Session 1. Tuesdays, 6:30-7:30p.m., Session 2: February 14, 21 & 28; March 6 & 13.

PRE-REQUISITES: can swim and follow verbal instructions.

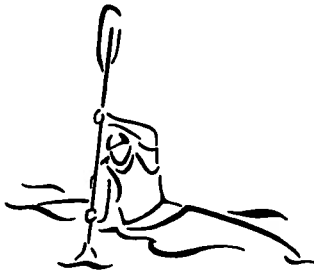
FEE: \$18 Homer Community Recreation fee + \$130/person/session (5 classes/session).

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RECREATION

Advance registration is necessary (7 day advance needed), please call 235-2090, email info@alaskakayakschool@gmail.com.

Beyond Kayak Basics



Build on your fundamental kayaking skills to develop refined strokes and maneuvers, balance, bracing, crisp efficient rescues, and a detailed

awareness of the sport of kayaking. Professional kayak instructors are your coaches. All equipment is provided.

*WHERE: Homer High School Pool
WHEN: Session 1. Wednesdays, 8:30-10p.m.,
Session 2 – February 15, 22 & 29; March 7, & 14.
PRE-REQUISITES: fundamental kayaking skills,
including wet exit with skirt
FEE: \$18 Homer Community Recreation fee +
\$130/person/session (5 classes/session). Advance registration is necessary (7 day advance needed), please call 235-2090, email info@alaskakayakschool@gmail.com.*

Youth Kayaking Skills

Kayaking is an ideal activity for youngsters 10-18 y.o., helping to develop safety awareness, confidence, motor skills for effective paddling. We'll use weekly 1 hr. sessions in the pool learning kayak safety and paddling in small maneuverable river kayaks. Professional coaches are the instructors. All equipment provided.

*WHERE: Homer High School Pool
WHEN: Session 2 – February 15, 22 & 29;
March 7, & 14.*

PRE-REQUISITES: can swim and follow verbal instructions, ages 9-18.

FEE: \$18 Homer Community Recreation fee + \$130 class and equipment fee per 5 week sessions, tax included. Advance registration is necessary (7 day advance needed), please call 235-2090, email

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RECREATION

Balance, Sculling, Bracing and Rolling

Developing your balance, sculling, bracing and rolling skills is a great way to increase your proficiency and comfort in paddling any conditions. Step by step progressions for learning these counter-intuitive skills will have you progressing towards your goals. Professional kayak coaches are your instructors. 10 sessions used to develop this complex set of skills. All equipment provided.

WHERE: Homer High School Pool
WHEN: Thursdays, 8:30-10p.m., January 12, 19, 26; February 2, 9, 16, 23; March 2, 9, 16.
PRE-REQUISITES: Fundamental kayaking skills and comfortable capsizing
FEE: \$18 Homer Community Recreation fee + \$225. Advance registration is necessary (7 day advance needed), please call 235-2090, email info@alaskakayakschool@gmail.com.

Table Tennis/Ping Pong

Learn about the fun and exciting game of table tennis. All levels of experience are welcome. Join us for pick up games and check out the table tennis robot.

WHEN: Tuesdays & Wednesdays, ongoing (drop in), 6-8 p.m.
WHERE: Homer High
FEE: \$1 each visit

Pop Warner Football/Cheer Association **HOMER RAIDERS**



Come out and join the greatest team on the Kenai Peninsula and have some fun!

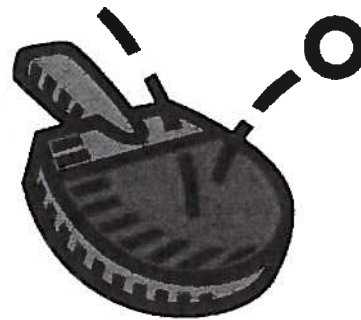
Registration Begins in May
Practice Begins in July

Girls & Boys
from 6-15 years old



For registration forms log onto popwarnerhomer.com or email Homer.Raiders@yahoo.com

We are looking for volunteers for our board & coaches.



RECREATION

Fencing



Scott Meyer and Ethan Ford facilitate this exciting sport offered to participants ages 13 and up. Fencers will learn the basic stance, attack and defense strategies, and will have hands-on experience with other classmates in actual combat and judging. Intermediate fencers work on smoothing and perfecting the foil and are introduced to the epee. Emphasis is on training for state competition. Participants must have a full uniform within one month after classes start to continue with the course. Some equipment is available.

WHEN: Mondays and Thursdays, February—August, 5:30-8:30p.m.

NOTE: Some nights may be canceled or rescheduled due to school activities.

WHERE: Homer High School

FEE: \$75 every three months payable to Community Rec

Indoor Rock Climbing

Break into the sport of indoor rock climbing in a safe environment. Practice climbing techniques and the basics of safe tie-in, belay, and usable knots. Learn the importance of equipment care and use, communication, strength, and balance. Some equipment is available. Must be 6 or older to participate. **For children under 14, a parent or guardian must be present for the class.** A maximum of 4 children per hour can participate.



WHEN: Ongoing Tuesdays, 6 - 8 p.m. Some cancellations TBA.

WHERE: Homer High School Mat Room

FEE: Adult & Youth punch cards—10 punches for \$30; 20 punches for \$60

Payable to Homer Community Recreation

Parks & Rec enthusiast?

Consider becoming a Parks & Recreation Commissioner!

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RECREATION

ADDITIONAL RECREATIONAL ACTIVITIES:

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| • AK ISLANDS & OCEAN VISITOR CENTER | www.islandsandocean.org |
| • CENTER FOR AK COASTAL STUDIES | www.akcoastalstudies.org |
| • HOMER LITTLE LEAGUE | www.homerlittleleague.org |
| • T.R.A.I.L.S. | www.peninsulailc.org/trails.htm |
| • KATE KUHNS AQUATIC CENTER | www.homerpool.org |
| • HOMER BOYS & GIRLS CLUB | www.positiveplaceforkids.com |
| • HOMER SOCCER ASSOCIATION | www.homersoccer.com |
| • YOUTH THEATRE | www.pieronetheatre.org |
| • KACHEMAK BAY STATE PARKS | www.dnr.state.ak.us/parks/units/kbay/kbay.htm |
| • KACHEMAK NORDIC SKI | www.kachemaknordicskiclub.org |
| • KEVIN BELL ICE FACILITY | www.homerhockey.org |
| • HOMER COUNCIL ON THE ARTS | www.homerart.org |
| • ALASKA KAYAK SCHOOL | www.alaskakayakschool.com |
| • OHLSON MT. ROPE TOW | http://homerroptow.org |
| • KACHEMAK BAY COLLEGE | www.homer.alaska.edu |

Evening Pick Up Basketball

Games are pick-up and called by the players. Good sportsmanship is a must. Please do not bring children. For high school students and older. Multiple courts available if needed.

WHEN: Tuesdays and Thursdays, Ongoing 8:30-10:00p.m. 6-8pm during the summer months.

Classes may be canceled or rescheduled due to high school events. Cancellations TBA.

WHERE: Homer High School Gym

FEE: Adult & Youth punch cards—10 punches for \$30; 20 punches for \$60

Payable to Homer Community Recreation

Indoor Soccer

Join us for the fast paced game of soccer and good fun. For youth and adults from 6th grade and older.

WHEN: Sundays, 5-8 p.m. Wednesdays, 8:30-10p.m. Ends on May 9.

WHERE: Homer High School Gym

FEE: : Adult & Youth punch cards—10 punches for \$30; 20 punches for \$60



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RECREATION

Tuesday Night Volleyball

For the beginner volleyball player. Learn elements of the game such as positions on the court and basic skills including set, bump, and spike. Good sportsmanship is expected.

WHEN: Tuesdays, 7:30 - 9:30 p.m. Ongoing (ends of May 22).

NOTE: Closed Spring Break: March 10-18

WHERE: Homer Middle School Gym

FEE: : Adult & Youth punch cards—10 punches for \$30; 20 punches for \$60

Payable to Homer Community Recreation

Thursday Night Volleyball

For the more advanced volleyball players. Games are fast-paced and advanced skills are needed to play. (Beginner level volleyball is offered on Tuesday nights.) Good sportsmanship is expected.

WHEN: Thursdays, 7:30 - 9:30 p.m.

Ongoing (ends on May 24)

NOTE: Closed February 2 and during Spring

Break: March 10-18

WHERE: Homer Middle School Gym

FEE: : Adult & Youth punch cards—10 punches for \$30; 20 punches for \$60

Payable to Homer Community Recreation

Wednesday Night Volleyball

For all level volleyball players. Learn & play elements of the game such as positions on the court and basic skills including set, bump, and spike. Good sportsmanship is expected.

WHEN: Wednesdays, 6:00 - 8:00 p.m.

Starts on May 30. Ongoing during the summer, ends August 18.

NOTE: Closed July 4 & 11.

WHERE: Homer Middle School Gym

FEE: : Adult & Youth punch cards—10 punches for \$30; 20 punches for \$60

Payable to Homer Community Recreation

AlaskaKayakSchool.com

- Winter Pool Kayaking Courses
- Sea Kayak Skills Training - ACA & BCU
- Guide Training - May 2012
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WHEN: Mondays, 5:30-6:30pm, starting September 12th

WHERE: Homer High Green Room/A104

FEE: \$7 per class, payable to instructor



Latin Dance Workout Class

Join Jeanette Aragones to have fun, relax, and get rid of stress while dancing. This class is designed to introduce creative movement with Latin music for participants of all ages. Come and learn the basic steps to salsa, meringue, and other Latin Dances and styles. Dance partner is not required. Contact Jeanette at 299-1127 for questions.

WHEN: Wednesdays, 6:30 - 7:30 p.m.

Ongoing Except: March 7, 21, April 25, May 2, July 4, 11. (class dates & times may be changed with limited notice due to HHS activities)

WHERE: Homer High School Green Room

FEE: \$40 for five classes or pay a \$9 drop-in fee per person, per night. (Payable to instructor).

Earn extra money by becoming an instructor. Call 235-6090 for details.

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DANCE/ HEALTH & FITNESS

Belly Dance I

This 2 hour class includes a thorough warm up with emphasis on strength building and flexibility. Students will learn an entry level choreographed veil dance. In addition we will be learning to dance with zills (finger cymbals). This is a fun class, really 2 classes in one, with this expanded format. Bring a yoga mat if you have one. For more information call 299-8377. Instructor: Rowan Mulvey

WHEN: Tuesdays 6:30 - 8:30p.m., dates TBD contact instructor. Cancelled on: 3/6, 3/20, 3/22, 4/12, 4/24, 4/26, 5/3, 7/3, 7/5, 7/10 & 7/12.

*WHERE: Homer High Green Room
FEE: \$65 plus \$15 CR fee, payable to instructor.*

Belly Dance II

This level 2 class will support and facilitate the developing dancer. Thorough warm up with emphasis on strength building and flexibility. This semester we will be developing moves for floor work as well as continuing with zills. The focus during this cycle of classes will be on new choreography with time also for reviews of dances. For more information call Rowan Mulvey 299-8377.

WHEN: Thursdays 6:30 - 8:30p.m., dates TBD contact instructor. Cancelled on: 3/6, 3/20, 3/22, 4/12, 4/24, 4/26, 5/3, 7/3, 7/5, 7/10 & 7/12.

*WHERE: Homer High Green Room
FEE: Spring/Summer: \$65 plus \$15 CR fee, payable to instructor.*

Health and Fitness

Pilates

Pilates is a method of exercise to strengthen your core muscles, stretch and strengthen the body to keep it in balance and alignment. As you strengthen your core and improve your posture and body mechanics, you may be able to treat or avoid lower back and neck pain. In this course you will learn basic Pilates mat skills, breathing, posture, and the proper exercise technique using the neutral spine. Taught by a Physical Therapist, this course will stress proper positioning and technique. It is meant for all levels and abilities, and is safe for most people. Bring a yoga mat or towel to class. Contact Teresa Olesch, PT 399-5589 for details.

WHEN: Tuesdays & Thursdays, 5-6pm, During the Spring, Thursdays, 5-6pm, during the Summer.

WHERE: Homer Middle (Spring), Homer High (Summer)

FEE: \$20CR fee for Spring session, \$15 during the Summer session, plus punch card \$5.00 per class, from Teresa.



HEALTH & FITNESS

Weight Room

Save money and sign up with Community Recreation to use a great collection of weight machines and free weights. Full-session passes will be available. Check it out and get back into shape. Participants must dress appropriately and wear clean indoor sneakers.

WHEN: Monday through Thursday, 6 - 8 p.m. Ongoing. NOTE: Weight room closed on random evenings due to high school activities and maintenance.

WHERE: Homer High School

FEE: : Adult & Youth punch cards—10 punches for \$30; 20 punches for \$60



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WHEN: Tuesdays and Thursdays; 6 - 8 p.m., ongoing.

WHERE: Homer Middle (Spring) Homer High (Summer)

FEE: \$130 for semester (13 weeks) or \$6 each class, payable to instructor, plus \$25 registration fee payable to CR for each session (Spring/Summer).

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SAFETY

Hunter's Safety Class

The State of Alaska requires that all hunters born after January 1, 1986, take this class to obtain a hunting license. A great class to take as a refresher or to take together as a family. This class is for ages 10 and up. You must sign up prior to October 5 to complete the take home material before the class. Must attend both classes; first day instruction, second day at the shooting range. This class is taught by the State of Alaska Department of Fish & Game. **Please contact Fish & Game for more information and to purchase the course material at 235-8191.**

WHEN: Friday, April 6, 5:30-9:30 p.m.
WHERE: Homer High School on Friday
FEE: \$10, payable to Alaska Fish & Game, \$5 payable to CR the day of the class.



HOMER SHOTOKAN KARATE CLUB

CLASSES MEET ON TUESDAYS AND THURSDAYS

Down the hall from the old DMV – Kachemak Center.

phone 907-299-8132 e-mail smokybay@gmail.com

MEMBER-- ISKF ALASKA

SCHEDULE:

SCHOOL YEAR: 4:30 – 5:30PM ALL AGES

YEAR-ROUND: 6-7:30PM

(AGE 12 & UP EXCEPT FOR SUMMER)

SATURDAYS: 10:30AM-NOON OLD FOLKS



BEGINNERS WELCOME ANYTIME

PARKS & CAMPING

PARKS & PAVILIONS

There are many activities already scheduled and some fields are closed for scheduled maintenance.

HORNADAY PARK

Call to schedule

JACK GIST PARK

Call to schedule

The picnic shelters at Bishops Beach and Karen Hornaday park are available to reserve for special events and gatherings. At this time there is no fee to use either of these shelters. Please call either the Parks Maintenance Coordinator at 235-3170 or the Community Recreation Coordinator at 235-6090 to make your reservation. An online calendar will be available in the future to make your reservations.

CAMPING

The City of Homer operates campgrounds on the Homer Spit and at Hornaday Park on the hillside above town from April 1- October 30. All sites are on a first come, first served basis. RV rates are \$15 per night or \$189 for 2 weeks if paid in advance. Tent rates are \$8 per night or \$100 for 2 weeks. Iron rangers are located at the campgrounds for self registration. Camping permits are also available at the Camp Fee Office across from the Fishing Hole.

- Fishing Hole Campground
- Hornaday Campground
- Mariner Park
- Tent Area 1 & 2

Sorry...We do not offer reservations as it is a first come, first serve policy.

City of Homer Community Recreation
Registration Form



Name: _____ Fall ___ Winter ___ Spring ___ Summer ___

Address: _____ Home Phone: _____

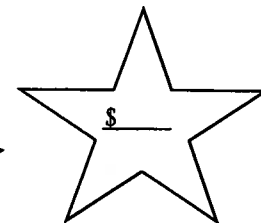
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E-Mail: _____

Participant's Name	Class title	Fee

Why not "Round Up" your registration fee and donate \$2, \$5 or \$10 to the Community Recreation Program?

Donation Amount Here →



Total Amount Paid _____

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 Participant Signature

 Date

As parent or guardian of: _____

 Parent's Signature

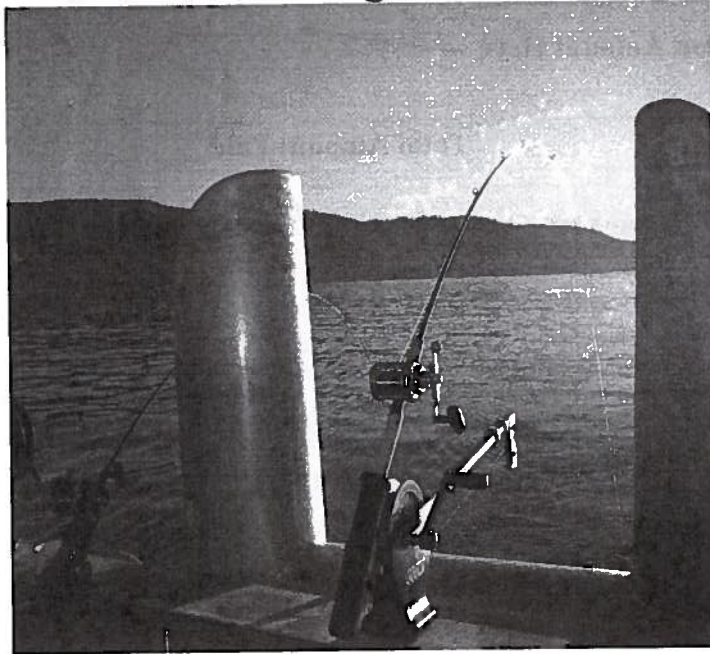
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What are you doing this SUMMER?



THANKS to all of our VOLUNTEERS and INSTRUCTORS!

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Minutes, Kachemak Drive Path Committee, November 22, 2011

Attending: Beth Cummings, Kevin Walker (visitor), Bumpo Bremicker (chair), Dave Brann, Lindianne Sarno (recording), Lynn Burt, David Clemens

Call to order, 5:30 p.m. by Bumpo

Agenda approval: Beth moves to approve, Dave Brann seconds, passed.

Minutes approved: Dave Brann moves, Lynn seconds, passed.

Pending Business:

Meeting dates: December 15, 2011, Thursday, 5:30 p.m.

January 11, 2012, Wednesday, 5:30 p.m.

Continuing discussion, planning for path design

Dave Brann shows us a guide to path design from Minnesota Department of Natural Resources and other sources. We are aiming for a ten foot gravel path with sections of wetland and water crossings which will require other techniques. Techniques we are examining are all city approved. Page numbers here refer to hid guide to path design.

Page 27 - bridging, grading discussed. Page 29. NFS means non-frost susceptible. P 6.46, p 6, p. 6.58 boardwalks and bridges, ways to cross drainages. Bridge would be needed to go down to Spit from airport parking lot. That grade is very steep on the road (12%). Regarding airport leasing, there is a 50 foot x 2 DOT right of way.

Dave Brann recommends we use these materials to develop a final packet to present to City Council. Dave will ask Renee if she can create a packet for the committee. He suggests we draw a line on the map and ask Renee to copy it for the committee. Kevin Walker discusses with committee the segment from airport to Spit.

Dave Brann suggests we meet as an announced group and walk that section and other sections. We select December 10, 11-1 p.m. We invite Kevin to join us. Meet at airport parking lot and go to wetlands at other end of path.

Kevin discusses the sheet he created, accurate to +/- 100 feet. We use these numbers to identify suggested areas for trail types. Dave wants to correlate these numbers to the map.

Bring to field day: 100' tape, GPS device, range finder binoculars.

We break for five minutes and reconvene around visitor table. We correlate numbers to map. We will generate even more detail during field trip.

We return to U-shaped table and continue meeting. City council meeting, November 28, Dave Brann and Bumpo will attend, and will advise City Council of level of detail we have attained.

Visitor comments: Kevin is glad to participate

Beth: specifics are wonderful. Is writing to Jennifer Bailey about Aviation Leasing.

Lynn: Excited about specifics

Lindianne: will e-mail dates to Renee, then notes on Monday

David: Excited about field trip

David: Ditto

Bumppo: Ditto

Bumppo adjourns meeting at 8:10 p.m.

Synopsis on Karen Hornaday Park Committee Meeting November 14, 2011

Meeting was called to order at 5:30 PM by Robert Archibald, Chairman.

Present Members – Miranda Weiss, Tricia Lillibridge, Phil Needham, and Marti McCleary

Approved agenda

Public Comment on matters on the agenda

No Reconsideration

Approved minutes from August 23, 2011 Meeting

Visitors,

Beth Cummings with help from Marty McCleary presented information on Friends of Woodard Creek and a Power Point presentation on the Park. This graphically showed the problems at the Park, which Friends wanted to address. Beth had further testimony, which included her belief that the City Administration had set forth criteria which the State Legislative Grant was based on. A copy of the Grant Project Description is included.

Beth's closing statement made it clear that she believes a reassessment, which includes all interested parties in one meeting, is needed to go forward on Park Decisions.

Staff Reports / Committee Reports

Carey Meyers, Public Works Director discussed the Drainage Improvements, which have been completed by lowering the drainage vault rings. Work was also completed to drain Lake Hornaday. Additionally, a culvert was installed above the playground to help divert hillside drainage.

Carey went over his endeavors to come up with a price estimate for the road improvement and a comparison against moving the road or leaving it straight. He hopes to have this done by the end of November.

Carey stressed the cost element involved in surveying and engineering. The moneys granted for the park projects is at best, limited and we have to make best use of funds to make improvements. This discussion became lengthy and emphasized that the money is very limited and a decision for it's best use needs to be discussed.

Miranda Weiss presented an overview of the Playground and described in detail the plans, which were presented to the committee. These plans will be available to Commission.

After discussion the Committee voted to send on to the Commission and City Council a recommendation to SUPPORT the HoPP Group and their Plan for improvement of the Playground. This was approved.

Funding discussion was short. It was decided to postpone and wait Carey Meyers cost estimate and have a discussion at next meeting.

Adopt A Park was discussed. It will be discussed further at next meeting as members realize the benefits of this program.

Repair of the Entrance Gate

It was decided to have a discussion with Public Works on the gate and attempt to have the existing gate straightened up.

The Red Shed

Carey Meyers reported that any decision made on the shed will have to go through the government process and a decision has not been made as to it's future.

Fall Clean Up Day will be discussed with Angie at Parks Maintenance to come up with a plan.

Date for next meeting will be December 5, 2011 at 5:30 PM

There were no comments from Audience, or Staff

Submitted by Robert Archibald

**Karen Hornaday Park Committee
December 5, 2011 Meeting Synopsis**

December 5, 2011 Chair Robert Archibald called meeting to order at 5:35 p.m.
Members present were Marty McCleery, Ralph Broshes, Tricia Lillibridge, and Miranda Weiss.

Note: Recording system was not functioning

Agenda was approved.

Public Comment

Beth Cumming was the only person to give Public Testimony.

A copy of her testimony is enclosed for the record.

One of Beth's main concerns is the City Administration is making decisions which should be first discussed by Parks and Recreation Commission for further recommendations.

No Reconsideration items.

Synopsis of Nov. 14 Meeting was approved

There were no visitors.

Committee Report

- HoPP, Miranda,

The Group is working out the Final Design Plan with the Playground Design Company. Working on Fund Raising and Volunteer Recruiting.

Fence Picket Sale is moving along and many were sold at Nut Cracker Fair. There are a total of 400 to sell at \$50 each.

There is lots of Public Interest in the Playground Project. There is still a large percent of the Public that are not aware of the Project.

Build Week is still scheduled for late May.

- Security at the Park

The conversation with Homer Police Dept. (Lt. Rosencrans) was discussed. The Department said that it is very difficult to guard against all vandalism. Lt. Rosencrans agrees the best idea was to make arrangements for a Park Host. This could be very effective and more likely to deter mischief than doubling patrol drive through.

The Committee agreed on a formal recommendation to go to the Commission, to send a request to the City Council to establish a Park Host Program and look into utility hook up for the Host Trailer.

Pending Business

A. Adopt a Park Program

Program was discussed and it was very clear that City Parks could benefit from some help. There are lots of organizations in Homer, which could participate in such a program. The Committee felt that after the HoPP Project is completed it would be easier to find volunteers for this project. Members will stay engaged in this issue and spread the information as possible.

B. Remove the Red Shed

The Committee decided to send a Formal Recommendation to the Parks and Recreation Commission to send on to the City Council. A copy is enclosed.

C. Annual Fall Clean-up Day

This subject was discussed and a Formal Recommendation to the Parks and Recreation Commission is enclosed.

d. KHP Road Realignment Cost Estimate

This report was not finished by end of November as foreseen by Public Works. The Committee found this most distressing but understood the demands on Mr. Myers.

New Business

A. The Committee will meet again Feb. 9th and hope there will be some figures by then.

Next Meeting Date, Feb. 9, 2012, and March 1, 2012

Comments from the Audience

Beth Cumming again stated the city officials decided on the items for Phase 1 of the KHP Master Plan. This should have gone through the Parks and Recreation Commission first for discussion. Beth further stated that cost estimates are usually high from Public Works.

Chair Archibald explained this was taking into account the Bidding Process, Contractor prices and Davis Bacon Wage Scales.

Beth commented that if the city is not going to move the road and develop safe parking, what are they going to do next?

There was some discussion on this and the Committee will ask that question at the next meeting.

Comments of the Committee

All thought some progress was made. It was expressed that this was a Special Meeting to discuss the Cost of Moving the Road. This figure was not forthcoming.

Comments of the Chair

This is a volunteer committee with articulate and knowledgeable members. It a shame if time is wasted in this manner. Chair Archibald may have been remiss in not canceling, however the receipt of some figures on costs was hoped for.

Submitted by
Robert Archibald

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MEMORANDUM

TO: PARKS & RECREATION ADVISORY COMMISSION
FROM: RENEE KRAUSE, CMC, DEPUTY CITY CLERK I
DATE: JANUARY 13, 2012
RE: REVISED STRATEGIC PLAN FOR 2012

BACKGROUND

At the December 8, 2011 Special Meeting the Commission reviewed and made revisions to the Strategic Plan. I have provided a draft of those revisions for your review and approval. You can refer to the enclosed minutes of that meeting.

RECOMMENDATION

Make a motion approving the revisions to the Strategic Plan for 2012.

PARKS AND RECREATION ADVISORY COMMISSION
STRATEGIC PLAN 2010-11 REVISIONS FROM DECEMBER 8, 2011 SPECIAL MEETING

MISSION STATEMENT

The Commission is established to ~~act~~ **advocate** in an advisory capacity to the City Manager and the City Council on the problems and development of parks, recreation facilities and public beaches within the City.

STRATEGIC GOALS OF THE COMMISSION – What is the focus for the commission?

3-5 Year Period-General Goals of the Commission

- Advocate for ~~retaining~~ **obtaining** open and green space
- ~~Keep on top of~~ **Receive Notification of** future land disposals with attention to park and recreation needs
- Keep existing green space and public open space
- Preserve areas of natural beauty and access
- ~~Preserve beach access~~ **Received Notification of** ~~no~~ vacations of public access
- **Receive Report on City Cemetery maintenance costs, future land use, budget origination funds, how many plots and where the money goes**
- **Raise Public Awareness of Parks and Recreation Opportunities on the Homer Spit**

3-5 Year Projects

- **Advocate for a Parks and Recreation Department – obtain information on each city on the Peninsula that has a Parks and Recreation Department and Commission**
- **Establish a Campground Host program at Karen Hornaday Park**
- **Develop park in Town Center and plan for pathways and trails**

STRATEGIC OBJECTIVES OF THE COMMISSION – Must have achievable results, an action statement.

1-2 Year Period-Projects

- construct a **pedestrian**/bike path along Kachemak Drive
- ~~Develop park in Town Center and plan for pathways and trails~~
- **Support Playground Improvements**
- Document current and historical trails, create a pamphlet to show hiking trails, beaches, recreational access points, parks, campgrounds and basic rules and etiquette
- Continue work on Karen Hornaday park drainage, the parking lot, and master plan implementation
- Increase the city budget for parks and recreations
- Mariner Park driveway access and pedestrian access from the Homer Spit Road and bike path crossing of Homer Spit Road.
- ~~Create an overall sign design for the City. Work with Public Works.~~ **Create an Oversll uniform sign design for city parks and recreation areas**
- **Town Center Plan Review to Identify Short Term Projects**

ACTIONS OF THE COMMISSION –Who will do what, when and how?

- Have a committee go to City Council with recommendations, action plan and time frame.
- Every time there is a memo from the Commission to City Council a Commissioner should go to the meeting and speak about it.

- A commissioner should attend every council meeting to speak with council and keep them informed about what they are working on.
- One member of the Commission attend meetings of other user groups – skiing, co-host, etc. Create better working relationship and communication with user groups.
- **Educate other city commissions, committees and boards**
- **Staff to send notices of Commission projects**

SHARED ACTIONS STAFF/COMMISSION

- Focus and monitor the HNMTP implementation
- Research and create best use plans for all parks, with WKFL being the next park.

PENDING BUSINESS

A. Review and Updating the Strategic Plan for 2011-12

Chair Bremicker requested guidance from Staff on how to proceed with making changes to the existing plan. Staff recommend reviewing the plan and delete completed items, then discuss adding items under each section or create new.

The commission reviewed and discussed making changes to the Mission Statement and determined that the word "advocate" should be inserted before in.

The following additional changes to the 2012 Strategic plan was discussed and agreed upon by the Commission:

- Remove the goals under 3-5 Year Period, list under new heading General Goals of the Commission
- Change "retaining" to "obtaining" and add the word "additional" in the first goal listed
- Delete "Keep on top of" replace with "Receive notification"
- Add "Identify and" preserve areas of natural beauty and access
- Delete "Preserve Beach access" replace with "Receive Notification"
- Add Report on City cemetery maintenance costs, future land use, budget origination funds derived and originated, how many plots, costs where does that money go.
- Raise Public Awareness of Parks and Recreation Opportunities on the Homer Spit

Under 3-5 Year Projects – Revised category

- Advocate for a Parks and Recreation Department – get information on each city on the Peninsula that has a Parks and Recreation Department and Commission
- Establish Campground Host Program at Karen Hornaday Park

Staff commented on the current format and recommended a few changes in the goals and objectives and projects.

Rename 1-2 Year Period to Projects

- add "pedestrian path" to the first item
- Move 2nd item to the 3-5 year projects heading. Revisit later in the year.
- Add to 3rd item, support playground improvements
- Revise 7th item to read, "Create an overall uniform sign design for the city parks and recreation areas.
- Add new item, Review Town Center Plan to identify short term projects

Under Actions of the Commission

- Add Educate other city commissions, committees and boards
- Staff to send notices of commission projects

BRANN/ARCHIBALD – MOVED TO DIRECT STAFF TO MAKE THE REVISIONS TO THE STRATEGIC PLAN FOR REVIEW AT THE JANUARY 19, 2012 MEETING.

There was a brief discussion.

VOTE. YES. NON-OBJECTION. UNANIMOUS CONSENT.

Motion carried.

There was no further discussion.

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MEMORANDUM

TO: PARKS & RECREATION ADVISORY COMMISSION
FROM: RENEE KRAUSE, CMC, DEPUTY CITY CLERK I
DATE: JANUARY 13, 2012
RE: REQUEST FROM HoPP FOR ADDITIONAL FUNDING FOR A
NEW PLAYGROUND AT KAREN HORNADAY PARK

BACKGROUND

At the January 5, 2012 Special Meeting the Homer Playground Project (HoPP) requested the Parks and Recreation Advisory Commission recommend City Council approve a request for additional funding in the amount of \$50,000.00.

An in-depth discussion which included representatives from interest groups, staff and the general public followed.

The commission agreed to postpone any decision until further review of information provided by staff at that meeting and to hear input from all interested user groups on how to best use the funds available to implement Phase I of the Karen Hornaday Master Plan. The commission scheduled a worksession prior to the regular meeting.

Following is the proposal submitted from city staff that was distributed at the January 5, 2012 meeting, additional information provided by staff as requested by the commissioners on the original Land Water Conservation Fund grant application, the DCCED grant agreement; an e-mail from the Friends of Woodard Creek and Karen Hornaday Park regarding funds being held for the park by Kachemak Bay Conservation Society on behalf of the Friends; Ordinances passed by City Council; a written comment from Commissioner Lowney; emails and letters in support of HoPP; letters and emails in support of engineering for relocating the road and parking improvements and development of a trail along Woodard Creek.

RECOMMENDATION

Review and discuss the included information and make a motion to recommend or not recommend that City Council Allocate an Additional \$50,000.00 to the Homer Playground Project from the existing funds designated for Phase I of the Karen Hornaday Master Plan.

Karen Hornaday Park Improvements

Proposal for implementing portions of phase 1 with available funding

Funding secured \$305,000: (\$250,000 from Legislature and \$55,000 from Council)

Already allocated \$70,000: \$10,000 to Homer Little League; \$5,000 to HoPP; \$5,000 contract drainage work (additional done in-house); \$50,000 preliminary engineering = **Remaining available: \$235,000**

Phase 1 work completed/in progress/allocated:

- \$50,000 + in-house: preliminary engineering to include road realignment, a bridge over Woodard Creek and drainage improvements (Ordinance 11-22)
- \$ 5,000 + in-house: Public Works: Drainage improvements made fall 2011
- \$ 10,000: Ball field improvements (replacing infield dirt with clay) 2011
- \$ 145,000: HoPP playground improvements to be completed spring 2012
- \$ In-kind: Move red storage shed, potentially during HoPP build week

Phase 1 possibilities for remaining \$235,000:

- \$ 50,000: HoPP playground improvements (see HoPP request)
- \$40,000: Ball field improvements. Predicted total Project cost \$243,750. (Phil Needham of Homer Little League believes they can do dugouts, new gate and new fence for junior field for between \$35,000 and \$45,000)
- \$55,000: Northern parking improvements. Predicted total project cost \$53,894. (Excavate new parking area, F&I geotextile fabric and Import NFS gravel and compact).
- \$90,000: Improvements to day use area. Predicted total project cost: \$92,07 (Repair and improve existing shelter, add amenities, turf area/drainage/misc.).

Phase 1 possibilities for LWCF grant to be applied for in spring of 2012.

Walt believes the commission can ask the council to match this grant \$75,000 for potential total of **\$150,000**.
Needs to be an item from phase 1 that will score well in the LWCF process.

\$ _____: Woodard Creek Trail/Bridge. Predicted total project cost \$372,500. (Trail: \$158,750; Bridge \$243,740 - gravel, geotextile fabric, trail paving, signing, interpretive display, landscaping, pedestrian foot bridge construction, and bridge across Woodard creek to hospital).

Future Steps:

- Uncompleted elements of Phase 1.
- Phase 2: re-routing entrance road, creating paved parking, replacing restroom, improving campsites, landscaping, removing fill from Woodard Creek riparian area, creating flood prevention overflow basin with enhanced song bird habitat.

**Land and Water Conservation Fund
Excerpt from Grant Application
(Cost Estimate Spreadsheet)**

April 26, 2010

D-6 COST ESTIMATE

	units	quantity	unit cost	item cost
Site Preparation/Drainage Improvements				
Redefine ditch - north of fields	LF	900	\$15	\$13,500
Subtotal =				\$13,500
Ballfield Improvements				
Scarify and grade existing fields	SF	130,000	\$0.25	\$32,500
Install sod/topsoil and seeding on outfields	.	130,000	\$0.76	\$98,800
Add free draining material to infields	EA	3	\$15,975	\$47,925
Improve outfield fences	LS	-	\$12,900	\$12,900
Subtotal =				\$192,125
Playground Improvements				
Grading/drainage improvements	LS	-	\$9,000	\$9,000
Remove existing improvements	LS	-	\$6,500	\$6,500
Furnish & install new equipment	LS	-	\$90,000	\$90,000
Install soft surfacing	SF	15,000	\$1.20	\$18,000
Subtotal =				\$123,500
Trail Development				
Create gravel trail along Woodard Creek	LF	750	\$11	\$8,187
Construct gravel trail from fields to proposed Woodard Creek pedestrian bridge	LF	500	\$69	\$34,500
Construct footbridge to playground	LS	-	\$8,500	\$8,500
Subtotal =				\$51,187
Picnic Shelter Renovation/Expansion				
Repair and improve existing shelter	LS	-	\$4,190	\$4,190
Add amenities (seating, barbeque, expansion)	LS	-	\$9,500	\$9,500
Turf area/drainage/other misc.	LS	-	\$50,700	\$50,700
Subtotal =				\$64,390
Parking Lot Improvements (Northern Lot Area)				
Excavate new parking area	CY	750	\$12	\$9,000
F&I geotextile fabric	SF	9750	\$1.25	\$12,188
Import NFS gravel and compact	CY	750	\$22	\$16,500
Subtotal =				\$37,688
Complete Design of Master Plan Improvements				
Design/Cost Estimate to 50%	LS	-	\$115,000	\$115,000
Subtotal =				\$115,000
Total Construction Cost				\$482,390

(continued)

TOTAL ESTIMATED CONSTRUCTION COST	\$482,390
plus Planning Engineering and Construction Supervision	\$163,239
plus Contingency or Inflation Factors (10%)	<u>\$48,239</u>
equals TOTAL DIRECT COSTS	\$693,868
plus STATE ADMINISTRATIVE COSTS 12%	<u>\$83,264</u>
equals TOTAL PROJECT COSTS	\$777,132
less SPONSOR'S SHARE (52.11%) <i>stet</i>	<u>\$405,000</u>
equals FEDERAL SHARE	\$372,132
less STATE ADMINISTRATIVE COSTS	<u>\$83,264</u>
equals MAXIMUM SPONSOR PAYMENT	\$288,868



DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE, COMMUNITY, AND ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT
DIVISION OF COMMUNITY AND REGIONAL AFFAIRS

Designated Legislative Grant Program
Grant Agreement

Grant Agreement Number 11-DC-234		Amount of State Funds \$250,000.00	
Collocation Code(s)	Encumbrance Number/AR/Lapse Date / 8291 / 06/30/2015	Project Title Karen Hornaday Park Improvements, Phase 1	
Grantee		Department Contact Person	
Name City of Homer		Name Jean Mason	
Street/PO Box 491 East Pioneer Avenue		Title Grants Administrator	
City/State/Zip Homer, AK 99603		Street/PO Box P.O. Box 110809	
Contact Person Jo Earls, Grant Administrator		City/State/Zip Juneau, AK 99811-0809	
Phone 907-235-8121	Email jearls@ci.homer.ak.us	Phone 907-465-5647	Fax 907-465-5867

AGREEMENT

The Alaska Department of Commerce, Community, and Economic Development, Division of Community and Regional Affairs (hereinafter 'Department') and **City of Homer** (hereinafter 'Grantee') agree as set forth herein.

Section I. The Department shall pay the Grantee for the performance of the project work under the terms outlined in this agreement. The amount of the payment is based upon project expenses incurred, which are authorized under this Agreement. In no event shall the payment exceed **\$250,000.00**.

Section II. The Grantee shall perform all of the work required by this Agreement.

Section III. The work to be performed under this agreement begins **04/19/2010** and shall be completed no later than **06/30/2015**.

Section IV. The agreement consists of this page and the following:

ATTACHMENTS

- Attachment A: Scope of Work
1. Project Description
 2. Project Budget
 3. Project Narrative
 4. Project Management/Reporting
 5. Forms Packet
- Attachment B: Payment Method
Attachment C: Standard Provisions

APPENDICES

- Appendix A: Audit Regulations
Appendix B: Audit Compliance Supplement
Appendix B2: Insurance
Appendix C: State Laws and Regulations
Appendix D: Special Requirements and Assurances for Federally Funded Projects (if applicable)
Appendix E: Site Control
Appendix F: State Fire Marshal Review

AMENDMENTS: Any fully executed amendments to this Agreement

Grantee		Department	
Signature		Signature	
Printed Name and Title	Walt Wrede, City Manager	Printed Name and Title	Jolene Julian, Grants Administrator III
Date	JAN 31 2011	Date	02/03/11

Reviewed by: _____

Attachment A Scope of Work

1. Project Description

The purpose of this FY 2011 Designated Legislative Grant in the amount of \$250,000.00 [pursuant to the provisions of AS 37.05.315, SLA 2010, Chapter 43, Section 10, Page 92, Lines 30-32] is to provide funding to City of Homer for use towards Karen Hornaday Park Improvements. The objective of this project is to implement portions of Phase I of the Karen Hornaday Park Master Plan.

This project may include, but is not limited to:

- Topographic survey, engineering, and construction of drainage improvements;
- Acquisition and construction of a pedestrian bridge;
- Construction of a pedestrian ramp;
- Development of a detailed plan for a revitalized and improved playground;
- Acquisition and placement of new playground equipment;
- Expand and improve day use area;
- Demolition and removal of an old storage shed; and,
- Resurfacing and other parking improvements

No more than five percent (5%) of the total grant award may be reimbursed for Administrative expenses for projects involving equipment purchase or repairs and no more than ten percent (10%) of the total grant award may be reimbursed for Administrative expenses for all other projects. To be reimbursed for eligible administrative costs, expenses must be reported on the Designated Legislative Grant Financial/Progress Report form.

2. Project Budget

Cost Category	Grant Funds	Total Project Cost
Program Funds	\$250,000.00	\$250,000.00

3. Budget Narrative

The Grant Funds identified above will be used to complete the project described in the above Project Description.

4. Project Management/Reporting

This project will be managed by the Grantee.

If the Grantee is a City, signatory authority for execution of the Grant Agreement and subsequent amendments is granted to the Mayor. The Mayor may delegate signatory authority for executing the Grant Agreement and amendments to others within the City government via the Signatory Authority Form. The Mayor may also designate financial and progress reporting authority via the Signatory Authority Form. Such delegation is limited to others within the City government, unless otherwise approved by the Department.

If the Grantee is not a City, signatory authority for execution of the Grant Agreement and subsequent amendments is granted to the Chief Executive Officer (CEO). The CEO may delegate authority for executing the Grant Agreement and amendments to others within the Grantee's organization via the Signatory Authority Form. The CEO may also designate financial and performance progress reporting authority via the Signatory Authority Form. Such delegation is limited to others within the Grantee's organization unless otherwise approved by the Department.

The Grantee must establish and maintain separate accounting for the use of this Grant. The use of Grant funds in any manner contrary to the terms and conditions of this Grant Agreement may result in the subsequent revocation of the grant and any balance of funds under the grant. It may also result in the Grantee being required to return such amounts to the State.

The Grantee shall submit a Designated Legislative Grant Financial/Progress Report Form (see attached) each month, or quarterly, with the concurrence of the Department, during the life of the Grant Agreement. Grant Financial/Progress Report Forms are due fifteen (15) days after the end of the month or quarter being reported. The report period is the first of the month through the last day of the month. If quarterly reporting is approved, the report period is the first day of the first month through the last day of the third month of the quarter. The final Financial/Progress Reports must be submitted within thirty (30) days following completion of the project. Under no circumstances will the Department release funds to the Grantee unless all required reporting is current.

5. Grant Forms Packet

The following page, which includes the Designated Legislative Grant Financial/Progress Report Form, is to be used by the Grantee for monthly/quarterly reporting. Additional copies of this form are available from the Department, electronically or in hard copy.

Department of Commerce, Community & Economic Development
 Division of Community & Regional Affairs
DESIGNATED LEGISLATIVE GRANT FINANCIAL/PROGRESS REPORT
AND REQUEST FOR REIMBURSEMENT

Grantee:	Grant Number:
Project Title:	Report Period:
Report No:	From: To:
Note: Financial Report/Request for Reimbursement must include Progress Report narrative.	

State Share Grant Funds				
Cost Category	Authorized Budget	Expenditures this Report Period	Total Grant Expenditures to Date	Balance of Grant Funds
Program Funds	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
Administration	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
Total This Report	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00

Current Advance Balance (if any)	-		
Total Grant Expenditures This Period	0.00	Total Grant Award	0.00
LESS Advance Recovered This Report (if any)	0.00	LESS Total Grant Expenditures to Date	0.00
NET REIMBURSEMENT TO GRANTEE	0.00	LESS Unrecovered Advance Balance	0.00
Advance Balance Remaining (if any)	0.00	TOTAL Grant Funds Remaining	0.00

Progress Report: Describe activities that occurred during this report period. Identify any problems you may be experiencing. Attach additional pages if necessary.

Grantee Certification: I certify that the above information is true and correct, and that expenditures have been made for the purpose of, and in accordance with applicable grant agreement terms and conditions.

 Authorized Signature Date

 Name and Title

DCCED Staff Use:	
Encumbrance No:	_____
Payment Amount:	_____
GA Approval:	_____
DCCED Signature	Date

Attachment B Payment Method

1. Advance/Reimbursement Payment

Upon full execution of this Grant Agreement, a State treasury warrant in an amount not to exceed 20% of the amount in Section I may be released upon request. Additional State treasury warrants will be released on a reimbursement basis upon receiving and approving a Grantee's financial/progress reports. The Department will reimburse the Grantee for costs incurred during the reporting period, in accordance with this Grant Agreement. The Department will not reimburse without approved financial/progress reports, prepared and submitted by the Grantee on the form provided in Attachment A. Before approving the financial/progress report for payment, the Department may require the Grantee to submit documentation of the costs reported (e.g., vendor billings, signed timesheets, invoices).

If cost reimbursement significantly inhibits the Grantee's ability to implement the project, the Department may advance to the Grantee an amount not to exceed a projected thirty (30) day cash need, or twenty percent (20%) of the amount in Section I, whichever is less.

Before the Department will issue an advance, the Grantee must submit a "Request for Advance Payment" form along with documentation of costs associated with the advance. The "Request for Advance Payment" form can be obtained from the Department electronically or in hard copy.

All advances will be recovered with the Grantee's next Financial/Progress Report form. Should earned payments during the terms of this Grant Agreement be insufficient to recover the full amount of the advance, the Grantee will repay the unrecovered amount to the Department when requested to do so by the Department, or at termination of the Grant Agreement.

2. Withholding of Ten Percent (10%)

The Department may withhold ten percent (10%) of the amount in Section I until the Department determines that the Grantee has satisfactorily completed the terms of this grant agreement, including all required reporting of the project.

Attachment C Standard Provisions

Article 1. Definition

"Department" refers to the Department of Commerce, Community and Economic Development with the State of Alaska.

Article 2. Indemnification

It is understood and agreed that this Grant Agreement is solely for the benefit of the parties to the Grant Agreement and gives no right to any other party. No joint venture or partnership is formed as a result of the Grant Agreement.

The Grantee, its successors and assigns, will protect, save, and hold harmless the Department and the State of Alaska and their authorized agents and employees, from all claims, actions, costs, damages, or expenses of any nature whatsoever by reason of the acts or omissions of the Grantee, its subcontractors, assigns, agents, contractors, licenses, invitees, employees, or any person whomever arising out of or in connection with any acts or activities authorized by this Grant Agreement. The Grantee further agrees to defend the Department and the State of Alaska and their authorized agents and employees in any litigation, including payment of any costs or attorney's fees for any claims or actions commenced thereon arising out of or in connection with acts or activities authorized by this Grant Agreement. This obligation shall not include such claims, costs, damages, or expenses which may be caused by the sole negligence of the Department of the State of Alaska or their authorized agents or employees, provided, that if the claims or damages are caused by or result from the concurrent negligence of (a) the Department and the State of Alaska and their agents or employees, and (b) the Grantee, its agents or employees, this indemnity provision shall be valid and enforceable only to the extent of the negligence of the Grantee, or Grantee's agents or employees.

Article 3. Legal Authority

The Grantee certifies that it possesses legal authority to accept grant funds under the State of Alaska and to execute the project described in this Grant Agreement by signing the Grant Agreement document. The Grantee's relation to the Department and the State of Alaska shall be at all times as an independent Grantee.

Article 4. Waivers

No conditions or provisions of this Grant Agreement can be waived unless approved by the Department in writing. The Department's failure to insist upon strict performance of any provision of the Grant Agreement, or to exercise any right based upon a breach thereof, or the acceptance of any performance during such a breach, shall not constitute a waiver of any right under this Grant Agreement.

Article 5. Access to Records

The Department and duly authorized officials of the State of Alaska shall have full access and the right to examine, excerpt, or transcribe any pertinent documents, papers, records, and books of the Grantee, and of persons or organizations with which the Grantee may contract, involving transactions related to the project and this Grant Agreement.

Article 6. Reports

The Grantee, at such times and in such forms as the Department may require, shall furnish the Department with such periodic reports as it may request pertaining to the activities undertaken pursuant to this Grant Agreement, including the final close-out report, the costs and obligations incurred in connection therewith, and any other matters covered by this Grant Agreement.

Article 7. Retention of Records

The Grantee shall retain financial and other records relating to the performance of this Grant Agreement for a period of six years from the date when the final financial status report is submitted to the Department, or until final resolution of any audit findings, claims, or litigation related to the grant.

Article 8. Assignability

The Grantee shall not assign any interest in this Grant Agreement and shall not transfer any interest in the same (whether by assignment or novation).

Article 9. Financial Management and Accounting

The Grantee shall establish and maintain a financial management and accounting system that conforms to generally accepted accounting principles.

Article 10. Program Income

Program income earned during the award period shall be retained by the Grantee and added to the funds committed to the award and used for the purpose and under the conditions applicable to the use of award funds.

Article 11. Amendments and Modifications

The Grantee or the Department may request an amendment or modification of this Grant Agreement. However, such amendment or modification shall not take effect until approved, in writing, by the Department and the Grantee.

Article 12. Recordkeeping

The Grantee agrees to keep such records as the Department may require. Such records will include information pertaining to grant awards and authorizations, obligations, unobligated balances, assets, liabilities, outlays and income. They will also include information pertaining to project performance and efforts to comply with the provisions of the Grant Agreement.

Article 13. Obligations Regarding Third-Party Relationships

None of the Work specified in this Grant Agreement shall be contracted by the Grantee without prior approval of the Department. No permission for subcontracting shall create, between the Department or the State of Alaska and the subcontractor, any contract or any relationship.

The Grantee shall remain fully obligated under the provisions of this Grant Agreement notwithstanding its designation of any third party or parties of the undertaking of all or any part of the project described herein. Any subcontractor that is not the Grantee shall be required by the Grantee to comply with all the provisions of this Grant Agreement.

The Grantee shall bind all subcontractors to each and every applicable Grant Agreement provision. Each subcontract for work to be performed with funds granted under this Grant Agreement shall specifically include a provision that the Department and the State of Alaska are not liable for damages or claims from damages arising from any subcontractor's performance or activities under the terms of the subcontracts.

Article 14. Conflict of Interest

No officer or employee of the Department; no member, officer, or employee of the Grantee or its designees or agents; no member of the governing body of the jurisdiction in which the project is undertaken or located; and no other official of such locality or localities who exercises any functions or responsibilities with respect to the project during his or her tenure, shall have any personal or pecuniary gain or interest, direct or indirect, in any contract, subcontract, or the proceeds thereof, for work to be performed in connection with the project assisted under this Grant Agreement.

The Grantee shall incorporate, or cause to incorporate, in all such contracts or subcontracts, a provision prohibiting such interest pursuant to the purpose of this provision.

Article 15. Political Activity

No portion of the funds provided hereinunder shall be used for any partisan political activity or to further the election or defeat of any candidate for public office or influence the approval or defeat of any ballot issue.

Article 16. Notices

The Grantee shall comply with all public notices or notices to individuals required by applicable state and federal laws and shall maintain a record of this compliance.

Article 17. Prohibition Against Payment of Bonus or Commission

The assistance provided under this Grant Agreement shall not be used in payment of any bonus or commission for the purpose of obtaining approval or concurrence under this contract provided, however, that reasonable fees of bona fide technical consultant, managerial, or other such services, other than actual solicitation, are not hereby prohibited if otherwise eligible as project costs.

Article 18. Termination by Mutual Agreement

This Grant Agreement may be terminated, in whole or in part, prior to the completion of contract project activities when both parties agree that continuation is not feasible or would not produce beneficial results commensurate with the further expenditure of funds. The Department will determine whether an environmental review of the cancellation is required under State and/or Federal law. The parties must agree on the termination conditions, including effective date and the portion to be terminated. The Grantee shall not incur new obligations for the terminated portion after the effective date, and shall cancel as many outstanding obligations as possible. The Department shall make funds available to the Grantee to pay for allowable expenses incurred before the effective date of termination.

Article 19. Termination for Cause

If the Grantee fails to comply with the terms of this Grant Agreement, or fails to use the grant for only those purposes set forth herein, the Department may take the following actions:

- A. Suspension – After notice in writing by certified mail to the Grantee, suspend the grant and withhold any further payment or prohibit the Grantee from incurring additional obligations of grant funds, pending corrective action by the Grantee or a decision to terminate. Response must be received within fifteen (15) days of receipt of the written notice.
- B. Termination – Terminate the grant in whole or in part, at any time before the final grant payment is made. The Department shall promptly notify the Grantee in writing of its determination to terminate, the reason for such termination, and the effective date of the termination. Payments made to the Grantee or recoveries by the Department shall be in accordance with the legal rights and liabilities of the parties.

Article 20. Withdrawal of Funds

In the event funding from the state, federal, or other sources is withdrawn, reduced, or limited in any way after the effective date of this Grant Agreement and prior to normal completion, the Department may terminate the agreement, reduce funding, or re-negotiate subject to those new funding limitations and conditions. A termination under this article shall be implemented under the same conditions as a termination under Article 19 of this Attachment.

Article 21. Recovery of Funds

In the event of a default or violation of the terms of the Grant Agreement by the Grantee, the Department may institute actions to recover all or part of the project funds paid to the Grantee. Repayment by the Grantee of grant funds under this recovery provision shall occur within thirty (30) days of demand.

All remedies conferred on the Department by this agreement or any other instrument or agreement are cumulative, not exclusive, and may be exercised concurrently or consecutively at the Department's option.

Article 22. Disputes

Except as otherwise provided in this agreement, any dispute concerning a question of fact arising under this agreement that is not disposed of by mutual agreement shall be decided by the Department, which shall reduce its decision to writing and mail, or otherwise furnish a copy thereof, to the Grantee. The decision of the Department shall be final and conclusive.

This "Disputes" clause does not preclude the consideration of questions of law in connection with the decision provided for in the preceding paragraph provided that nothing in the Grant Agreement shall be construed as making final the decisions of any administrative official, representative, or board on a question of law.

Article 23. Jurisdiction

This Grant Agreement shall be governed by the laws and statutes of the State of Alaska. The venue of any suit hereunder may be in the Superior Court for the First Judicial District, Juneau, Alaska.

Article 24. Ownership of Project/Capital Facilities

The Department makes no claim to any capital facilities or real property improved or constructed with funds under this Grant Agreement and, by this grant of funds, does not and will not acquire any ownership interest or title to such property of the Grantee. The Grantee shall assume all liabilities arising from the ownership and operation of the project and agrees to hold the Department and the State of Alaska harmless from any and all causes of action arising from the ownership and operation of the project.

Article 25. Site Control

If the grant project involves the occupancy and use of real property, the Grantee assures that it has the legal right to occupy and use such real property for the purposes of the grant, and further that there is legal access to such property.

Article 26. Insurance

The Grantee is responsible for obtaining any necessary liability insurance. In addition, the Grantee shall provide and maintain Workers' Compensation Insurance as required by AS 23.30 for all employees engaged in work under this Grant Agreement. The Grantee shall require any contractor to provide and maintain Workers' Compensation Insurance for its employees as required by AS 23.30. The Grantee shall require any contractor hired to work on the project be licensed, bonded and insured for at least the amount of the project and if appropriate provide and maintain Professional Liability Insurance.

Article 27. Subcontracts for Engineering Services

In the event that the Grantee subcontracts for engineering services, the Grantee will require that the engineering firm certify that it is authorized to do business in the State of Alaska. In the event that the engineering firm is also the project administrator, the Grantee shall require that the bond or insurance shall be for not less than the amount of the entire project.

Article 28. Governing law

This Grant Agreement is governed by the laws of the State of Alaska. The Grantee shall perform all aspects of this project in compliance with the appropriate laws and regulations. It is the responsibility of the Grantee to ensure that all permits required for the construction and operation of this project by the Federal, State, or Local governments have been obtained.

Article 29. Budget Flexibility

Notwithstanding the provisions of Article 11, Attachment C, the Grantee may revise the project budget in Attachment A without a formal amendment to this agreement. Such revisions are limited within each line item to a maximum of ten percent (10%) of the line item or \$10,000, whichever is less, over the entire term of this agreement. Such budget revisions shall be limited to changes to existing budget line items. Budget revisions may not be used to increase any budget item for project administrative expenses. Changes to the budget beyond the limits authorized by this provision may only be made by a formal amendment to this agreement.

Article 30. Equal Employment Opportunity (EEO)

The Grantee may not discriminate against any employee or applicant for employment because of race, religion, color, national origin, age, physical handicap, sex, marital status, changes in marital status, pregnancy or parenthood. The Grantee shall post in a conspicuous place, available to employees and applicants for employment, a notice setting out the provisions of this paragraph.

The Grantee shall state, in all solicitations or advertisements for employees to work on state funded projects, that it is an equal opportunity employer (EEO) and that all qualified applicants will receive consideration for employment without regard to race, religion, color, national origin, age, physical handicap, sex, marital status, changes in marital status, pregnancy or parenthood.

The Grantee shall include the provisions of this EEO article in every contract relating to this Grant Agreement and shall require the inclusion of these provisions in every agreement entered into by

any of its contractors, so that those provisions will be binding upon each contractor or subcontractor.

Article 31. Public Purposes

The Grantee agrees that the project to which this Grant Agreement relates shall be dedicated to public purposes for its useful life. The benefits of the project shall be made available without regard to race, religion, color, national origin, age, physical handicap, sex, marital status, changes in marital status, pregnancy or parenthood.

If the Grantee is a non-municipal entity and if monies appropriated under this grant constitute the sole or principal funding source for the acquisition of equipment or facilities, the Grantee agrees that in the event a municipal corporation is formed which possesses the power and jurisdiction to provide for such equipment or facilities, the Grantee shall offer, without compensation, to transfer ownership of such equipment or facilities to the municipal corporation.

If the Grantee is a non-profit corporation that dissolves, the assets and liabilities from the grant project are to be distributed according to statutory law, AS 10.20.290-10.20.452.

Article 32. Operation and Maintenance

Throughout the life of the project, the Grantee shall be responsible for the operation and maintenance of any facility, equipment, or other items acquired under this grant.

Article 33. Assurance

The Grantee shall spend monies awarded under this grant only for the purposes specified in this Grant Agreement.

Article 34. Current Prevailing Rates of Wage

Certain grant projects are constrained by the provisions of AS 36. PUBLIC CONTRACTS. To the extent that such provisions apply to the project which is the subject of this Grant Agreement, the Grantee shall pay the current prevailing rates of wage to employees as required by AS 36.05.010. The Grantee also shall require any contractor to pay the current prevailing rates of wage as required by AS 36.05.010.

Article 35. Severability

If any provision under this Grant Agreement or its application to any person or circumstance is held invalid by any court of rightful jurisdiction, this invalidity does not affect other provisions of the contract agreement which can be given effect without the invalid provision.

Article 36. Performance

The Department's failure to insist upon the strict performance of any provision of the Grant Agreement or to exercise any right based upon breach thereof or the acceptance of any performance during such breach, shall not constitute a waiver of any rights under this Grant Agreement.

Article 37. Sovereign Immunity

If the Grantee is an entity which possesses sovereign immunity, it is a requirement of this grant that the Grantee irrevocably waive its sovereign immunity with respect to state enforcement of this

Grant Agreement. The waiver of sovereign immunity, effected by resolution of the entity's governing body, is herein incorporated into this Grant Agreement.

Article 38. Audit Requirements

The Grantee shall comply with the audit requirements established by 02 AAC 45.010, set forth in Appendix A of this Grant Agreement.

Article 39. Close-Out

The Department will advise the Grantee to initiate close-out procedures when the Department determines, in consultation with the Grantee, that there are no impediments to close-out and that the following criteria have been met or soon will be met:

- A. All costs to be paid with grant funds have been incurred with the exception of close-out costs and any unsettled third-party claims against the Grantee. Costs are incurred when goods and services are received or contract work is performed.
- B. The last required performance report has been submitted. The Grantee's failure to submit a report will not preclude the Department from effecting close-out if it is deemed to be in the State's interest. Any excess grant amount that may be in the Grantee's possession shall be returned by the Grantee in the event of the Grantee's failure to finish or update the report.
- C. Other responsibilities of the Grantee under this Grant Agreement and any close-out agreement and applicable laws and regulations appear to have been carried out satisfactorily or there is no further State interest in keeping the grant open for the purpose of securing performance.

Article 40. Americans with Disabilities Act

The Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA) prohibits discrimination against persons with disabilities. Title I of the ADA prohibits discrimination against persons with disabilities in employment and provides that a reasonable accommodation be provided for applicants and employees. Title II of the Act prohibits public agencies from discriminating against individuals with disabilities in the provision of services, programs, or activities. Reasonable accommodation must be made to ensure or allow access to all services, programs, or activities. This section of the Act includes physical access to public facilities and requires that public entities must, if necessary, make modifications to their facilities to remove physical barriers to ensure access by persons with disabilities. All new construction must also be accessible to persons with disabilities. A public entity's subgrantees or contractors must also comply with the ADA provisions. Grantees are responsible for assuring their compliance with the ADA.

Appendix A Audit Regulations

2 AAC 45.010. AUDIT REQUIREMENTS

- (a) A state agency that enters into a financial assistance agreement to provide financial assistance to an entity shall, in coordination with any other state agencies providing financial assistance to that entity, require that entity to submit to the department an audit of the recipient entity if that entity is subject to an audit under this section. The audit must be conducted and submitted as described in this section. In order to ensure compliance with this subsection, a state agency must include the audit requirements of this section must be contained in any financial assistance agreement subject to this subsection.
- (b) An entity that expends financial assistance with a cumulative total of \$500,000 or more during the entity's fiscal year shall submit an audit report for the audit period to the department, by
- (1) the earlier of
 - (a) 30 days after the entity receives its audit report for the audit period; or
 - (b) nine months after the end of the audit period; or
 - (2) a later date than the date calculated under (1) of this subsection, if
 - (a) the state agency that provides the financial assistance agrees to the change of date; and
 - (b) the agreement under (a) of this paragraph is made in
 - (i) writing; and
 - (ii) advance of the date calculated under (1) of this subsection.
- (c) An audit required by this section must be conducted by an independent auditor, according to the following audit standards effective at the time of review for the audit period:
- (1) *Government Auditing Standards, July 2007 Revision* adopted by the comptroller general of the United States, and adopted by reference;
 - (2) Generally accepted auditing standards, as accepted by the American Institute of Certified Public Accountants in the *Codification of Statements on Auditing Standards* in effect as of January 1, 2008 for the type of entity being audited, adopted by reference;
 - (3) *State of Alaska Audit Guide and Compliance Supplement for State Single Audits*, May 2008 revision, prepared by the department, adopted by reference.
- (d) An audit required under this section must report on the following: (1) The system of internal controls of the entity and the auditor's identification of significant deficiencies and material weaknesses of the entity, using the applicable standards set out in (c) of this section; (2) the entity's compliance with applicable state statutes and regulations and applicable financial assistance agreements affecting the expenditure of the financial assistance; the report must identify findings and known questioned costs that exceed \$5,000 in the aggregate for all transactions of expenditures tested for the financial assistance being audited; (3) the entity's financial statements; (4) the schedule of state financial assistance; and (5) the schedule of findings and questioned costs.
- (e) As part of an audit report required under this section, a recipient must provide (1) written comments on any (A) findings; (B) known questioned costs; (c) significant deficiencies, including material weaknesses; and (D) recommendations contained in the audit report; (2) the entity's plan for corrective action, if any findings are identified or any recommendations are made in the audit report; (3) the status of the entity's implementation of any plans for corrective actions related to (A) the audit reports required under this section for the fiscal year before the audit period; and (B) unresolved findings of audit reports required by this section for audit periods before those specified in (A) of this paragraph; and (4) a written explanation of the reasons why corrective action will not be taken if the entity does not intend to take corrective action on the findings and recommendations in any audit report required by this section.

- (f) An audit report required under this section need not evaluate the effectiveness of a program funded by state financial assistance. However, a program evaluation or financial monitoring may be conducted by the state agency or requested of the entity by the state agency that entered into the financial assistance agreement.
- (g) An audit required by this section must cover the entire operations of the entity.
- (h) An entity shall provide the department with sufficient copies of each audit report to allow submission of a copy to each state agency providing financial assistance to the entity. The department will determine if auditing standards have been met and will forward a copy of the audit to the appropriate state agencies. The department will coordinate the assignment of the resolution to one state agency, if the exceptions concern more than one state agency. The applicable state agency providing financial assistance to the entity must meet its responsibilities under other law for ensuring compliance with the audit report.
- (i) Unless additional audit requirements are imposed by state or federal law, a state agency that provides financial assistance to an entity shall accept the audit required by this section in satisfaction of any other audit requirement. If additional audit work is necessary to meet the needs of a state agency, the audit work must be based on audits required by this section. Nothing in this subsection authorizes a state agency to seek payment from the entity for the additional audit work.
- (j) A third party that receives financial assistance through an entity, in an amount described in this section, is subject to the applicable requirements of this section. An entity that disburses \$500,000 or more in state financial assistance to a third party shall ensure that the third party complies with the requirements of this section. That entity shall also ensure that appropriate corrective action is taken within six months after a third party's noncompliance with an applicable state statute or regulation, or financial assistance agreement, is disclosed.
- (k) Repealed 7/1/98.
- (l) For purposes of this section, if an entity has not identified its fiscal year, that entity's fiscal year is July 1 through June 30.
- (m) Financial assistance in the following form is not included when calculating whether an entity meets the threshold monetary requirement under (b) of this section:
 - (1) community revenue sharing money provided under AS 29.60.850 - 29.60.879;
 - (2) Repealed 3/31/2008.
 - (3) aviation fuel tax money provided under AS 43.40.010;
 - (4) electric and telephone cooperative gross revenue tax refunds provided under AS 10.25.570;
 - (5) alcoholic beverage license fee refunds provided under AS 04.11.610;
 - (6) fisheries tax refunds provided under AS 29.60.450, AS 43.75.130, and AS 43.77.060;
 - (7) PERS/TRS relief funding under money appropriated to pay employer unfunded liability attributable to the entity under AS 14.25 and AS 39.35.
- (n) Financial assistance in a form listed in (m) of this section is not exempt from compliance testing if the entity meets the threshold monetary requirement under (b) of this section.
- (o) Repealed 7/1/98.

(Eff. 8/1/85, Register 95; am 6/29/90, Register 114; am 7/1/98, Register 146; am 3/31/2008, Register 185; am 8/1/2008, Register 187)

Authority: AS 37.05.020 AS 37.05.190

2 AAC 45.060. EXTERNAL QUALITY REVIEW OF AUDIT ORGANIZATION

Repealed.

(Eff. 7/1/98, Register 146; repealed 3/31/2008, Register 185)

2 AAC 45.070. APPLICABILITY

- (a) The amended version of this chapter, effective August 1, 2008, applies to an audit for an audit period that begins or continues after August 1, 2008.
- (b) An entity may agree to be subject to the provisions of the amended version of this chapter, effective August 1, 2008, for an audit period beginning on or after July 1, 2007 and ending on or before July 31, 2008, by voluntarily submitting
 - (1) an audit that complies with those provisions; or
 - (2) a statement that an audit is not required under provisions of 2 AAC 45.010(b).

(Eff. 7/1/98, Register 146; am 3/31/2008, Register 185; am 8/1/2008, Register 187)

Authority: AS 37.05.020 AS 37.05.190

2 AAC 45.080. EXEMPTIONS FROM FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE

(a) For purposes of this chapter, "financial assistance" does not include the following: (1) public assistance provided under AS 47; (2) goods or services purchased for the direct administration or operation of state government; (3) moneys advanced to an entity under one or more state loan programs; (4) power cost equalization payments made to an electric cooperative on behalf of its customers; (5) scholarships, loans, or other tuition aid provided to students, but paid to an education institution on their behalf.

(b) In addition to the exemptions set out in (a) of this section, for a third party, "financial assistance" does not include goods purchased from the third party for direct administration or operation of the entity that received financial assistance.

(Eff. 7/1/98, Register 146)

Authority: AS 37.05.020 AS 37.05.190

2 AAC 45.090. DEFINITIONS

For purposes of this chapter, unless the context otherwise requires,

- (1) "audit period" means the entity's fiscal year in which the entity expended financial assistance;
- (2) "entity" does not include (A) the University of Alaska or any other state agency; (B) a for-profit entity; and (c) a non United States based entity;
- (3) "financial assistance" means state grants, contracts, provider agreements, cooperative agreements, and all forms of state financial assistance to an entity; "financial assistance" includes all forms of state financial assistance provided through an entity to a third party;
- (4) "known questioned costs" means those questioned costs specifically identified by the auditor in the audit conducted under this chapter;
- (5) Repealed 3/31/2008;
- (6) "department" means the Department of Administration;
- (7) "significant deficiencies" has the meaning given in Section 5.11a. of the Government Auditing Standards adopted by reference in 2 AAC 45.010(c).

(Eff. 7/1/98, Register 146; am 3/31/2008, Register 185)

Authority: AS 37.05.020 AS 37.05.190

Appendix B Audit Compliance Supplement Grants to Municipalities

1. Program Objectives

Authorized and administered under AS 37.05.315 - .325, grants to municipalities are made at the discretion of the Legislature. The grants are designated for use on various capital projects and activities.

2. Program Procedures

Once the authorizing legislation becomes effective, a grant agreement specifying the purpose, terms, and conditions of the grant is executed with the municipality.

3. Compliance Requirements and Suggested Audit Procedures

A. Types of Services Allowed and Unallowed

Compliance Requirement Grant funds can be expended for a variety of purposes as provided for in the authorizing legislation and as specified in the grant agreement.

Suggested Audit Procedure Review the grant agreement and related records to determine if the funds were expended in accordance with the terms of the agreement.

Compliance Requirement The facilities and services provided by the grant must be available for use of the general public.

Suggested Audit Procedure Determine whether the facilities and services provided by the grant are available for the use of the general public.

B. Eligibility

The auditor is not expected to make tests for recipient eligibility.

C. Matching, Level of Effort and/or Earmarking Requirements

Compliance Requirement The appropriation or allocation lapses and the municipality must return to the state all grant funds received for construction of a public facility if substantial, ongoing work on the project has not begun within five years of the effective date of the appropriation or allocation.

Suggested Audit Procedure Examine financial records, reports, and supporting documentation to determine if substantial, ongoing work on the project has begun within five years of the effective date of the appropriation or allocation. Expenditures alone should not be a determining factor; site visits, photographic documentation, and/or interviews with contractors may be required if ongoing work is in question.

D. Reporting Requirements

Compliance Requirement The grant agreement will specify the reporting requirements to which the grantee must adhere.

Suggested Audit Procedures Examine reports and supporting documentation and verify completeness, accuracy and timeliness of submission. Verify that required approvals were obtained and that expenditures and matching contributions were within award performance period.

E. Special Tests and Provisions

Compliance Requirement The grant agreement will identify any other compliance requirements to which the recipient is to adhere.

Suggested Audit Procedures Review the grant agreement, identify any other applicable compliance provisions, including the "standard provisions," and verify that the requirements were met.

Appendix B2 Insurance

Article 1. Insurance

Without limiting contractor's indemnification, it is agreed that the contractor shall purchase at its own expense and maintain in force at all times during the performance of services under this agreement the following policies of insurance. Where specific limits are shown, it is understood that they shall be the minimum acceptable limits. If the contractor's policy contains higher limits, the State shall be entitled to coverage to the extent of such higher limits. Certificates of Insurance must be furnished to the Contracting Officer prior to beginning work and must provide for a thirty (30) day prior notice of cancellation, non-renewal or material change. Failure to furnish satisfactory evidence of insurance or lapse of the policy is a material breach and grounds for termination of the contractor's services.

- 1.1 Workers' Compensation Insurance:** The contractor shall provide and maintain, for all employees of the contractor engaged in work under this contract, Workers' Compensation Insurance as required by AS 23.30.045. The contractor shall be responsible for Workers' Compensation Insurance for any subcontractor who directly or indirectly provides services under this contract. This coverage must include statutory coverage for states in which employees are engaging in work and employer's liability protection is not less than \$100,000.00 per occurrence. Where applicable, coverage for all federal acts (i.e. USL & H and Jones Acts) must also be included.
- 1.2 Comprehensive (Commercial) General Liability Insurance:** With coverage limits not less than \$300,000.00 combined single limit per occurrence and annual aggregates where generally applicable and shall include premises-operations, independent contractors, products/completed operations, broad form property damage, blanket contractual and personal injury endorsements.
- 1.3 Comprehensive Automobile Liability Insurance:** Covering all owned, hired, and non-owned vehicles with coverage limits not less than \$100,000.00 per person/\$300,000.00 per occurrence bodily injury and \$50,000.00 property damage.
- 1.4 Professional Liability Insurance:** Covering all errors, omissions or negligent acts of the contractor, subcontractor or anyone directly or indirectly employed by them, made in the performance of this contract which result in financial loss to the State. Limits required are per the following schedule:

Contract Amount	Minimum Required Limits
Under \$100,000	\$100,000 per occurrence/annual aggregate
\$100,000 - \$499,999	\$250,000 per occurrence/annual aggregate
\$500,000 - \$999,999	\$500,000 per occurrence/annual aggregate
\$1,000,000 or over	Negotiable - Refer to Risk Management

Appendix C

State Laws and Regulations

Municipality Public Facility Operations and Maintenance—AS 37.05.315(c)

In accepting a grant under AS 37.05.315 for construction of a public facility, a municipality covenants with the State that it will operate and maintain the facility for the practical life of the facility and that the municipality will not look to the State to operate or maintain the facility or pay for its operation or maintenance. This requirement does not apply to a grant for repair or improvement of an existing facility operated or maintained by the State at the time the grant is accepted if the repair or improvement for which the grant is made will not substantially increase the operating or maintenance costs to the State.

Restriction on Use—AS 37.05.321

A grant or earnings from a grant under AS 37.05.315 - 37.05.317 may not be used for the purpose of influencing legislative action. In this section "influencing legislative action" means promoting, advocating, supporting, modifying, opposing, or delaying or seeking to do the same with respect to any legislative action but does not include the provision or use of information, statistics, studies, or analyses in written or oral form or format. A grant or earnings from a grant made under AS 37.05.315 - 37.05.317 may not be used for purposes of travel in connection with influencing legislative action unless pursuant to a specific request from a legislator or legislative committee.

Hiring Preferences—AS 36.10

This chapter of the Alaska Statutes applies to grants for public works projects and requires compliance with the hiring preferences under AS 36.10.150 - 36.10.175 for employment generated by the grant.

Historic Preservation Act—AS 41.35

This chapter of the Alaska Statutes applies to public construction of any nature undertaken by the State, or by a governmental agency of the State, or by a private person under contract with or licensed by the State or a governmental agency of the State. The Department of Natural Resources must be notified if the construction is planned for an archaeological site. The department may stop the construction to determine the extent of the historic, prehistoric, or archaeological values.

Fire Protection—AS 18.70

This chapter of the Alaska Statutes requires the Department of Public Safety (the State Fire Marshal) to adopt regulations (currently in the form of Uniform Fire Code, as amended) establishing minimum standards for:

1. Fire detection and suppression equipment;
2. Fire and life safety criteria in commercial, industrial, business, institutional, or other public buildings used for residential purposes containing four or more dwelling units;
3. Any activity in which combustible or explosive materials are stored or handled in commercial quantities;
4. Conditions or activities carried on outside a building described in (2) or (3) likely to cause injury to persons or property.

Environmental Conservation—AS 46.03

This chapter of the Alaska Statutes applies to municipalities and could subject them to enforcement actions instituted by the Alaska Department of Environmental Conservation for air, land and water nuisances, and water and air pollution in a municipality of 1,000 or more, and may establish a local air pollution control program.

Alaska Coastal Management Program—AS 46.40

This chapter of the Alaska Statutes establishes a planning program for the use, management, restoration, and enhancement of the overall quality of the coastal environment. The law provides for the creation of coastal resource districts and the establishment, review, and approval of district management plans. If a district management plan is not implemented, enforced, or complied with, enforcement action may follow.

Permits and Environmental Procedures Coordination—AS 46.35

This chapter of the Alaska Statutes establishes the Department of Environmental Conservation as the central state agency for processing environmental permits issued by State agencies. The law requires a master application form and specifies the following permits including others designated by the commissioner to which this law applies:

- Access Roads Permit—AS 41.21.020, 11 AAC 12.020**
- Air Emissions Permit—AS 46.14.140, 18 AAC 50.030**
- Anadromous Fish Protection Permit—AS 16.05.870, 5 AAC 95.010**
- Authorization for Tidelands Transportation—AS 38.05.035, 11 AAC 51.015**
- Brine or Other Salt Water Waste Disposal Permit—AS 31.05.030, 20 AAC 22.252**
- Burning Permit during Fire Season—AS 41.15.060, 11 AAC 95.410**
- Coal Development Permit—AS 27.21.030, 11 AAC 85.110**
- Critical Habitat Area Permit—AS 16.20.510, 05 AAC 95.420**
- Dam Construction Permit—AS 46.17.040, 11 AAC 93.171**
- Driveway Permit—AS 19.05.040, 17 AAC 10.020**
- Encroachment Permit—AS 19.25.200, 17 AAC 10.012**
- Limited Personal Use Permit—AS 38.05.820, 11 AAC 62.010**
- Miscellaneous State Land Use Permit—AS 38.05.035, 11 AAC 96.010**
- Mineral and Geothermal Prospecting Permits—AS 38.05.181, 11 AAC 82.100**
- Open Burning Permit—AS 46.03.020, 18 AAC 50.065**
- Permit for Use of Timber or Materials—AS 38.05.110, 11 AAC 71.025**
- Permit to Appropriate Water—AS 46.15.040, 11 AAC 93.120**
- Pesticides Permit—AS 46.03.320, 18 AAC 90.300**
- Preferred Use Permit—AS 46.15.150, 11 AAC 93.240**
- Right-of-Way and Easement Permits—AS 38.05.850, 11 AAC 58.740**
- Solid Waste Disposal—AS 46.03.100, 18 AAC 60.200**
- Special Land Use Permit—AS 38.05.035, 11 AAC 58.210**
- Special Material Use Permit—AS 38.05.115, 11 AAC 71.025**
- State Game Refuge Land Permit—AS 16.20.050 - 16.20.060**
- State Park Incompatible Use Permit—AS 41.21.020, 11 AAC 18.010**
- Surface Oiling Permit—AS 46.03.740, 18 AAC 75.700**
- Surface Use Permit—AS 38.05.255, 11 AAC 86.600**
- Tide and Submerged Lands Prospecting Permit—AS 38.05.250, 11 AAC 62.700**
- Tidelands Permit—AS 38.05.035, 11 AAC 62.720**
- Tidelands Right-of-Way or Easement Permit—AS 38.05.820, 11 AAC 62.720**
- Utility Permit—AS 19.25.010, 17 AAC 15.011**
- Waste Water Disposal Permit—AS 46.03.100, 18 AAC 72.010**
- Water Well Permit—AS 31.05.030, 11 AAC 93.140**

**Appendix D
Special Requirements and Assurances
for Federally Funded Projects**

Federal grant requirements are not applicable to the Designated Legislative Capital Grant program.

Appendix E Site Control

1. Site Control

The Grantee must provide evidence of site control for a project that involves any use of land, including but not limited to, construction, renovation, utility projects, fuel storage, roads and trails.

As a minimum requirement, the Grantee should obtain a "sufficient interest" that allows the Grantee the right to use and occupy the site for the expected useful life of the building, structure or other improvement. Generally, the interest obtained should be for at least 20 years. A sufficient interest depends upon the nature of the project and the land status of the site. Site control options are identified in Section 2.

For a project planned on land that is controlled by a public agency, the Grantee must obtain whatever authorization for use that is required by the public agency.

2. Site Control Options

Below are some examples of documents that may be used to satisfy site control requirements for various community facilities/projects. The terms and conditions contained in each document must be examined to determine adequacy for a specific project.

	Deed	Lease	Easement	Use Permit	License
Community Hall	✓	✓			
Clinic	✓	✓			
Fire Station	✓	✓			
Bulk Fuel Storage	✓	✓			
Dump	✓	✓			
Shop/Storage Building	✓	✓			
Cemetery	✓	✓			
Dock	✓	✓			
Campground	✓	✓			
Generator Building	✓	✓			
Multi-purpose building	✓	✓			
Laundromat	✓	✓			
Water well/Septic	✓	✓		✓	
Village Relocation	✓	✓	✓	✓	
Agriculture Project	✓	✓			
Sewage Lagoon	✓	✓			
Communication Site	✓	✓			
Road (.25')			✓	✓	
Trail (.25")			✓	✓	
Boardwalk			✓	✓	
Powerline			✓	✓	✓
Water/Sewer Line			✓	✓	✓
Pipeline			✓	✓	✓

Appendix F State Fire Marshal Review

The Plan Review Process

Construction, repair, remodel, addition, or change of occupancy of any building/structure, or installation or change of fuel tanks must be approved by the State Fire Marshal's Office before ANY work is started.

Residential housing that is three-plex or smaller is exempt from this requirement.

Exception: The following jurisdictions have accepted a deferral for total code enforcement and plans should be submitted directly to the city: Anchorage, Juneau, Fairbanks, Kenai, Seward, Kodiak, Sitka, and Soldotna

Plans and specifications regarding the location of the building or structure on the property, area, height, number of stories, occupancy, type of construction, interior finish, exit facilities, electrical systems, mechanical systems, fuel storage tanks and their appurtenances, automatic fire-extinguishing systems, and fire alarm systems must be submitted by the owner or owner's representative to the State Fire Marshal for examination and approval. This review does not address structural considerations or accessibility requirements. Mechanical and electrical review is limited to that which is necessary to confirm compliance with fire and life safety requirements.

A copy of the plan review approval certificate must be posted as required in 13 AAC 55.100(b). It is prohibited to occupy a building for which plans have not been examined and approved.

If any work for which a plan review and approval is required has been started without first obtaining plan review and approval, an additional special processing plan review fee of \$100 is charged for the first violation. The special processing plan review fee for a subsequent violation by the same person is an additional charge equal to the amount of the standard plan review fee for the project.

Authority: AS 18.70.080

Alaska Administrative Code: 13 AAC 50.027

Renee Krause

From: Robert Archibald <robert.e.archibald@gmail.com>
Sent: Friday, November 18, 2011 10:18 AM
To: Renee Krause
Subject: Funds in holding for KHP

Hi Renee,
Kachemak Bay Conservation Society is holding aprox. \$8000.00 in an account for Friends of Woodard Creek and Karen Hornaday Park. We expect \$1000.00 from another donation but as yet have not received these funds. These funds are reserved for moving the road, Trail along Woodard Creek, Creek enhancement with a Bio Swail for flood control and Landscaping along the Creek and Entrance Road.

Sincerely,
Roberta Highland
President, KBCS

**CITY OF HOMER
HOMER, ALASKA**

City Manager

ORDINANCE 10-23(A)

AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF HOMER, ALASKA, AMENDING THE FY 2010 OPERATING BUDGET BY RE-APPROPRIATING \$161,979.77 RECEIVED IN AMERICAN RECOVERY AND REINVESTMENT ACT (STIMULUS) FUNDS TO THE GENERAL FUND FOR ENERGY EXPENSES AND SEVERAL PARKS AND RECREATION CAPITAL PROJECTS WITHIN THE CITY.

WHEREAS, Resolution 09-86(A) authorized the City Manager to apply for American Recovery and Reinvestment Act (ARRA) (Stimulus Funds) for municipalities administered by the State Department of Commerce, Community, and Economic Development (DCCED) in the estimated amount of \$163,000.00, and stipulated that the application contain a request that included \$85,000.00 for the proposed Skyline Fire Station, \$55,000.00 for improvements at the Nick Dudiak Fishing Lagoon, and the remainder for improvements at Jack Gist Park; and

WHEREAS, Subsequent to adoption of Resolution 09-86(A), DCCED issued program regulations and suggested that municipalities simplify their applications and apply for reimbursement of energy costs so that the applications could be processed efficiently and funding directed to municipalities as quickly as possible, which the City did; and

WHEREAS, The Council adopted Ordinance 10-15 accepting and appropriating the ARRA funds in the amount of \$161,979.77; and

WHEREAS, Those funds are now available for re-appropriation and the Council wishes to use them for several parks and recreation capital improvements which include Phase I of the Karen Hornaday Park Master Plan, improvements at the Nick Dudiak Fishing Lagoon, Phase I improvements at Jack Gist Park, and for energy expenses.

NOW, THEREFORE, THE CITY OF HOMER ORDAINS:

Section 1. The Homer City Council hereby amends the FY 2010 Operating Budget by appropriating \$161,979.77 for parks and recreation capital projects and energy expenses as follows:

<u>Expenditure</u>	<u>Description</u>	<u>Amount</u>
156-385	Phase I Karen Hornaday Park	\$55,000.00
	Nick Dudiak Fishing Lagoon Improvements	\$15,000.00
	Phase I, Jack Gist Park Improvements	\$51,979.77

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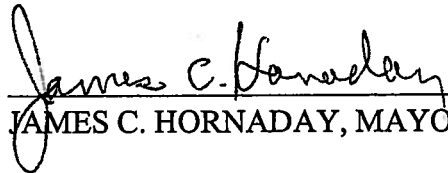
General Fund (Energy Expenses)

\$40,000.00

Section 2. This is a budget amendment ordinance, is temporary in nature, and shall not be codified.

PASSED AND ENACTED by the Homer City Council this 24th day of May, 2010.

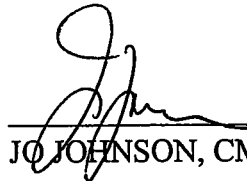
CITY OF HOMER



JAMES C. HORNADAY, MAYOR



ATTEST:

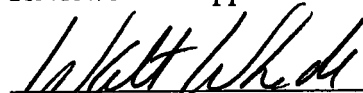


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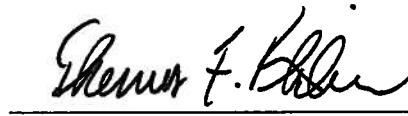
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Public Hearing: 5/24/10
Second Reading: 5/24/10
Effective Date: 5/25/10

AYES: 5
NOES: 1
ABSTAIN: 0
ABSENT: 0

Reviewed and approved as to form:



Walt E. Wrede City Manager



Thomas F. Klinkner, City Attorney

Date: 5/27/10

Date: 6-2-10

Fiscal Note: Fiscal information included in body of Ordinance.

CITY OF HOMER
HOMER, ALASKA

City Manager

ORDINANCE 11-06

AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF HOMER, ALASKA, ACCEPTING AND APPROPRIATING A STATE OF ALASKA LEGISLATIVE GRANT IN THE AMOUNT OF \$250,000 FOR THE PURPOSE OF CONSTRUCTING PARK IMPROVEMENTS CONTAINED IN PHASE I OF THE KAREN HORNADAY PARK MASTER PLAN.

WHEREAS, The City has received a Legislative Grant in the amount of \$250,000 for the purpose of constructing park improvements contained in Phase I of the Karen Hornaday Park Master Plan.

NOW, THEREFORE, THE CITY OF HOMER ORDAINS:

Section 1. The Homer City Council hereby accepts and appropriates a State of Alaska Legislative Grant in the amount of \$250,000 for the purpose of constructing park improvements contained in Phase I of the Karen Hornaday Park Master Plan as follows:

Revenue:

<u>Account</u>	<u>Description</u>	<u>Amount</u>
151-776	Legislative Grant/ Karen Hornaday Park Phase I	\$250,000

Expenditure:

<u>Account</u>	<u>Description</u>	<u>Amount</u>
151-776	Karen Hornaday Park / Phase I	\$250,000

Section 2. This is a budget amendment ordinance, in temporary in nature, and shall not be codified.

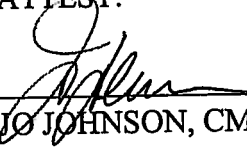
ENACTED BY THE HOMER CITY COUNCIL this 28 day of Feb, 2011.

CITY OF HOMER


JAMES C. HORNADAY, MAYOR



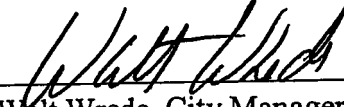
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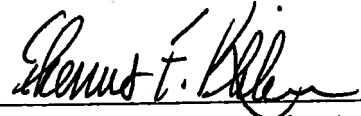
YES: 5
NO: 0
ABSENT: 1
ABSTAIN: 0

First Reading: 2/15/11
Public Hearing: 2/28/11
Second Reading: 2/28/11
Effective Date: 3/01/11

Reviewed and approved as to form:


Walt Wrede, City Manager

Date: 3/2/11


Thomas F. Klinkner, City Attorney

Date: 3-16-11

1 CITY OF HOMER
2 HOMER, ALASKA

3 City Manager/Parks & Recreation
4 Advisory Commission

5 ORDINANCE 11-22
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7 AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF HOMER,
8 ALASKA, ESTABLISHING A PRELIMINARY PROJECT
9 BUDGET AND AUTHORIZING EXPENDITURES FOR PHASE I
10 IMPROVEMENTS TO KAREN HORNADAY PARK.
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12 WHEREAS, The City of Homer received an FY 2010 state legislative grant in the
13 amount of \$250,000 to be used for Phase I improvements to Karen Hornaday Park (Ordinance
14 11-06); and
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16 WHEREAS, The City Council also appropriated \$55,000 in Stimulus funding toward
17 improvements at the park (Ordinance 10-23A), bringing the total amount available for the project
18 to \$305,000; and
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20 WHEREAS, The Parks and Recreation Advisory Commission has deliberated on the best
21 use of the funding and forwarded a recommendation to the City Council to allocate an
22 appropriate amount of funding for preliminary engineering to include road realignment, a bridge
23 over Woodard Creek, and drainage improvements; as well as \$10,000 for ballfield improvements
24 and \$5,000 for playground improvements; and
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26 WHEREAS, The Commission also wanted to keep some of the funding in reserve as a
27 possible match for future grants and/or to fund additional Phase I improvements.
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29 NOW, THEREFORE, THE CITY OF HOMER ORDAINS:
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31 Section 1. The Homer City Council hereby establishes a preliminary budget and
32 authorizes the expenditure of funds for improvements to Karen Hornaday Park as follows:
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34 Expenditure:
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<u>Account No.</u>	<u>Description</u>	<u>Amount</u>
151-776	Engineering / Survey	\$ 50,000
	Ball Field Improvements	\$ 10,000
	Playground Improvements	\$ 5,000
	Reserved / Unallocated	<u>\$240,000</u>
	TOTAL	\$305,000

42 Section 2. This is a budget amendment ordinance, is temporary in nature, and shall not
43 be codified.

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45 ENACTED BY THE HOMER CITY COUNCIL this 13th day of June, 2011.

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47 CITY OF HOMER

48 James C. Hornaday
49 JAMES C. HORNADAY, MAYOR
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51 ATTEST:

52 [Signature]
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54 JO JOHNSON, CMC, CITY CLERK
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57 YES: 6
58 NO: 0
59 ABSENT: 0
60 ABSTAIN: 0

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63 First Reading: 05/24/11
64 Public Hearing: 06/13/11
65 Second Reading: 06/13/11
66 Effective Date: 06/14/11
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69 Reviewed and approved as to form:

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71 [Signature]
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73 Walt Wrede, City Manager

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75 Date: 6/16/11
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Thomas F. Klinkner, City Attorney

Date: 6-22-11

CITY OF HOMER
HOMER, ALASKA

City Manager

ORDINANCE 11-27(A)

AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF HOMER, ALASKA, AMENDING THE FY 2011 OPERATING BUDGET BY APPROPRIATING \$5,000 FROM THE KAREN HORNADAY PARK PHASE I ACCOUNT TO THE HOMER FOUNDATION TO SUPPORT COMMUNITY EFFORTS TO CREATE A NEW IMPROVED PLAYGROUND AT KAREN HORNADAY PARK.

WHEREAS, The Karen A. Hornaday Hillside Park Master Plan (June 2009) notes the poor condition of the park's playground equipment and recommends replacement with new creative natural forms and ADA-compliant structures; and

WHEREAS, A volunteer organization, Homer Playground Project (HoPP), has recently formed specifically to coordinate a community-built playground campaign aimed at providing Homer children and parents with a new playground at Karen Hornaday Park; and

WHEREAS, The Homer Parks and Recreation Advisory Commission has recommended an appropriation of \$5,000 for improvements to the playground at Karen Hornaday Park, from existing Park improvement funds; and

WHEREAS, The Homer Foundation has agreed to serve as fiscal agent for HoPP, to facilitate fundraising and other financial matters.

THE CITY OF HOMER ORDAINS:

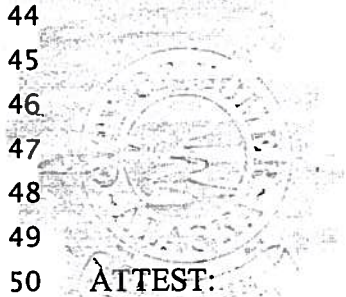
Section 1. The FY 2011 Operating Budget is hereby amended to appropriate the \$5,000 expenditure authorized for "playground improvements" in Ordinance 11-22 to the Homer Foundation to support community efforts to create a new improved playground at Karen Hornaday Park as follows:

Expenditure:

<u>Acct. No.</u>	<u>Description</u>	<u>Amount</u>
151-776	Karen Hornaday Park Phase I	\$5,000

40 Section 2. This is a budget amendment ordinance, is not of a permanent nature, and shall
41 not be codified.

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43 PASSED AND ENACTED by the Homer City Council this 27th day of June, 2011.



CITY OF HOMER

James C. Hornaday

JAMES C. HORNADAY, MAYOR

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50 ATTEST:
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52 *J. Johnson*
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54 JO JOHNSON CMC, CITY CLERK

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56 YES: 6
57 NO: 0
58 ABSTAIN: 0
59 ABSENT: 0

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61 First Reading: 6/13/11
62 Public Hearing: 6/27/11
63 Second Reading: 6/27/11
64 Effective Date: 6/28/11

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66 Reviewed and approved as to form:

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68 *Walt E. Wrede*
69 _____
70 Walt E. Wrede, City Manager

Thomas F. Klinkner

Thomas F. Klinkner, City Attorney

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72 Date: 6/30/11
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Date: 7-5-11

A Response to Karen Hornaday Park Improvements Proposal for implementing portions of phase 1 with available funding presented by Katie Custer

I, Deb Lowney, as a member of the Parks and Recreation Commission have reviewed quite a bit of paperwork regarding the Karen Hornaday Park Improvements plan, and would like to present my thoughts, concerns, and hopefully some discussion topics for our work session. I am trying to find answers to several questions have been bugging me since our special meeting on January 5th regarding funding for the HoPP playground equipment.

1. What was the impetus behind applying for the legislative grant for \$250,000?
2. Do I have an ethical issue in regard to how this \$ gets spent?
3. How do I make sure that we stay on track with the Master Plan? I would hate to see improvements made and then stop because we met the needs of one group, meanwhile the other groups concerns get lost because we ran out of money or we couldn't raise more.

I would also like to clarify my understanding on a few issues regarding these funds. I thought that HoPP had stated that they were not going to ask the city for funding. \$5000 has already been given to this group. The only request from this group was going to be for City support.

Second, why did the city get a \$250,000 grant? It is my understanding that "Friends of KHP" were a major force behind getting the ball rolling toward park improvements and writing the letter to the legislature to request funds for improvements.

If I am wrong on either of these two issues, I would appreciate clarification. These two issues create a dilemma as I struggle with justifying money appropriations.

In reviewing parks and recreation/city paperwork from past years I have discovered the following:

Karen Hornaday Hillside Park Master Plan 2009

The following objectives were listed:

Develop a traffic and parking plan that accommodates park usage while providing for a separation of day use and overnight traffic flow.

Provide pedestrian safety and access to park features.

Instill pride in the park (addressing, landscaping parking area and road, signage, drainage, buildings, restrooms, and maintenance shed).

Embrace stewardship of Woodard Creek through restoration.

Develop a trail paralleling Woodard Creek, and build future trail connections.

The 1-5 year implementation schedule included:

Determining amount of fill to be removed, reroute entrance road, grade and terrace south portion to reduce height profile plant grass, landscape slopes along Woodard Creek and park entranced road, and revegetate stream corridor within KH Park.

Fix the drainage system between campground and ballfields/parking area.

Work on parking areas in conjunction with road improvements.

Construct the Woodard Creek Trail

Refurbish and/or replace buildings.

Work on the fencing around the ball fields, batting cage, dugouts, bleachers, drainage of fields

and paint the storage shed.

The playground is not addressed in the 1-5 year implementation schedule. There is no discussion or mention of a new playground, only upgrades to existing and purchase of new equipment if necessary.

Landscaping is addressed extensively in Aesthetics portion of the plan.

In a letter to Parks and Rec. Commission from Anne Marie Holen, June 11, 2010, she summarized a meeting which was held on June 10th with Walt Wrede, Mike Illg, Jack Wiles, and Mayor Jim Hornaday. There was much discussion about the funds. There was agreement from this group that \$125,000 should be kept in reserve to serve as matching funds for a new LWCF application. The group also reached agreement on the following:

Drainage is the biggest issue, and it is important that the drainage plan include a catchment basin around Woodard Creek.

The big storage shed should be removed.

There should be improvements to the day use area, including ramp to playground area.

Reconfigure and improve parking next to day use area as described in LWCF proposal.

It was also stated in the letter that the mayor wants to see tangible improvements to the park as soon as possible.

HoPP was established last spring, 2011. They are a relatively new organization with a tremendous amount of support, energy and a wonderful (New) playground plan. Friends of Woodard Creek organized about five years ago. They are part of the reason funds that we are currently working with are available. They have been diligently working through the system with a tremendous amount of energy and support toward their ultimate goal, parking lot reconstruction, habitat restoration around Woodard Creek, and the trail project. Little League has a long tradition at KHP and has invested a tremendous amount of time, energy and funds toward their interests. All of these groups deserve our support. I believe this commission supports the efforts and the missions of each group.

In reviewing information from previous years, it is my opinion that we should not stray from the original KH Park Master Plan of 2009. We are currently 2+ years into that plans conception. It is our to stay focused on the completion of the 1-5 year implementation plan to the best of our ability. I believe that this focus will lead to tangible improvements in the park and will include work that desperately needs to be done to improve the physical landscape, and to address safety issues (parking, entrance, safety, drainage, creek restoration, and improvements to the day use area). I believe that the (New) playground is a wonderful addition to the plan, but it is not formally in the plan. I do not feel comfortable placing it in the forefront financially when other improvements have gone through the city process and have been listed as top priorities for at least a couple of years. I understand the energy of the HoPP group and the urgency of their deadline, but this should not be the reason to push it to the forefront. Each user group in their own way has brought that same energy to get their project, and are requesting the same considerations from this commission and from the city to become a tangible part of Karen Hornaday Park. It is extremely important that all of these groups work together for the benefit of the whole. It is also extremely important that this commission and the City treat each group equally in the process of achieving their final goal, implementation of the Karen Hornaday Park Master Plan in it's entirety.

I am very concerned about spending all of this money. The LWCF is a matching funds grant. If we deplete our budget, we will not have any matching funds for this application. We will become dependent on the council to provide a matching fund.

I would suggest that the parks and recreation commission adopt the following proposal for allocating the remaining \$235,000 with the hope that all groups will continue to pursue their goals individually and together so that we can see the whole KHP Master Plan successfully completed.

Phase 1 Possibilities for remaining \$235,000:

\$20,000: HoPP playground improvements

\$25,000: Ball field improvements.

\$100,000: Parking Improvements, remove fill from Woodard Creek and create flood prevention overflow basin.

\$90,000: Improvements to day use area.

Renee Krause

From: Christy Newell <christy.j.newell@gmail.com>
Sent: Wednesday, January 11, 2012 9:24 PM
To: Renee Krause
Subject: Karen Hornaday Park improvements

I am writing to encourage you to vote for the \$50,000 to be given to Homer Playground Project to build the new playground at Karen Hornaday Park this spring. We are a family new to the Homer community this past summer, and we have two children ages 6 and 4. We live very close to the park but have only used it once, due to the current state of the playground. Many of the structures there are too large or in such disrepair that my small children are not able to climb them. Coming from a community with several fantastic playgrounds, our family was very disappointed to see the state of the largest playground in Homer.

Playgrounds are a place to meet new friends, learn new skills, conquer childhood fears and stretch the imagination. I would like to see more than the requested \$50,000 given to the rebuilding of the playground. It is at a city-owned park, so why is the city not getting more involved financially? I think it is fabulous that the parents and other community members have put so much of their own time into this project, and the city needs to step up its support.

Thank you,
Christy Newell
<http://www.etsy.com/shop/aamelia>

Renee Krause

From: Will Files <will@wfiles.us>
Sent: Thursday, January 12, 2012 7:20 AM
To: Renee Krause
Cc: mirandweiss@gmail.com
Subject: Karen Hornaday Park rebuild

Hello Renee,

I live in Kachemak City, but do a lot of business in the City of Homer. It is the recreational potential that draws people to Homer, AND keeps them there. The multi-use park is a showcase for what Homer has to offer. As parents are using one part of the park, kids need their own place. This is a prime place to bring visitors, both for the view and for the fun. When people have a positive Homer experience, the economic benefit is measured at the stores, on the Spit, with charters on the Bay, and in the myriad non-profit venues such as the Pratt, the IOVC, Center for Alaskan Coastal Studies, and the Land Trust.

I would heartily support the City of Homer's contribution of \$50,000 from the Parks and Rec budget to the rebuild of the play area at Karen Hornaday Park.

My grandkids loved the park when they were in Homer last summer. An investment in Karen Hornaday Park is banking on the future of our youth.

Regards,

Will

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Homer, AK 99603
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Renee Krause

From: Kat Haber <kathaber@aol.com>
Sent: Thursday, January 12, 2012 8:05 AM
To: Renee Krause
Subject: Please invest in HoPP

It is time to recommit \$50,000 to freshening up our community playground for our kids.

Happy kids, make happy families. When McKenzy was an infant, the park enjoyed a focused effort.

That was 15 years ago. It is time! The community which supports play for the childhoods nurtured

there will enjoy retaining those young people with their humanity fully experienced to become tomorrow's Homer leaders.

Let's give families a reason to say yes to play in our park. This is a small investment today in a forever tomorrow.

Once gone, our children will never again get the chance to relive their play days.

Naturally,



Kat Haber

KatHaber@aol.com | 907.299.2363

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Kat Haber". The signature is written in a dark ink and is positioned below the printed name and contact information.

Director, WILD Foundation

Affinity Rep, HaberVision.com

Mentor, TEDxYouth@Homer2012:Let'sPlay! 7-26-12

How I use email.

Renee Krause

From: Vikki Deadrick <vdeadrick@spbhs.org>
Sent: Thursday, January 12, 2012 8:18 AM
To: Renee Krause
Subject: HoPP Playground Project

Importance: High

The City of Homer has \$240,000 available to spend on improvements to Karen Hornaday Park. HoPP has requested \$50,000 of these funds. I actually wish it were more. I feel the HoPP project volunteers should be contracted as if they were part of a Public Works / Capital Project where the City was paying for the HoPP Playground. If this can't happen, the City should be gracious & extend their thanks with the funds necessary (=>\$50,000) to make this happen. The thanks would & will be for all the local businesses & individuals in this City of Homer that are helping HoPP, hence the City of Homer, to make this playground revamp a reality.

My grandson used to use Karen Hornaday Park quite often, for soccer, T-Ball, then baseball, but he enjoyed the playground more than anything, such as it is. We stopped allowing him up there, even with friends, due to the trees above and camping area above that was attracting other activities & other people. The HoPP Plan is fantastic in this respect due to the fencing and borders throughout. Of course, anyone can still come through but with other parents there, being Homer, it would be more than obvious, and we all help each others kids. It takes a village..,

To: Bumpo Bremicker, Chair; Dave Brann; Robert Archibald; Deb Lowney; and Tricia Lillibridge, the volunteers who make up the Parks and Rec Commission. You will be making a decision about whether to support HoPP's request at your next meeting (Thursday January 19th). I have bought a picket on this fence I spoke about, for my grandson, who is moving to NJ just 3 days before you make this funding decision. I still plan on being at that playground as much as possible as a Big Sister for BBBS after he leaves. I truly believe the City owes HoPP a minimum of \$50,000 of these funds for Karen Hornaday Park. This playground will be the hallmark of the entire park. I don't believe the fields need \$19,000 in improvements, though the shelter/picnic area could use some of the rest.

Thank you,

Vikki & Don Deadrick

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Renee Krause

From: Michael McBride <michael@alaskawildernesslodge.com>
Sent: Thursday, January 12, 2012 9:41 AM
To: Renee Krause
Subject: Playground

Tree-Dave, Ufda-Bumpo, Archi-Bob, Ski-Deb and Tricia,

Thank you for supporting the playground. I'll be there with you, shovel
in hand

Michael

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Diane and Michael McBride
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From: Corina Hancock <corinaandazul@gmail.com>
Sent: Thursday, January 12, 2012 10:01 AM
To: Renee Krause
Subject: Please Help!!!!

Thank you Homer Parks and Recreation for taking the time to read all of our emails! My name is Corina Hancock and I am part of the Food Committee for the HoPP(Homer Playground Project). I am also a new mother of a 15 month old boy who keeps me busy ever second of the day!!!! I am writing to explain how important it is to have a safe and enjoyable place for Homer children to play outside. Being a mother for the first time has opened my eyes to such new and amazing things. I am learning life all over again through the eyes of my son, and what an experience that is! An Alaskan child has tons of obstacles, from the terrain when learning to walk to the frigid temperatures, but that doesn't stop them. They LOVE to be outside, we live in an enchanting place and I believe the children appreciate it more than the adults at times. Homer desperately needs an updated and safe park for all ages. Karen Hornaday Playground has been deteriorating and there are a lot of unsafe areas and parents are concerned. Please take into consideration the safety and physical health of our children when making your decision for the HoPP. I also believe that the new park will bring more families to participate what the Homer Parks and Recreation has to offer, even families from out of town. I always stop at the wonderful parks in Soldotna, Girdwood, and Anchorage whenever my family heads up north. Thanks again for all you already do for the wonderful town of Homer. Happy New Year! Sincerely, Corina, Camp and Judson Hancock.

Renee Krause

From: Jenny Martin <jenny.martin@bbbsak.org>
Sent: Thursday, January 12, 2012 10:38 AM
To: Renee Krause
Subject: Parks & Rec Commission - support letter

Importance: High

Follow Up Flag: Follow up
Flag Status: Flagged

Dear Parks & Rec Commissioners,

I am writing in support for the needed improvements at Karen Hornaday Park. The main reason is that the equipment that is currently there is damaged, run down and some is unsafe for use.

In addition, improved parks space is a valuable community asset and helps with the developmental growth of our children. As well, it provides a fun and safe place for children to play with their peers, families to come together, and other relationships to build such as those between our Bigs and Littles in our program. Research has been done to show the positive impact recreational play can have on children's developmental and social growth. With so many people including our children being "plugged in" these days, parks provide a motivator to get outside.

In both of my jobs, Big Brothers Big Sisters and also the coordinator of Families First: A Best Beginnings Partnership, we support the need for safe and developmentally appropriate playgrounds and parks for our children and community. We also support the HoPP program and feel their committees have worked diligently and professionally to organize community participation and support and have developed an exceptional plan for improvements.

Thank you for your volunteering for this commission and for working to improvement the quality of life in our community.

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Sincerely,
Jenny

Jenny Martin
Program Specialist, Homer office

Families First coordinator
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Renee Krause

From: angela agosta <angela_agosta@yahoo.com>
Sent: Thursday, January 12, 2012 10:49 AM
To: Renee Krause
Subject: New Playground at Karen Hornaday

Importance: High

Follow Up Flag: Follow up
Flag Status: Flagged

Hi there,

This note is to express my strong opinion that the Parks and Rec council should SUPPORT the HOPP request for funding from the city.

Our children are worth a stimulating, nurturing, fun, community-based playground. I'm not even a parent (yet!) but find this cause to be near and dear to my heart.

Please support HOPP by requesting the \$50,000 from the City of Homer so that construction can begin as planned.

Thanks!
Angela Agosta
Citizen of Homer

Renee Krause

From: Anne Marie Holen <amholen@me.com>
Sent: Thursday, January 12, 2012 12:42 PM
To: Renee Krause
Subject: Support for new playground at KH Park

Hi Renee,
If you could forward this message to members of the Parks and Recreation Commission, I would appreciate it!
Thanks,
Anne Marie

Dear Parks and Rec Commissioners:

I am writing from the balmy environment of Alpine, Texas, where I have been spending the winter. Although I retired from City of Homer employment in October and left Alaska soon after to help my dad out with some health issues, I am planning to return to Homer in March and I remain interested in various community improvement projects. Parks, recreation, and trails have always been of particular interest.

I am writing to urge your support to complete the proposed new playground at Karen Hornaday Park in late May, as currently planned. I understand that the Homer Playground Project (HoPP) is asking the Parks and Rec Commission to make a recommendation to the City Council to provide \$50,000 from the money currently set aside for improvements to Karen Hornaday Park. My memory is getting a little fuzzy, but I believe there was \$305,000 in that pot of money originally and the City has only approved \$5,000 so far for the playground.

I know there are many needs for improvements at Karen Hornaday Park and \$305,000 isn't enough to accomplish all of them - or even come close. What the playground project has going for it is that it is already designed, "shovel-ready," it has a lot of momentum and a huge amount of volunteer/community support, and with a big boost from the Parks & Rec Commission/City of Homer, it will actually happen and Homer's kids and families will have an incredible new playground to use this coming summer!

An additional \$50,000 from the City represents only a fraction of the KH Park improvement fund but I suspect it would make all the difference in whether the playground actually becomes a reality this summer. Although I don't have kids or grandkids, I really feel that the new playground would benefit the entire community and would help spur further action and involvement to accomplish other parks and recreation improvements in Homer. Wouldn't it be nice to have a really visible, high profile, wildly popular SUCCESS? It is only because of the thousands of volunteer hours coordinated by HoPP that this is possible. It would be a shame not to take advantage of all that energy and volunteer support. A little money will go a long way with the community-build model that HoPP is using.

I know that commissions meet infrequently and it can take a long time to accomplish your work. I hope you will see the need for quick action on this particular issue. Not only does HoPP need to start ordering materials now, it also can use local money (like the \$50,000) to leverage money from other sources (like the Rasmuson Foundation). This is not trivial. As a former grant writer for the City of Homer, I know the challenge of pulling all the pieces together and staying on schedule to take advantage of Homer's short construction season.

Before I close, I want to say how much I appreciate the work of the City's advisory bodies. You are to be commended for the time you volunteer to help make Homer a better place to live.

Best wishes,

Anne Marie Holen
393 Noview Avenue

Renee Krause

From: ciara.cordes@yahoo.com
Sent: Thursday, January 12, 2012 9:44 PM
To: Renee Krause
Subject: What I think

I'm a thirteen year old kid, but I got a Hopp email saying you needed a... Message about why this park is important. I may not be much, but this is what I think.

The reason that the new playground is important to homer is kids, not unlike myself have never had a place like this one, to hang out, or meet with friends. While the current park has provided the essentials, this new one goes above and beyond. Just seeing the looks on the younger children's faces makes you know this is something worth while. While most cities have malls, recreational areas, or playgrounds that children teenagers and parents alike may spend time lounging or doing other thing only capable at an area like Hopp has in mind. Even with the few things in homer we do have, many people, a vast majority of kids, have no place to go while parents or guardians are at work. They have always taught me that a safer environment means people act safer, maybe this is just what homer needs. So to conclude my point, homer needs this park.

Sent from my iPod

From: Kate Crowley <katepcrowley@gmail.com>
Sent: Friday, January 13, 2012 10:05 AM
To: Renee Krause
Subject: Why a new playground is important to me!

Dear members of the Homer Parks and Recs Commission,

My name is Kate Crowley and I am an active member of HoPP, the Homer Playground Project, a mother of two active boys and a resident of the City of Homer for 14 years. Last May (2011) a bunch of community members and parents began gathering momentum toward what has now turned into the project to rebuild Karen Hornaday Park Playground. I found myself swept into the excitement and vision of this group and feel that the revitalization of the Karen Hornaday Park area is very important to the overall health of Homer as a community. I realize that the funds which you have allocated for the entire Karen Hornaday Park area could also help propel the playground project forward and I am hoping you will decide to help us.

This entire process has been a learning experience. It all began with spending a great deal of time running my kids around up at Karen Hornaday Park and meeting up with friends and family there. Overall, this space is amazing. I have stood up at that park marveling at the view many days and it has given me many reminders of how small our problems are in the overall picture. I have climbed the alders....rolled down the hillsides and splashed in the puddles. Homer has a special place up there tucked into the hillside and I wonder how many people really know it is there.

Besides playing in our own home town, the boys and I have traveled to many other towns in our state and have found some pretty impressive playgrounds and public spaces. Soldotna, Girdwood and Seward all have impressive parks and playgrounds which quickly became the topic of discussion whenever we would be playing at our own parks and playgrounds. I do not wish to sound ungrateful. Even as it stands today, the playground up at Karen Hornaday Park has given my boys and I plenty of marvelous play days. I am aware that Angie and the crew at Public Works has done a great deal of work, especially this past summer, to maintain and repair some of the playground equipment. I would like to say that it is a bit disconcerting to show up to the playground with young kids and have yellow caution tape sectioning off certain parts of the playground that are unsafe. I have met people from out of town who were visiting Homer (either from out of state or from within the state) who were up at our playground running their kids around wondering why this playground was in such disrepair. Truthfully, I would try and explain but the reality is that the equipment is 15 years old and as you all know the entire Park need some attention.

I feel I could be "preaching to the converted" because I know that everyone involved in Parks and Rec knows of the task set here before us so I will not waste any more time trying to convince you that the KHP needs revitalizing. What I will say is that if you could somehow allot the \$50,000 which has been proposed to go to the Homer Playground Project, we will take that and run with it! To be more specific, we will apply it towards our playground project (which has a budget of 200,000-250,000) and together we could build a space which promises to draw young families in by the car load. Once they see the changes being made for the entire Karen Hornaday Park area, they will be hooked. An investment in our project is an investment in the entire Plan for the Karen Hornaday Park area and your money will go far!

The two most important parts of this project to me is to first, have a safe place to bring my kids where they can move and be healthy and happy and second, to make sure Homer does not let a gem of a park get swallowed up by time. I want to feel proud of our spaces and our ethics of taking care of these places. Please help our group build a beautiful playground and most likely you will see the entire Karen Hornaday Park flourish with activity... as it should!

Thank You for your service and consideration,
Kate Crowley

Renee Krause

From: Monte Davis <monte@homerakaska.org>
Sent: Friday, January 13, 2012 12:08 PM
To: Renee Krause
Subject: Karen Hornaday Park

To Whom It May Concern,

The Homer Chamber of Commerce & Visitor Center, representing over 500 member businesses and individuals would like to express support for HoPP and the exciting changes they are working on for Karen Hornaday Park.

We believe this goes far beyond the obvious connection to quality of life here in Homer. Here at the Visitor Center we send people by the thousands to Karen Hornaday Park annually.

The redesign and upgrades they hope to accomplish will be a boon to our community, economically and spiritually!

Please keep our support in mind when you are making your decisions.

Thank you all for your service to our community!

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Monte Davis

Executive Director

Homer Chamber of Commerce & Visitor Center

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Renee Krause

From: Laura Pomeroy <lpom@xyz.net>
Sent: Saturday, January 14, 2012 9:33 PM
To: Renee Krause
Subject: New Playground

Dear Parks and Rec Commisioners,

I have been working with children in Homer for 10 years, and the single most popular place to spend time has been at Karen Hornaday Park. Ten years ago, the park was a fun place to visit, with funky play structures suited to Homer. However in recent years many of the structures have fallen into disrepair and have even been removed for safety. It is not nearly the playground it used to be. And now I'm a mother of a toddler and realizing just how important outdoor play spaces are. I have driven children all the way to Soldotna just for a chance to spend time in an interesting playground. And how embarrassing it is to have out of town guests with children visit Homer ("the jewel of the peninsula") and have to make excuses for our own worn out playground. Homer really *NEEDS* this new playground and the new design will allow for all ages to enjoy the park. The brevity of this note in no way reflects the depth of my feelings about this matter. I have spent my own time and money supporting this project, to the point where it has interfered with my family life: this is how important I think a new playground is. Please support HoPP's request of \$50,000; supporting outdoor play should be a Parks and Rec Commission main objective.

Thank you for your time.

Sincerely,
Laura Pomeroy

Renee Krause

From: Rebekah Theriot <rebekahas@hotmail.com>
Sent: Sunday, January 15, 2012 7:04 AM
To: Renee Krause
Subject: Funding for new playground

To Homer's Parks and Recreation Advisory Commissioners,

I have lived in Homer for 8 years now but grew up in Kenai. We moved here because we wanted to raise our family here, with a toddler and another on the way, we are vested into this community. I have a profound sense of pride for my town and I feel that we need something more to offer to our kids for a safe and fun place to play.

The Karen.Hornaday Park is a great park that we all agree needs rehabilitation. I feel that the playground needs even more help and an expansion because it is our kids that is the heartbeat of our community. The majority of people that use parks are families and the ones that aren't certainly enjoy watching kids having fun!

Please consider allocating the available funds for the KH Park Rehab toward the exceptional group HOPP for building an exciting playground that we can all be proud of and enjoy for many years to come. Thank you for investing in play for the kids of our community!

Sincerely,
Rebekah and Justin Theriot

Renee Krause

From: tolya stonorov <tolya@stonorovworkshop.com>
Sent: Sunday, January 15, 2012 11:43 AM
To: Renee Krause
Cc: tolya stonorov
Subject: support for Karen Hornaday Park Playground

Dear Renee Krause, Bumpo Bremicker, Dave Brann, Robert Archibald, Deb Lowney and Tricia Lillibridge,

I am writing to express support for the Homer Playground Project. I believe HOPP is an excellent candidate to receive funds from the state grant. As a local architect, I have been involved with the project from its beginning and have donated approximately \$1,000.00 of my design time. Homer is in great need of a revitalized playground and HOPP has successfully motivated much of the community to contribute both time and money to make this happen. They have a highly organized plan of action and are prepared to begin building the playground with the community in May. All they need now is the remaining funds to begin work. I urge you to consider supporting HOPP in their efforts to raise the remaining funds. Homer's youth will thank you.

Sincerely,
Tolya Stonorov

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Renee Krause

From: Elinor Bacon <ebacon@erbacondevelopment.com>
Sent: Sunday, January 15, 2012 3:58 PM
To: Renee Krause
Subject: Urge funding of the Playground

Renee Krause
Deputy City Clerk
City of Homer, Alaska

Ms. Krause,

As a grandmother of a Homer resident and DC real estate developer I urge maximum funding of the proposed playground.

I have taken my grandson to the playground on several occasions and have been distressed to see the state of disrepair of, from what I understand, the only playground in Homer.

Young children need safe, challenging and welcoming playgrounds for physical activity and social interaction with their peers. Homer has tremendous public assets that serve children, such as your superb library and Islands and Oceans, and needs a playground of the same high caliber. I have been most impressed with the dedicated work of HoPP, to plan, raise money and engage the Homer business community, parents and the broader public in their planning for the renovation of the playground.

This is a most worthy effort and I urge support by the Commissioners of Parks and Recreation.

Sincerely yours,

Elinor R. Bacon



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Renee Krause

From: Amy Alderfer <amyalderfer@yahoo.com>
Sent: Sunday, January 15, 2012 4:45 PM
To: Renee Krause
Subject: Letter of Support - HoPP request

Dear Parks and Recreation Advisory Commissioners -

This letter is written to support the Homer Playground Project's (HoPP) request of \$50,000 to provide crucial funding for the improvements to Karen Hornaday Park. As a mother, I appreciate the opportunity to provide comments on this wonderful project to the Parks and Recreation Advisory Board.

It has truly been an amazing process to watch the development of the HoPP. This grassroots effort has gained a tremendous amount of momentum from our community right from the start. I believe this is because there is an increasing, unmet need for play opportunities for children and young people. By improving the Park it not only improves our wonderful community, but it meets this need for a convenient outdoor experience that provides social benefits to the young families in Homer. Having this play space improves our children's health and gets them outdoors!

For me personally, the improvements mean my family will have access to a Park with safe, innovative playground equipment. With the wonderful location of the park, we can easily walk to play, get outside, and socialize with other families.

Thank-you again for the opportunity to comment and hope to hear of the board's support of the financial request for the HoPP.

Sincerely,
Amy Alderfer
City of Homer resident

Renee Krause

From: Ginger Moore <ginger@kbaywhales.com>
Sent: Sunday, January 15, 2012 4:45 PM
To: Renee Krause
Subject: HOPPS

I am writing in response to support HOPPS . My child has grown up at the Karen Hornaday Park. I am not sure as a single parent how I would have gotten through his childhood without that park. We need a new playground, the current condition of the park is declining and becoming not safe for children. In addition the park needs to be suitable for all ages. Currently the playground equipment is not safe/friendly for younger children who are there playing with their older siblings. I urge those of you to consider voting for support the HOPPS project. Our children need a safe place to play and parents need a safe place to take them.

Thank you

Ginger Moore

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Renee Krause

From: Morgan Sicilia <msicilia33@gmail.com>
Sent: Sunday, January 15, 2012 5:07 PM
To: Renee Krause
Subject: To: Commissioners: Bumppo Bremicker, Chair; Dave Brann; Robert Archibald; Deb Lowney; and Tricia Lillibridge.

Dear Commissioners,

I am writing to request that you please consider funding the Karen Hornaday HoPP project to the fullest extent that your budget allows. I have lived in this community for close to a decade now making this home for me and my growing family. Playing outside with my family is a value that I hold close to my heart, and even on the coldest and darkest of times we make an effort to go outside everyday. Having a quality park in town dedicated to creative outdoor play will greatly enhance our lives here in Homer.

The HoPP crew have spent countless hours pulling together community members of all walks to assist in making their vision a reality. This park will be an invaluable asset to families that live in the area as well as the thousands of visitors that visit our "Little Hamlet by the Sea" each year.

Thank you again for considering this project.

Best,

Morgan Sicilia
Mother of a 2 year old with another little one on the way!

Renee Krause

From: Smallpond Childcare <homermum@gmail.com>
Sent: Sunday, January 15, 2012 6:09 PM
To: Renee Krause
Subject: Hopp playground project

Dear parks and rec. commissioners,

Please support the Homer playground project to reinvent Karen Hornaday playground. Hopp has an excellent plan and widespread community support to create this much needed community asset.

Best,

Susannah Webster
Owner, Smallpond Childcare

Renee Krause

From: Cheryl Illg <cherylllg07@gmail.com>
Sent: Sunday, January 15, 2012 10:05 PM
To: Renee Krause
Subject: Homer Playground Project (HoPP)

Dear Parks and Recreation Commissioners members:

I would first like to thank you all for the time and effort you have given to the Parks and Recreation Commission as it is a very important component to the quality of life in our community. Secondly, I would greatly appreciate your consideration in allocating \$50,000 to HoPP for our new playground from the \$240,000 designated for to Karen Hornaday Park improvements. My family and I have greatly enjoyed playing at the new playground in Soldotna and am always amazed by the great number of people using this playground when ever we visit. I would love to recreate this wonderful community feeling here in Homer where families can meet together to enjoy a safe, intact, engaging and beautiful place to play, have a picnic or just connect for **all ages**.

Our current playground is not safe for all ages and is in a state of disrepair as the 15 year old equipment deteriorates. It is time to build new and for a broader user group. There is great momentum in our community to have a new playground built this year. Time is of the essence to keep the momentum going and finish this project in a timely manner. Please help support this community build effort and in turn make one outstanding improvement to Karen Hornaday Park.

Thanks again for your time and consideration! Our community is amazing!

~Cheryl Illg

Homer resident and parent

Renee Krause

From: Jane and Brian Nollar <jnollar72@alaska.net>
Sent: Sunday, January 15, 2012 11:09 PM
To: Renee Krause
Subject: Why I want a new playground in Homer

I am a mother of 2 active young kids. We spend a lot of time at the Karen Hornaday playground. The playground was great when it was originally built but now it is run down and a safety hazard and not age appropriate to young kids. We spend a lot of time outdoors. I want a playground in our community that I can be proud of and that when tourists come to town they can bring their kids to and remember and want to come back. We have nothing like that in Homer.

I feel if we build up the playground you can increase fees for the campground which in turn can spruce up the whole area and can turn this into a recreational day use area that can be full of activity for the whole community.

I hope you will consider donating more to this project for the good of the community.

Thanks

Jane Nollar

jnollar72@alaska.net

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Renee Krause

From: Kristen Wright <kristennicolew@yahoo.com>
Sent: Sunday, January 15, 2012 11:43 PM
To: Renee Krause
Subject: new playground at karen hornaday

Dear Parks and Rec Commisioners,

Just a quick note to put in a vote in strong favor of helping fund the new playground at Karen Hornaday park. The existing playground is in dire need of alot more than repairs and in fact does not have many features at all for the little tots.

Homer seems to be having a wonderful baby boom over the last couple of years. It is so fantastic to see how many young families are excited to be here and raising their kids here. Lets keep this an exciting place for people to settle. It would be so lovely to see the entire park develop around its smaller entities. Each different aspect growing and improving to keep up with another area.

The other playgrounds that have recently been built around alaska draw such admiration and so many people to play and socialize. With the community minded folks who live in Homer i suspect that our playground can top them all.

What an exciting investment!

Thanks for your time and consideration. We are all so looking forward to seeing this park come to life!

Kristen Cook

Renee Krause

From: Beth Cumming <listentothewaters@yahoo.com>
Sent: Thursday, January 12, 2012 11:33 AM
To: Renee Krause
Subject: packet letter #1: R Broshes

Importance: High

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April 7, 2011

To: Beth Cumming
From: Ralph Broshes

The Friends of Woodard Creek have worked to stimulate interest and funding for Karen Hornaday Park. Without the work and pushing of Friends the money that is now available would not have happened.

I would like to see these funds go toward preliminary engineering and design work for relocating the road and developing the park. Any funds left over should go toward work on moving the road. Moving the road, developing a trail along Woodard Creek, and developing a better parking area should be the primary goal in this phase of the park development

Ralph

Renee Krause

From: Beth Cumming <listentothewaters@yahoo.com>
Sent: Thursday, January 12, 2012 10:50 AM
To: Renee Krause
Subject: J Wiles e-mail for packet

Beth,

I agree with Ralph, the Friends priority for the use of the remaining funds from the \$305,000 should be to first conduct the necessary preliminary engineering work to do a cost/feasibility analysis of Site Plan A and Site Plan B-2. The Friends recently sent a letter to the Parks Commission stating such a position.

I have long advocated that the City should make a decision on the preferred alternative for the road and parking and then move forward with a commitment to implement/ fund the preferred option.

Attention must be given to the road and parking as the foundation for the remaining work to be done at the park.

Jack Wiles

October 22, 2011

To Whom It May Concern:

In order to implement the April 2009 master plan for Karen Hornaday Hillside Park, it is essential to use the received legislative funds to determine the estimated cost of moving the road (as indicated in Concept B & B2) which will provide designated parking and provide SAFETY for all user groups.

As a member of the "Friends of Woodard Creek in Karen Hornaday Park", I have seen a need for this road and parking improvement for some time.

Please help the park users of Homer to use these funds for the benefit of ALL, residents and visitors alike.

Thanks,

Janice Preston

3895 Bartlett St.

Homer, Alaska

Phone: 907-235-8906



December 14, 2011

To Whom it May Concern:

As a member of Friends of Woodard Creek I would like to reiterate previous statements I have made regarding the remaining funds that Friends of Woodard Creek were instrumental in obtaining for the Karen Hornaday Park project. I believe that the remaining funds should be utilized to facilitate the necessary engineering work to have a "shovel ready" plan in place so that we may acquire additional funding from the State or from available grant monies in 2012. Once the engineering report is complete, my continued support would be for the road to be relocated, development of a trail running parallel to Woodard Creek, additional safe parking areas with safe entrances to park facilities, and a beautifully landscaped entrance to the park that would delight and entice *ALL* park users. Thank you.

Sincerely,

Marti J. McCleery

October 22, 2011

To Whom It May Concern:

Thanks to the efforts of the “Friends of Woodard Creek in Karen Hornaday Park”, fill-dirt

is NO LONGER dumped along Woodard Creek in Hornaday Park, and the importance of Woodard Creek as a City Treasure is brought to Light. Fill-dirt dumped along Woodard Creek in

Hornaday Park essentially squeezed the creek into a channel, speeding its water velocity which then has caused the Creek to dig itself down, washing huge amounts of sediment into Kachemak Bay.

Thanks also to the efforts of “Friends of Woodard Creek in Karen Hornaday Park” interest was stimulated for some Hornaday Park funding. We members of “Friends of Woodard Creek “ believe the First priority for the legislative funding is to relocate the access drive-way from Fairview Ave. up into the Hornaday Park. (See master plan Concept B and/or B2 for location).

This drive-way relocation will do Two very important things:

1. It will cause a safer environment for Hornaday Park users.
2. It will help the “health” of Woodard Creek by pulling the fill-dirt away from the Creek.

James Preston

3895 Bartlett St.

Homer, Ak. 99603

Phone: 907-235-8906

Renee Krause

From: Beth Cumming <listentothewaters@yahoo.com>
Sent: Thursday, January 12, 2012 10:52 AM
To: Renee Krause
Subject: Fw: Karen Hornaday Park:packet

Importance: High

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From: Roberta Highland <akcalypso@gmail.com>
To: listenothewaters@yahoo.com
Sent: Wednesday, November 9, 2011 9:49 PM
Subject: Karen Hornaday Park

Beth,

I concur with both both Ralph and Jack regarding the Karen Hornaday Park. Specifically, conducting the necessary preliminary engineering work to do a cost/feasibility analysis of Site Plan A and Site Plan B-2 should be the priority for remaining funds. Once the City decides which plan to use the work should move forward. Fixing the road and parking, a one-time major upgrade, is the primary foundation for moving forward with other things that need attention at Karen Hornaday Park. Creating good access and parking will make the park a safer place for everyone. Thanks for your efforts on behalf of Karen Hornaday Park improvement.

Sincerely,

Roberta Highland

Renee Krause

From: Beth Cumming <listentothewaters@yahoo.com>
Sent: Thursday, January 12, 2012 11:59 AM
To: Renee Krause
Subject: bc e-mail:packet

Importance: High

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Comments re: Karen Hornaday Park priorities

From: Beth Cumming
To: KH Park Committee

My feelings are pretty well summed up in the six e-mails that were just read. I particularly feel strongly about moving the road to create planned, safer parking, and in the doing of this, a trail above Woodard Creek, and the foundation for landscaping, all included in a one time project.

All the things prioritized by "The City"*, which are pretty much to the left of the road are very important, certainly more attention getting in a temporary sense, but they are all ongoing.

Biting the bullet can be very painful, but once again, moving the road is a once in forever project! Additionally to what's already listed, it would set the foundation for helping make amends for decades of terrible environmental practices, to say nothing of setting the foundation for an aesthetically pleasing entrance (i.e. whole area of road and parking).

Beth

*See letter from Walt Wrede, City Manager, to Jean Mason, Grants Administrator, dated January 26, 2011.
Note: I am of the opinion that the Project Description that he was instructed to write came mostly from City staff and Mayor Hornaday. I was on the P & R Commission at that time and do wish it had gone through them as dictated by City political policy structure.

Renee Krause

From: Beth Cumming <listentothewaters@yahoo.com>
Sent: Thursday, January 12, 2012 12:58 PM
To: Renee Krause
Subject: BC's addit. notes: packet

Importance: High

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Parks and Rec meeting of Jan 5, 2011

My letter, mostly a repeat of what others have said and now for additional comments

I feel that the Homer Parks and Rec Advisory Commission should make no financial commitment for spending any more of the remaining money from the original \$305,000 until all the main parties who are interested in Karen Hornaday Park, are given a chance to be involved in one or more open meetings to discuss priorities & distribution of funds.

These include Little League, HoPP, Friends of Woodard Creek, City Staff members who have held conversations outside of publicly advertised meetings & Mayor Jim Horn
Also, time is needed to consider Carey Meyer's cost estimations, only recently made.

Correctly or incorrectly, I have felt that City Staff and Mayor Hornaday have encouraged the playground project to be bulldozed forward. In doing this I feel that many considerations seem not to have come up

Some examples:

Whether there even needs to be a new playground or not

could just unpopular pieces of equipment removed and some new things added;

question: in economic hard times and with more environmental sensitivity, do you just discard the present equipment?

(\$200,00. Is that realistic?)

what playground features would consist of, broadly discussed

a reasonable time frame. From the very beginning I've heard implementation "within a year"..On top of that , not much fund raising even got started until early fall, leaving about nine months for fund raising. What are HoPP members? A group of Superwomen and men? They're great, but they're humans.

A further comment about going directly to the City (as you know, a Memorandum of Understanding has been drafted between City and HoPP. I feel that by circumventing the Parks and Rec Commission the potential effectiveness of that Commission has been undermined. I feel that also, as a result, reflective thinking has been sorely lacking

Friends is a group of interested, committed people all over sixty. As you get older you generally tend more o reflect beyond your impulses. I feel that reflective thinking which balances pros and cons has been badly lacking here.

To close I want to thank P & R members for being on the Commission, and also

In spite, of having a different perspective,

I'd like to express appreciation for a wonderful group of people who care about our community. These include HoPP people: Miranda Weiss, Deb Cox, Trish Lillibridge and Angie Newby. Also they include City staff members: Walt Wrede, Carey Meyer, Michael Ilg and Angie Otteson. These are caring, capable, committed

Renee Krause

From: Beth Cumming <listentothewaters@yahoo.com>
Sent: Thursday, January 12, 2012 1:48 PM
To: Renee Krause
Subject: to put in packet

The following e-mail was a response to a thank you letter that Beth Cumming wrote for Friends of Woodard Creek to Bill Evans, (newly retired as an Alaska State park planner).

Bill Evans produced (at no charge to Homer) the various site plan suggestions for Karen Hornaday Park.

The letter is transcribed by BC. The following indicates something she took the liberty of doing: [...]. This was to make something clearer, unless otherwise indicated.

Beth Cumming
Friends of Woodard Creek
[address]

Beth,

Thanks for the letter. Yes, most people want the most visible product and instant satisfaction for their dollars spent. The thing they need to be informed of is that to develop, a facility needs to be safe, and environmental balance should be a high consideration.

[I took out some here for sake of shortening letter. bc]

Yes, there is a cost of moving the road; the proposed concept keeps the proposed road alignment on the existing disturbed pad area. [more left out since it's being addressed. bc]

I would suggest not making the facility more attract[ive] without addressing the traffic flow through the site and reduc[ing] conflicts of pedestrians and vehicles. That is one thing I see all the time. We build facilities without thinking of the whole picture; we spend all the funds on just what we need now and we are stuck with a problem later.

[left out some since subject is being addressed. bc]

Good luck in the development of Karen Hornaday Park and Woodard Creek reclamation. Hope this helps a little.

Bill Evans, PLA
Landscape Architect

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MEMORANDUM

TO: PARKS & RECREATION ADVISORY COMMISSION
FROM: RENEE KRAUSE, CMC, DEPUTY CITY CLERK I
DATE: JANUARY 13, 2012
RE: REQUEST FROM HOPP FOR MEMORANDUM OR RESOLUTION OF SUPPORT

BACKGROUND

At the January 5, 2012 Special Meeting the Homer Playground Project (HoPP) requested Parks and Recreation Advisory Commission approve and submit a resolution to City Council to Endorse the Homer Playground Project Proposal to Construct a New Playground at Karen Hornaday Park and Encourage Community and Volunteer Participation.

A copy of the proposed resolution wording submitted by HoPP as requested during the November 14, 2011 regular meeting follows. An excerpt from those minutes is attached for your review.

RECOMMENDATION

Review and discuss the included information and make a motion to forward a resolution to City Council endorsing the Homer Playground Project and encouraging community and volunteer participation in the project.

VISITORS

A. Miranda Weiss, City Resident and Co-Chair of Community Group HoPP (Homer Playground Project)

Ms. Weiss gave a summary of the actions performed to date by the HoPP group. She provided the Commissioners with an updated design of the proposed playground.

The following was noted as changes:

1. Scaled playground back
2. Added a covered playground that will have room for 6 picnic tables.
3. The boardwalk ramp was cut back to one turn to the proposed tower.
4. A Seasonal hand operated water feature for kids to play with created with natural materials.

Points made were that the existing yellow fencing would be removed; a Large grassy area perfect for impromptu games of soccer, etc. would be created and multiple ADA accessible routes to the playground and picnic areas.

Ms. Weiss announced that build week is planned for the week of May 21, 2012. They have raised a bit over \$30,000 to date with programs in the works to raise more funding. They have the advantage of a new resident who was the former head playground maintenance person for a playground in Juneau designed by the same people. They have accumulated over 200 names of persons that are interested in this project. She noted that they do not have a grant writer at this time.

Commissioner Brann offered to pass along any information regarding grants that he feels may be applicable to the group and the project. A discussion ensued on the revised drawings for the following:

1. Covered walkways
2. Price breakdown
3. Prohibitive devices to prevent cars driving on various areas.
4. Removal of the Red Shed.
5. Addressing security issues at the park and playground.

Ms. Weiss requested the Commissioners forward a recommendation of support for the project to Council at the January meeting. The Clerk confirmed that there were three options available that the Commission could use to express support of the proposed project. The strongest is a resolution and the reasons(wheras) why Council should support the project is needed. Mrs. Weiss stated she could provide that information to Staff.

There were no further discussion.

A RESOLUTION OF THE HOMER CITY COUNCIL ENDORSING THE HOMER PLAYGROUND PROJECT PROPOSAL TO CONSTRUCT A NEW PLAYGROUND AT KAREN HORNADAY PARK DURING A "BUILD WEEK" SCHEDULED FOR MAY 21-27, 2012, AND ENCOURAGING COMMUNITY/VOLUNTEER PARTICIPATION.

WHEREAS the Homer Playground Project (HoPP) was established by community members last spring to raise funds and mobilize volunteers to replace the old playground at Karen Hornaday Park with a new and more diverse playground; and

WHEREAS HoPP has already raised about \$45,000, including \$5,000 provided by the City of Homer (Ordinance 11-27); and

WHEREAS HoPP has engaged the services of a professional playground design firm and produced a schematic design that reflects input from hundreds of Homer children and adults and has been approved by the Karen Hornaday Park Committee; and

WHEREAS, in consultation with the playground designer, the City of Homer Public Works Director, and private contractors, HoPP has determined that May 21-27 is the optimum time for "Build Week," during which time the playground will be built by volunteers with professional supervision; and

WHEREAS HoPP is working hard to raise the funds, recruit volunteers, and solicit donations of tools and materials that will be needed to achieve this goal;

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Homer City Council endorses the Homer Playground Project timeline that calls for Build Week to take place May 21-27, 2012; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the City Council urges community members of all ages to participate in this worthwhile project.

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MEMORANDUM

TO: PARKS & RECREATION ADVISORY COMMISSION
FROM: RENEE KRAUSE, CMC, DEPUTY CITY CLERK I
DATE: JANUARY 13, 2012
RE: ELECTION OF CHAIR AND VICE CHAIR

BACKGROUND

The annual elections were missed last October and were postponed until this meeting. I recommend electing a Vice Chair first since that position was vacated when Commissioner Harrald resigned.

RECOMMENDATION

Chair will open the floor for nominations of Vice Chair. When all nominations are in the Chair will close the floor and ask for a vote. A Vote can be conducted by a show of hands or ballot. If by ballot Commissioners attending telephonically will make a vote by voice. Upon completion the Chair will turn the gavel over to the new Vice Chair and they will conduct the same procedure for the position of Chair person. There is nothing prohibiting the re-election of Chair Bremicker if the commission desires this.

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MEMORANDUM

TO: PARKS & RECREATION ADVISORY COMMISSION
FROM: RENEE KRAUSE, CMC, DEPUTY CITY CLERK I
DATE: JANUARY 13, 2012
RE: REQUEST TO REMOVE THE RED SHED FROM KAREN HORNADAY PARK

BACKGROUND

The Karen Hornaday Park Committee at the regular meeting held on December 5, 2011 approved a recommendation to have the red shed emptied by April 1, 2012 so that the Homer Playground Project may use the building providing it is structurally safe, along with two connexes for the storage of materials during the construction of the proposed new playground.

The committee further recommended that the red shed be dismantled and removed from the location no later than June 20, 2012.

It should be noted that removal of the red shed is included in Phase I of the Karen Hornaday Master Plan.

RECOMMENDATION

Review and discuss the included information and if agreed make a motion to recommend City Council approve the use of the red shed for material storage during construction of the proposed playground and its removal from the park no later than June 30, 2012.

**Karen Hornaday Park Committee
December 5, 2011**

Recommendation to the Parks and Recreation Advisory Commission

The Karen Hornaday Park Committee recommends the Parks and Recreation Advisory Commission the following to consider and move on to the Homer City Council

The Karen Hornaday Park Committee requests the Red Shed at Karen Hornaday Park be emptied by April 1, 2012.

The Homer Playground Project intends to use the Red Shed, providing it is Environmentally Safe, along with the two connex boxes at the Park for material storage during Playground construction.

The Committee request the Red Shed be dismantled and moved between May 28, 2012 and June 30,2012.

**Robert Archibald
Chairman
Karen Hornaday Park Committee
Park and Recreation Advisory Commission**

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MEMORANDUM

TO: PARKS & RECREATION ADVISORY COMMISSION

FROM: RENEE KRAUSE, CMC, DEPUTY CITY CLERK I

DATE: JANUARY 13, 2012

RE: RECOMMENDATION TO ESTABLISH AN ANNUAL FALL CLEAN-UP
DAY AT KAREN HORNADAY PARK.

BACKGROUND

The Karen Hornaday Park Committee at the regular meeting December 5, 2011 made a recommendation to establish an annual fall clean up day at Karen Hornaday Park. In discussion with Angie Otteson, Park Maintenance Coordinator it was determined the best time would be September October before first snow to remove debris and trash from the playground and campground areas in the park.

The Committee recommended establishing this as an annual ongoing event and providing volunteers with a bar-b-que lunch for their efforts.

RECOMMENDATION

Make a Motion to establish the annual Karen Hornaday Park Fall Clean-up and with the Commission providing a Bar-B-Que lunch for the volunteers and city staff who participate in the event.

**Karen Hornaday Park Committee
December 5, 2011**

Recommendation to the Parks and Recreation Advisory Commission

The Karen Hornaday Park Committee recommends the Parks and Recreation Advisory Commission the following to consider and move on to the Homer City Council.

Recommend development of a Fall Park Clean-Up Day. This could be developed in conjunction with a BBQ and Park Day type event. All the necessary BBQ equipment is on site and Commission could provide funding for hot dogs and hamburgers. Work Party volunteers would be under direction of Public Works, and could pick up trash, trim vegetation and in general enhance esthetics of the Park and Campground areas.

**Robert Archibald
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MEMORANDUM

TO: PARKS & RECREATION ADVISORY COMMISSION

FROM: RENEE KRAUSE, CMC, DEPUTY CITY CLERK I

DATE: JANUARY 13, 2012

RE: RECOMMENDATION TO ESTABLISH A CITY CAMP HOST PROGRAM AND START WITH KAREN HORNADAY PARK.

BACKGROUND

The Karen Hornaday Park Committee at the regular meeting December 5, 2011 made a recommendation to establish an Campground Host program similar to those used by the State of Alaska and other national and federal agencies. It was recommended to establish this program so it could be implemented at Karen Hornaday Park for the 2012 Season but no later than the Camping Season for 2013.

I have included additional information on other Camp host programs and those forms for review and recommendation of the commission.

RECOMMENDATION

Make a Motion to establish the camp host program for the City of Homer Parks and Campgrounds with the first campground host to be established at Karen Hornaday Park campground and Direct Staff to draft the program using the information provided as a guideline and bring back to the February meeting for final approval by the commission.

**Karen Hornaday Park Committee
December 5, 2011**

Recommendation to the Parks and Recreation Advisory Commission

The Karen Hornaday Park Committee recommends to the Parks and Recreation Advisory Commission the following to consider and move on to the Homer City Council.

To establish a Park Host Program for Karen Hornaday Park and develop a location suitable for a Trailer Pad. This would include Utility Hook up: Water, Electric and possible Sewer. This is considered the best way to deter vandalism at the Park.

**Robert Archibald
Chairman
Karen Hornaday Park Committee
Parks and Recreation Advisory Commission**



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Information on Campground Hosting

What Do Campground Hosts Do?

Hosts are on-site representatives of Alaska State Parks. They welcome campers, acquaint them with park facilities and regulations, answer questions on local and statewide attractions, and help visitors plan their trips. Hosts help the park rangers with the day-to-day operation and maintenance of campgrounds; this includes litter pickup, light janitorial maintenance, and repairs. Special park projects can be designed based on a host's skills and interests. All hosts must have enthusiasm for working with the public, a willingness to learn about Alaska, and the desire to accept new challenges.



What is a Campground Host's Season?

The camping season in Alaska is generally from mid May through mid September. Some campgrounds are open year round or have extended seasons. Hosts are requested to volunteer 30 to 40 hours per week for at least four to six weeks. Hosts may stay the entire season and some areas may rotate hosts among campgrounds for a broader experience. Alaska State law AS 28.10.121 and AS 28.15.021 requires any person residing in Alaska more than 60 days to obtain an Alaskan drivers license and registration for their vehicle. Rangers will try to balance a host's schedule with visitor season demands. The minimum time commitment and length of season for a specific position is listed under the Season category with each position description.

Where Do Hosts Live?

Volunteer hosts live in their own RV, motorhome, or trailer, at a special campsite. Because campground hosts are the "ambassadors" for Alaska State Parks, their "residence" must be neat and well-maintained. Alaska State Park campgrounds are rustic, but clean and beautiful. Each campsite has a parking pad, a picnic table, and a

fire pit. Each campground has water, latrines, and trash containers. Some host locations have access to telephone and electricity. Nearby communities and lodges have sanitary dump stations and most other services. Generally, the campgrounds are near recreation attractions - lakes, streams, mountains, fishing, and wonderful views. A few campgrounds have a small frame cottage or log cabin for the hosts to stay in. This is noted under the category of *Amenities* listed with each position description.

What Will Hosts Receive?

Campground hosts stay free in an Alaska State Park campground and have free use of all facilities. Each host or host couple will be trained by the ranger staff and will receive a volunteer uniform. In addition, a Subsistence payment may be available for longer commitments, ranging from \$100-\$500 a month. See the *Amenities* category listed with each position description for more information.

How often is the catalog updated?

The catalog is updated every two years and available September first, both in hard copy and on the Internet for the following summer. Volunteer positions are posted on the Internet with vacancy status at www.alaskastateparks.org under the heading of "Volunteer Program." The list is kept current with available and filled positions.

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Please send application to the ranger/area listed for the position you are applying for.
See page 5, General Information, for further information on how to apply.
PLEASE PRINT OR TYPE CLEARLY

Name _____ Email _____

Address _____ Telephone (____) _____

City _____ State _____ Zip _____ Soc. Sec. No. _____

Message phone (____) _____ Cell phone (____) _____

Message address _____ Best time to call _____

Position & area you are applying for _____

Date of Birth _____ (optional) Valid driver's license, state & no. _____

Dates you are available _____ (If applying for other position, please list on separate sheet)

What other positions, areas or parks would you accept? _____

If volunteering for campground host, are you interested in moving to different campgrounds during your stay? _____

Do you have an RV or trailer? _____ Willing to work weekends? _____

Employment status: Full time _____ part time _____ unemployed _____ retired _____

Occupation _____ May we contact your references & employers? _____

Education: high school _____ college _____ Field: _____

Reference or most recent employers	Address/phone number	Dates of employment
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1) _____

2) _____

3) _____

Other volunteer experience _____

Outdoor interests, hobbies or special training and skills _____

Have you ever been convicted of a misdemeanor or felony? _____ Are you on medication? _____

Physical or medical condition affecting kind of work you can do _____

Signature _____ Date _____

***A background check may be performed on your application.
Please use additional sheets or include a resume if needed.***

Alaska State Parks Supplemental Application

Only for volunteers interested in internship/school credit should fill this out.
PLEASE PRINT OR TYPE CLEARLY

Intern Program Information

If you are applying as part of an internship program with an accredited college or university please provide a copy of your college transcript (does not have to be notarized) and the following information:

Title of program/course _____

Description of program/course _____

Description of internship requirements _____

Description of supervision requirements and reports _____

Name and address
of university _____

Name of supervising professor _____ ph (_____)

College transcript - attached _____ to follow _____

Additional information about your college program _____

Supplemental Questions

Why do you want to be a volunteer intern for Alaska State Parks? _____

If you are applying for a remote assignment, describe your backcountry camping and traveling experience _____

Describe your health and level of fitness _____

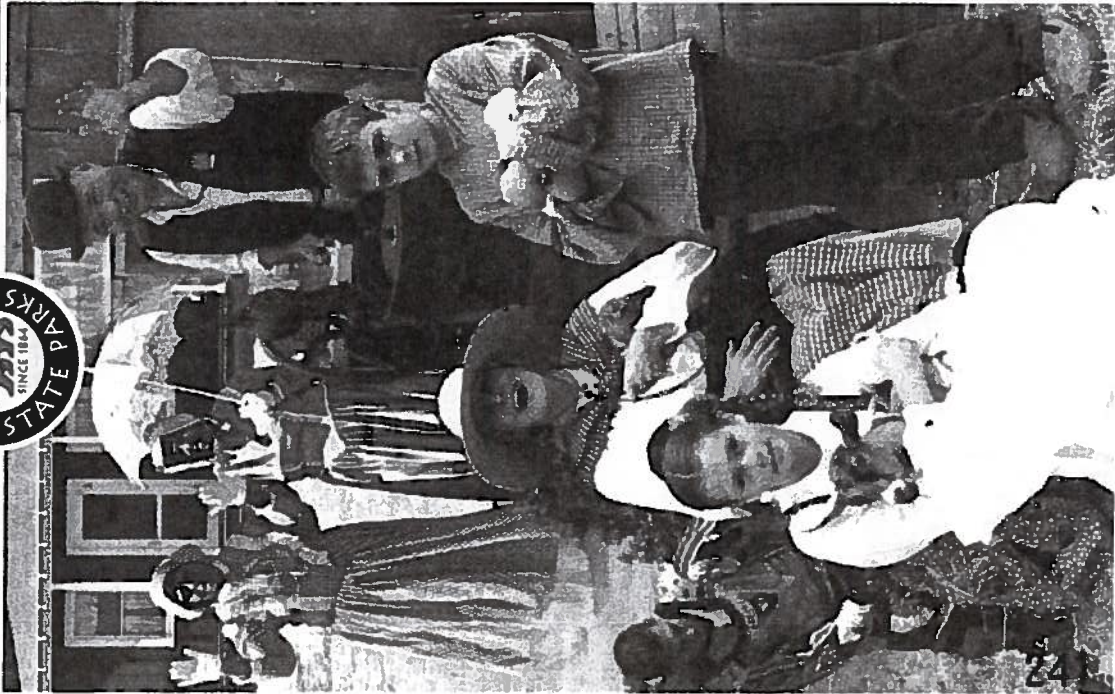
First Aid Training (indicate highest level of certification) _____

CPR Certification? _____ Expiration date _____

A background check may be performed on your application.
Please use additional sheets or include a resume if needed

Volunteers

Make a Difference!



Our Mission

The mission of California State Parks is to provide for the health, inspiration and education of the people of California by helping to preserve the state's extraordinary biological diversity, protecting its most valued natural and cultural resources, and creating opportunities for high-quality outdoor recreation.



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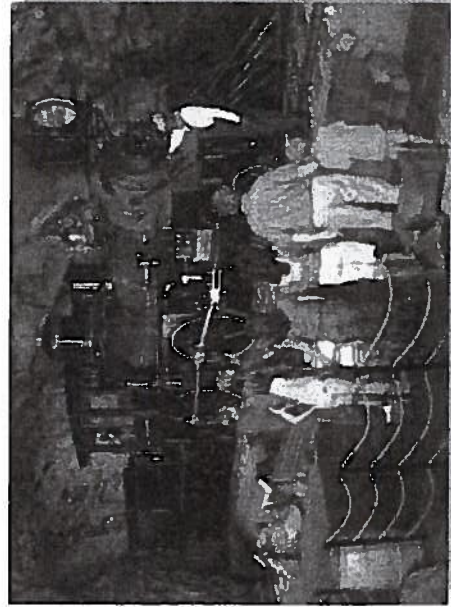
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Our hundreds of state parks offer opportunities to volunteer in a place you will enjoy. Many of California's special places are preserved and protected within the State Park System. If you are a "nature-ally" interested person or looking for the "best time in history," you'll find your place with us.





VOLUNTEER

Become a volunteer with California State Parks and help make a difference!

In addition to ongoing opportunities in parks, one-day events are scheduled for Earth Day and Trail Days in the spring and Coastal Cleanup Day in the fall. These days offer great opportunities to spend time with your family or to make new friends as you get out and help make a difference.

In many parks, annual and special events take place to celebrate our resources while teaching visitors about the wonders of nature and history. Join us—be part of what makes California so extraordinarily unique and wonderful!

Why should I volunteer?

- ✓ Help other people.
- ✓ Spend time in nature.
- ✓ Meet new people and make new friends.
- ✓ Learn new things.
- ✓ Spend time with family.
- ✓ Teach people and share knowledge.
- ✓ Make a difference.
- ✓ Have fun!

What could I do?

- ✓ Be a camp host.
- ✓ Help operate a visitor center.
- ✓ Inform visitors about the park.
- ✓ Lead hikes and teach about nature.
- ✓ Conduct tours and explain park history.
- ✓ Help build and maintain trails.
- ✓ Clean up a beach.
- ✓ Participate in living history demonstrations.
- ✓ Help answer phones and give directions.

How do I become a volunteer?

- ✓ Choose a location that interests you.
- ✓ Locate park district information on the reverse side.
- ✓ Contact the district volunteer coordinator for the Volunteer Application or visit www.parks.ca.gov/volunteer for information or to apply.
- ✓ Submit the application.
- ✓ Attend training.
- ✓ Meet people while you help our parks.
- ✓ Enjoy as the fun begins!

Hiking tour

Gardening

Historic reenactment

Cooking demonstration



Volunteer Opportunities in the California State Park System

Determine the district where you would like to volunteer and locate the district on the map. Call or email the district to receive a Volunteer Application. Take action today to help make a difference!

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1925 Las Virgenes Road
Calabasas, CA 91302
vol.angeles@parks.ca.gov

CAPITAL DISTRICT
(916) 445-7373
1111 Street
Sacramento, CA 95814
vol.capitaldistrict@parks.ca.gov

CENTRAL VALLEY DISTRICT
(209) 536-5930
22708 Broadway Street
Columbia, CA 95310
vol.centralvalley@parks.ca.gov

CHANNEL COAST DISTRICT
(805) 585-1850
911 San Pedro Street
Ventura, CA 93001
vol.channelcoast@parks.ca.gov

COLORADO DESERT DISTRICT
(760) 767-4037
200 Palm Canyon Drive
Borrego Springs, CA 92004
vol.coloradodesert@parks.ca.gov

DIABLO VISTA DISTRICT
(707) 769-5652
845 Casa Grande Road
Petaluma, CA 94954
vol.diablovista@parks.ca.gov

GOLD FIELDS DISTRICT
(916) 988-0205
7806 Folsom-Auburn Road
Folsom, CA 95630-1797
vol.goldfields@parks.ca.gov

HOLLISTER HILLS DISTRICT
(831) 637-8186
7800 Cienega Road
Hollister, CA 95023
vol.hollisterhills@parks.ca.gov

HUNGRY VALLEY DISTRICT
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P. O. Box 1360
Lebec, CA 93243
vol.hungryvalley@parks.ca.gov

INLAND EMPIRE DISTRICT
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17801 Lake Perris Drive
Perris, CA 92571
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Camp hosts

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vol.marinstateparks@parks.ca.gov

MENDOCINO DISTRICT
(707) 937-5804
12301 N. Highway 1, Box 1
Mendocino, CA 95460
vol.mendocino@parks.ca.gov

MONTEREY DISTRICT
(831) 649-2836
2211 Garden Road
Monterey, CA 93940
vol.montereydistrict@parks.ca.gov

NORTH COAST REDWOODS DISTRICT
(707) 445-6547
P.O. Box 2006
Eureka, CA 95502-2006
vol.northcoast@parks.ca.gov

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Oroville, CA 95966
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Visitor center guide

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Pismo Beach, CA 93449
vol.oceano@parks.ca.gov

OCOTILLO WELLS DISTRICT
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Borrego Springs, CA 92004
vol.ow@parks.ca.gov

ORANGE COAST DISTRICT
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3030 Avenida del Presidente
San Clemente, CA 92672
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RUSSIAN RIVER DISTRICT
(707) 865-2391
P.O. Box 123
Duncans Mills, CA 95430
vol.russianriver@parks.ca.gov



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 4477 Pacific Highway
 San Diego, CA 92110
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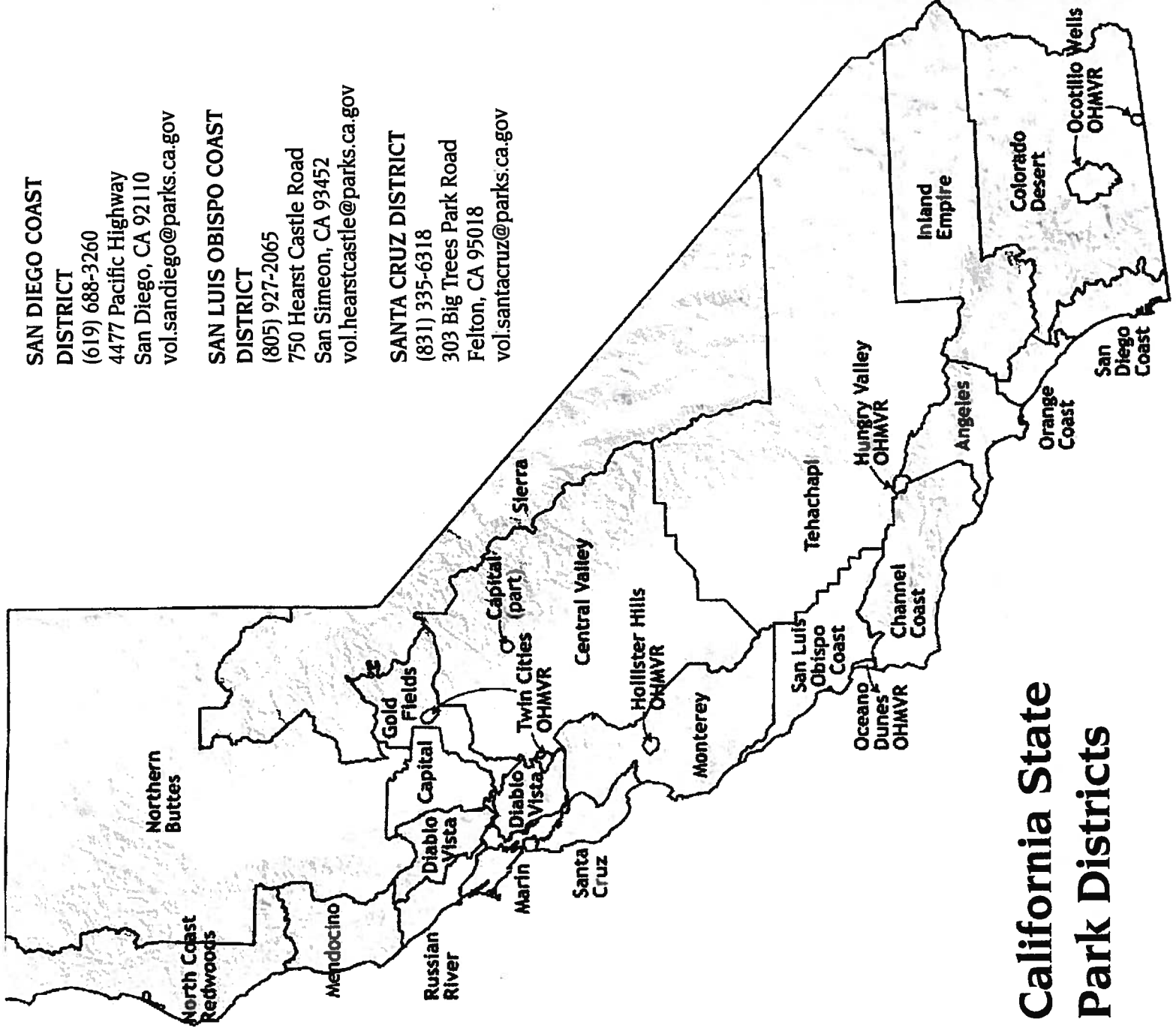
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 303 Big Trees Park Road
 Felton, CA 95018
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 (530) 525-7232
 7360 West Lake Blvd.
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 43779 15th Street West
 Lancaster, CA 93534
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DEPARTMENT OF PARKS AND RECREATION

STATE PARKS VOLUNTEER APPLICATION

NAME		HOME PHONE NO.	ALTERNATE PHONE NO.
STREET ADDRESS		CITY/STATE/ZIP CODE	
IF UNDER AGE 18, PROVIDE NAME, ADDRESS AND PHONE NO. OF PARENT OR GUARDIAN			
HAVE YOU EVER SERVED AS A CALIFORNIA STATE PARKS VOLUNTEER? <input type="checkbox"/> Yes (<i>List locations and approximate dates below.</i>) <input type="checkbox"/> No			
POSITION YOU ARE SEEKING		PARK PREFERENCE, IF KNOWN	
WHY DO YOU WISH TO BECOME A STATE PARK VOLUNTEER?			
CURRENT OCCUPATION			
HIGHLIGHT YOUR EDUCATIONAL AND EMPLOYMENT BACKGROUND/EXPERIENCES THAT YOU FEEL MAY CONTRIBUTE TO THE STATE PARK VOLUNTEER PROGRAM <i>(You may attach a resume.)</i>			
LIST THREE PERSONS NOT RELATED TO YOU WHO KNOW OF YOUR WORK QUALITY			
Name	Phone No.	Relationship	
FOR CAMPGROUND HOST APPLICANTS ONLY			
INDICATE YOUR CHOICE OF STATE PARK AND DATES AVAILABLE (<i>Minimum of 30 days, maximum of 6 consecutive months in one park.</i>)			
First Choice	Dates Available	Second Choice	Dates Available
INDICATE TYPE OF EQUIPMENT AND LENGTH			
<input type="checkbox"/> Camper:	<input type="checkbox"/> Motorhome:	<input type="checkbox"/> Trailer:	<input type="checkbox"/> Extra Vehicle:
IF APPLICABLE, INDICATE TYPES AND NUMBER OF PETS YOU WILL HAVE WITH YOU (<i>You must have proof of your pets' current rabies vaccination with you while you reside in the park as a campground host.</i>)			
<input type="checkbox"/> Dogs:	<input type="checkbox"/> Cats:	<input type="checkbox"/> Other:	
CERTIFICATION			
<i>I understand that additional information, such as driver's license, Social Security Account Number and a background check may be required for certain volunteer positions. I hereby certify that all statements made on this application are true and complete.</i>			
APPLICANT SIGNATURE		DATE	
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Camp Host/Caretaker Position

Dates taken will be posted here asap. You are welcome to submit an application for several time frames that will fit your schedule.

Since we do receive many qualified and wonderful applicants for each time frame, our best way of being fair is to review applicants on a first-come, first-serve basis - with preference going to someone that has stayed with us in the past. We do NOT guarantee the position to approved applicants until an official contract is signed and agreed upon by us and you. Mahalo for your interest in 'our little piece of paradise'!

Camp Host Schedule		
Time Frame	Status	Available or Taken
May 2010 - July 2011	Not taking applications	Taken
August 15 2011 - Nov 30 2011*	Taking Applications: No Deadline Announced Yet	Available
December 1 2011 - March 8, 2012*	Taking Applications: No Deadline Announced Yet	Available

Will consider and even give preference for applications wanting both time frames. You must decide & commit up front/specify this on your application.

Process:

1. Make sure this is right for you by completely reading this page and browsing our website. More than anything, we are looking for this to be a good "fit" both for you and for us.
2. [Contact us](#) through our contact form to ask for an application for the Camp Host Position. We are more than happy to answer questions given that it has not already been answered on our website. Please respect our time as there is a lot of interest in this position! :)
3. Email the application back to us (reviewed first come, first serve). Only send back an application if you are ready, willing & able to take the position upon approval. We may contact you with additional questions, request for a chat on the phone, etc. We do check all references.
4. If chosen, you will be emailed the official contract and asked for a refundable security deposit to prove your commitment to the position (more details about that below). Your time slot is not guaranteed UNTIL you return the completed contract and provide the security deposit. If you delay on sending the deposit or contract, we reserve to the right to extend the position to other good applicants. (In our experience, those that delay usually have no intention, for whatever reason, of actually taking the position.)

We feel this system successfully rewards those applicants who are serious and ready to make a commitment from those that are not. We have been receiving many wonderful applicants, each special in their own way (and wish we could have you all), so the fairest way to coordinate the schedule is by committing first to the applicants which are first ready to show a commitment to us (via a contract and refundable security deposit).

Description:

Looking for a responsible person or couple to live on our property and serve as a Camp Host in exchange for free lodging and free use of our amenities. (This is very similar to a 'Camp Host' position at a campground.) Our property is unlike any other that exists so look over our website to get a feel for if you would enjoy something like this. We like to say "expect something like camping but be pleasantly surprised when it is a WHOLE lot MORE!"

This is a barter relationship and as such will be based on trust and responsibility by all parties. In an effort to help eliminate confusion and potential misunderstandings, we have outlined more specifics below (and also in our contract). Applicants should naturally have a giving, helpful spirit and be the type of person(s) that are willing to go beyond the call of duty without being asked and without expecting something back. We strive to treat people (and guests) in the same manner so there is no room for someone only looking to 'get to most out of this' or take advantage of this lovely opportunity for their own personal gain. We have a "good karma only" rule for our property and it is strictly enforced! :)

The owners of Lova Lava Land may be onsite during some or even all of your stay (or not at all) but do need the flexibility to leave at a moments notice and to possibly be gone for longer periods of time, thus the reason for offering this opportunity.

Qualifications:

- Knowledge and understanding of our property and what we provide. Although it is not required that you have stayed with us before, we do give preference to previous guests. (Since obviously they know first-hand what it is like here and it's more likely to be a better fit for us & them, due to that.) *Please indicate on your application if you are a previous guest.*
- No 'green' experience required but just a willingness to learn and live on an off-grid 'green' property. Willing to uphold our current green objectives, which we will educate you on, if needed.
- Willing to commit to the full time period, usually 3-6 months. For the right applicant and for a good reason, we "may" be somewhat negotiable on the exact start and end date. Please indicate on your application if you have date conflicts.
- Camp Host must be a responsible adult or couple that has integrity, the ability to read and follow specific instructions, is reliable, and has the drive & ability to complete simple tasks in a timely & efficient manner.
- Ability to communicate and report back to the owner through email on your own personal laptop. Must own a cell phone (good cell phone reception on the property) and must own a laptop (free wifi on the property).
- Cleanliness and an eye for keeping things tidy.
- Ability to clean rentals after guests depart and do laundry. This is very easy & light cleaning, with all supplies provided by us and no out-of-pocket expense for you. Cleaning up after yourself at all times is a MUST and helping to keep the general resort tidy is also a requirement. *More details on the cleaning later on this page.
- Enjoy talking to people/travelers. This is not necessarily a customer service position (the owner handles all the bookings, payments, accounting, and guest questions) BUT someone that enjoys meeting and talking to interesting travelers will get more out of the position and will be a better fit for us and our guests.

What We Offer:

- THIS IS A BARTER RELATIONSHIP EXCHANGING RENT FOR A FEW SIMPLE PROPERTY CARETAKING DUTIES. The Camp Host is technically, for all legal purposes, a renter on our property (thus the security deposit). We are offering this program to barter the rent for services to help with the property (as described).
- Free use of everything we offer paying guests including rustic lodging, 3 acres of land in beautiful Hawaii to live on, fast wireless internet, propane stove, solar electricity, UV sterilized water for the sink & shower, flushing toilet, plus a lot more (equivalent to \$3,000 - \$6,000+ for a paying guest). Just think no rent, internet bills, or electricity bills for you while you are here! If you own a home, you may be able to rent it and end up making money on the deal or if you rent, you may be able to sublet.
- A safe, very quiet, 3 acres of private land to live on while guests come and go from the rentals. 99% of our guests are conscientious, respectful, and friendly vacationers - most of them being young or middle aged couples (but definitely with a mix of all ages and from all around the world). It is quite a joy to talk to most of our guests and past Camp Hosts have formed long-time friendships with many of them. We are very lucky as our guests are much more respectful, responsible, and socially conscious than most tourists to Hawaii - this is intentional as we do everything we can to bring in quality guests and openly turn down business if we feel it will be 'problematic' for anyone. All vacation options in Hawaii are not the same and no option is right for everyone - so we strive to find the right people for our place, same as with the Camp Host.
- A private area away from the guest rentals so you can set up your own tidy, comfortable camping area.
- Use of a VW camper bus to sleep in that will be in your private area. This will be your bus while being our camp host. We are open to other ideas like bringing your own camper or VW bus. There will be some extra storage space available if needed (please inquire).
- A great opportunity to experience paradise cheaply!

FAQ (Frequently Asked Questions)

- Question:** What is the start date for this position?
Answer: We have created time slots as noted on the top of this page. If you are the right fit, we do try to be flexible with the exact dates, if needed for a specific reason. Please note any restrictions on your application.
- Question:** Does the position pay?

Answer: No, this is a barter position. We are providing a free place to stay and amenities to you in exchange for you being our 'eyes and ears' at the resort and taking care of guest cleaning and possibly minor maintenance issues (depending on your skill level). This is similar to a Camp Host at a campground or a housekeeper position. It is a particularly unique & enjoyable position because of the location in Hawaii, a place that can normally be cost-prohibitive to visit.

If you do an extraordinary good job, reservations were high during your stay, and we know you worked hard to keep our place clean and enjoyable for guests, you most likely will find a bonus added on to your returned security deposit at the end of your stay (ranging from \$0 - \$500, equivalent to a % of the cleaning fees). For those that need it, this should provide an extra incentive to help us keep Lova Lova Land as successful as possible :) The incentive pay will be based on: how many guests were there during your stay, how many cleanings you did, how much positive feedback we received from guests during your stay, how quickly and effectively you communicate with us, if we felt you truly placed Lova Lova Land's needs above personal needs, and if you lessened our time spent on managing Lova Lova Land. If reservations were high and thus you did more than the normal amount of cleaning we will be glad to share some of the revenue with you via a bonus. On the other hand, if reservations are unusually low, then please don't expect much, if any, of a bonus (simply because we won't have any extra revenue to share). In the latter case, we have other special ways of rewarding you for a job well done (what those are will be a surprise. :)

Question: How does bartering work?

Answer: Bartering is the agreed upon exchange of goods or services without money being involved. It is quite understandable that a lot of people are not familiar with, or used to bartering. It was quite new to us a few years ago but has grown on us as we've realized the true joy of exchanging goods & services without the dreaded dollar being involved. We have a lot of options of how to run the resort but enjoy doing it this way because it offers a wonderful opportunity for the right people to enjoy paradise cheaply (the Camp Hosts) while enabling us to run the resort with more flexibility - and keeping the costs down so that we can offer cheaper prices for guests. We do have an actual dollar cost of having you there. To give you an idea, guests would have to pay approx. \$2000 - \$3000 for a 3 month stay in one of our buses (and we cannot rent the bus out while you are living in it onsite). In addition, the wear and tear of having a Camp Host living onsite is quite substantial - we have to pay to redo the dirt driveway more, have more maintenance on the common areas more often, upgrade utensils more often, fix water more often, pay for internet even if a guest hasn't booked, refill propane more, purchase more of the expensive eco-friendly daily use products like toilet paper & dishwashing soap, upgrade and pay for replacement parts of the solar electric system more often, the list goes on and on.

Question: What do I actually have to do?

Answer: You will be in charge of cleaning the rentals and doing the laundry for guests that order cleaning and minimally helping to care for our orchards (mainly just turning on the irrigation every few nights). These are the main ongoing tasks. Otherwise, you are simply our eyes and ears and expected to be around to help guests and make sure all runs smoothly (and report to us if not, which is rare) and everything is tidy. Undoubtedly, small maintenance/fix-it type tasks come up. We'll work with you when those come up to see if you are able to take care of it or if we have to handle it later. There are no specific daily duties (besides normal cleaning up after yourself). Just enjoy the property in whatever way you want and be there to serve as an official host for our guests. Since we are unable to be there at all times, it simply makes us feel better that someone else is (and it makes guests feel better that someone 'in charge' is around).

Question: Do you allow children to be part of the Camp Host position?

Answer: Our main concern here is that everyone is comfortable. The Camp Host accommodation will either have 1 or 2 full sized beds (if two, the 2nd is a bunk in the pop top, which does take away from storage space). Please think carefully if you and your child will be comfortable here before asking or applying. If you think it will work, then we will consider it. It has worked successfully in the past, but only for the right kind of people and we will require an additional security deposit over the normal one.

Question: Can I bring a pet?

Answer: Please review the Hawaii quarantine laws and most likely it will not make sense for you to do this anyway if you are coming from out-of-state. We love our pets also and like to take them everywhere but there's a point when it's better for them to be with a pet sitter and not put through the stress of traveling. That said, we are open to the idea if it makes sense for you and us. We will ask for an additional security deposit over the normal one.

Question: Can I leave the property? How about for a weekend or even a week to visit another island?

Answer: The main idea here is that your first priority is Lova Lova Land while you are our Camp Host. This means if guests are scheduled to arrive, try to be around to greet them or at least leave a note if you need to be out. We try our best for all arriving guests to be greeted in person (or at the very least, a note left for them), which makes a most comfortable for everyone involved. We do allow you to leave for overnight stays elsewhere or even trips to other islands - but need to know and approve this in advance and it should be done when guests aren't scheduled. If we end up spending more time working around your travel schedule and dealing with guest phone calls because you aren't onsite, then this won't work out very well for us. So please do not apply for this position if your intentions are to be traveling around overnight elsewhere often. If you want to do more extensive traveling around Hawaii, it is best to do it before or after your position at Lova Lova Land.

Question: I want to learn about "green" and "off-the-grid" living. What are my opportunities here?

Answer: This experience will be different for different people - and we are open to allowing you to make it your own. Just by being here, you will see for yourself what "off-grid" living is like in Hawaii. Depending on your interest, we would be excited to explain more in-depth how our systems work and give you more opportunities for learning (including helping you make your own plans if you are doing that). We also may be able to involve you in some of our projects so you can get first hand experience. This is open-ended so share any ideas you have with us! We are starting a separate internship program BUT the two positions MAY be combined for the right person(s).

Question: Would this qualify for college credits or as a green internship?

Answer: We see no reason why not, depending your school guidelines. We'd be happy to discuss the possibility with you further and assist in any way possible.

Question: Upon completion of the Camp Host position can I put this on my resume and use you as a reference?

Answer: Most definitely! With the green economy blooming and the talk of more future green jobs, this would provide excellent experience on your resume for future paying green jobs. If you are interested in getting experience in particular green concepts please share that with us and we'd be more than happy to involve you in more in-depth projects. We did this ourselves on our resumes and potential employers have been very impressed to see what we are a part of here. We'd be more than happy to serve as a future reference for you in any way.

Question: Are there opportunities for earning money nearby? Can I work a paid position while doing this?

Answer: Yes and yes! It is completely up to you if you want to also work a full or part time job while being our camp host. There are many small businesses in our town and in the neighboring towns. I have no doubt that anyone that tries hard enough, can find some sort of employment, even if it is just working a cash register. If you are an arts & crafts person, there's an excellent swap meet every Saturday just a few blocks away. We know many people that make a modest living or extra cash by selling items there. This is also excellent for anyone that is able to work from home over the internet. THAT SAID, we ask that you have enough savings to sustain your stay and commitment here. We cannot accept Camp Hosts that will leave if they are unable to get other employment. With the current economy, finding odd jobs is harder on the island than it used to be. The Camp Host position is great for someone that has either saved up enough funds to sustain themselves for their time here or that can work remotely from a computer.

Question: What if I don't currently have enough money to sustain myself for the duration of the Camp Host position?

Answer: Then unfortunately this wouldn't be a good fit for you - you may want to look for paid employment instead rather than a barter position like this one.

Question: Why do you have a 3 month or longer commitment?

Answer: We have found the process to interview, find, talk with, train, and get someone reliable is very time consuming. The whole idea behind the position is that it lessens our time commitment for running the eco-resort. Thus, we ask for a specified commitment from you so we have time to find the next Camp Host. After testing this program, we are leaning towards making it even longer so see the chart for exact time slots available. We are now trying 5-6 month time slots.

Question: Will I have the opportunity to extend my time frame if it works out well?

Answer: Successful Camp Hosts are of course welcome to come back or even extend their time ONLY if someone else hasn't already committed to the next time slot. For example, if the Camp Host has been here a month and realizes they want to stay longer than 2 more months, they are welcome to apply for the next slot at any point (or even be put on the wait list if the next slot is taken). Most likely we will fill the next time slot before or shortly after you arrive though.

Question: Can I visit Lova Lova Land before committing to being the Camp Host/How does the commitment work?

Answer: You are more than welcome to first be a paid guest at our resort before committing (we understand wanting to get a feel for things before committing). Please understand though that we will NOT hold the spot for you while this is underway. We also feel our website gives a full and accurate feeling for our property. If you have never been to Hawaii, we highly recommend reading over a guidebook (we recommend the new [Lonely Planet Big Island 2008](#) (Lova Lova Land is highlighted in the beginning, check it out!)). If you have any questions/concerns, we are also available to talk those over with you. When you accept the position, we ask you to sign a contract for the time period and to also leave us a \$600 security deposit. The deposit is fully refundable on your departure given that you left the property in good condition and fulfilled your time commitment. Please understand that this is the only way we can think of to make sure the applicant is serious about taking the position and living up to the commitment. (We have had several experiences of very excited applicants that ended up wasting a lot of our time - so we learned the hard way that we have to ask for something to prove someone is really serious.)

Question: Who do you think this position would be good for?

Answer: The possibilities are endless but it would be great for a retired couple that has experience being a camp host at other campsites, for a professional individual or couple that is between jobs or looking for a long "break" from the hustle and bustle of normal life, for someone studying environmental building/living and wants to see it first-hand (some schools may even consider this an internship?), for an individual or couple that is thinking about moving to Hawaii and wants to first test it out while having a free place to stay, for an individual or couple that wants a fresh start on life and needs time to think about exactly what that is, for an artist that wants to be surrounded by quiet and beauty while working, for someone that is able to telecommute from a computer while here, or for someone thinking about building or living more 'green' and wants the inspiration and knowledge of how to do that, to take home with them.

Question: How do I apply/what is the process?

Answer: Please contact us for an application, fill out, and email it back. We will contact you after that and if offered the position, you will be asked to sign the contract and supply the security deposit. We are assuming that by submitting an application that you are completely ready and able to take on this position. If you are not, please wait to submit an application until the time is right for you (possibly for future dates).

Question: How busy is Lova Lova Land?

Answer: This depends and changes often. Since we process all reservations in advance and generally do not allow walk-ins (and do not release directions until after a reservation is paid for) this considerably cuts down on traffic to the property and keeps it a relaxing, spacious area for all. We also do not allow non-registered visitors without advance permission for a similar reason.

The amount of time each vacation rental is booked changes from month to month so it's impossible to say for sure but Nov - April tends to be the busier months. The average stay is a week, with some guests only passing through for a night and others staying up to a month. If you are offered the Camp Host position we will give you an even better guess of how busy it will be for your exact dates (and access to our internal web-based reservation system, which allows you to easily check this at any time).

Question: Can I have friends or family stay here while I am camp host?

Answer: Friends or family that want to visit are welcome to book and pay for rentals just like any other guest.

Question: *What about transportation?*

Answer: You are responsible for your own transportation (the VW bus accommodation assigned to you does not run). See our website for some transportation options (there are several). Many adventurous guests are able to stay with us without the use of a personal or rental car. BUT for a longer term stay like this, we do recommend having a car. You will need a vehicle to fulfill some basic duties like going to the laundromat, emptying trash, and misc. errands that may pop up last minute. In general, life here will be much easier and more flexible for you if you have transportation. Plus, you will have many more opportunities to truly explore and enjoy the island, which we do want you to do! In the end, we leave this up to you though. If you can fulfill your duties without a vehicle then even better for the environment! :)

Question: *What are options for getting an automobile on the island if I am coming from the mainland?*

Answer: There are several options:

- 1) Buy a used car once on the island and resell it if or when you leave (most likely the cheapest option and an option you possibly may come out even on or make money on). Craigslist is alive and active here and there is a huge used car market with a lot of good deals.
- 2) Rent a car from a rental agency (check travel websites for prices, usually they do it for 30 day time periods). This can cost a bit but will provide an insured, reliable vehicle with no repairs to worry about. If money isn't an issue, this is probably the easiest and most convenient. We can recommend a company we have ourselves used in the past - that runs about \$500/month for an insured, new car with no worries about maintenance issues.
- 3) Ship your vehicle. There are standardized shipping services from the west coast and also between islands. Also, not a cheaper alternative if you are coming from the mainland (prices range from \$800 - \$1200 each way) but you will have a vehicle you know well on the island. We can point you in the right direction if you want to pursue this avenue.
- 4) Buy a used vehicle from a previous Camp Host. Some of our Camp Hosts may be trying to sell their car upon their departure - let us know if you are interested in this and we can check with the previous Camp Hosts.

Question: *What do the cleaning duties require?*

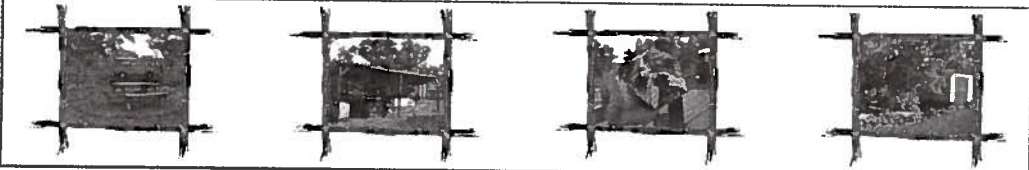
Answer: Besides cleaning up after yourself and keeping the property tidy in general, you will also be responsible for cleaning the rentals when guests order cleaning services (about half the guests choose to do it themselves). Our rentals are small and are very easy to clean - we take care of all the supplies so there's no out-of-pocket expense for you. In the past, this means cleaning a few rentals per month (although we can't predict how busy we will be during your stay or how many guests will order cleaning). You will have access to our online calendar that shows when a cleaning is due, etc. Since we don't have laundry capabilities onsite, you will have to go to the local laundromat to wash linens YET we have a lot of extras so you can do this when you are naturally doing your laundry anyway. You will also be given a cleaning checklist to make things even easier and to prevent confusion. All in all, although very few people enjoy cleaning in and of itself, this is not a major duty and will not take a lot of your time (and you can even view it as some nice exercise). If this is a real sticky point for you, please note that in your application and we'll go from there (we will not automatically disqualify anyone if they cannot or don't want to clean the rentals).

Question: *How much time will I spend cleaning the guest rentals?*

Answer: This is impossible to say before-hand because it depends on how many reservations we have and how many of those order the cleaning/linen service (as guests have the option of doing it themselves). That said, we can give you an honest guess of what to expect. So far, one month was an extreme outlier and had about 10 cleanings. A few other months have had none. The average is more like 3-5 rental cleanings per month, which would calculate out to no more than 1 full day of work per month. Our previous cleaning lady reported to us that after the initial period of getting used to our place (where supplies were, what gets dirty more often, our checklist), it took her less than 30 minutes to do a cleaning - not including doing the laundry and taking out the garbage. Since we have extra laundry, you will be able to do that along with emptying trash & recyclables when you are naturally going that direction anyway.

We're sure more questions will come up - so if you are serious about applying please [contact us](#) for an application.

A big MAHALO for your interest and we look forward to speaking with you!



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Volunteer Opportunities

The South Carolina State Park Service has benefited greatly from a variety of volunteer efforts over the years. In 1978, the state legislature authorized the South Carolina "Volunteers In Parks" program (Act 554). The major objective of the program is to use voluntary assistance that is mutually beneficial to both the state parks and to the volunteer.

Each park manager directs the volunteer program and activities at his/her park. The park manager matches the volunteer's time, interest and experience with the park's specific needs.

Traditionally, the State Park Service has benefited from volunteers serving as maintenance workers, clerical aides, living history program aids and campground hosts. In more recent years, there has been an increased effort to improve and enhance visitor contact through new and renovated park facilities, increased recreational and educational programs and increased natural resource management and wildlife projects. This has provided even more opportunities for interested volunteers to become more involved in their state parks.

How Do I Become a Volunteer?

Anyone may become a state park volunteer. Interested persons should submit their completed volunteer application to the park(s) where they want to offer their time and services. The park manager will respond to each applicant. A personal interview is usually scheduled to establish where an applicant's talents may best be used to mutually benefit the park and the volunteer.

Volunteers may be "regular-service" volunteers engaged in specific service activities on an on-going basis, or they may be "occasional-service" volunteers providing a one-time service. They could even be a "material donor" providing funds, materials or services.

Areas of Volunteer Interest

- General Park Work
- Maintenance/Construction
- Campground Host
- Environmental Education Instructor
- Visitors/Interpretive Center Host
- History Programs Instructor
- History Programs Instructor
- Recreation Programs Instructor
- Trail Maintenance
- Tree Planting
- Biological Surveys
- Archeological/Cultural Surveys
- Clerical
- Other

Campground Host Program

The campground host program is a successful part of the "Volunteers in Parks" program. It is conducted only at parks with a campground operation, a qualified volunteer, and where the district manager has determined a campground host will serve a genuine need of the park.

The primary objective of the campground host is to serve as a park representative, providing information and assistance to park visitors. The campground host also assists with other campground operations, as determined necessary.

The host will be required to provide a minimum of four hours per day, five days a week. This program usually begins around March and usually terminates around November. Campground hosts must be in good health and physical condition and must be able to deal tactfully and cordially with the public.

For More Information about Volunteering

Write to:
South Carolina State Park Service

1205 Pendleton Street
Columbia, SC 29201

Or call:(803) 734-0156
8:30 a.m. - 5 p.m.
Monday - Friday

To Obtain a Volunteer Application Form

Download a [volunteer application](#) form or contact the South Carolina State Park Service at 803-734-0156, 8:30 a.m. - 5 p.m., Monday through Friday, or from individual parks.

Link to "park list" to obtain individual park information, address and phone number.

Completed applications should be submitted directly to the park manager where the volunteer request is being sought.

The South Carolina Department of Parks, Recreation and Tourism does not discriminate against anyone on the basis of race, sex, color, national origin, age or handicap and is an equal opportunity employer. If anyone feels that he/she may have been discriminated against, a complaint may be filed with the Equal Opportunity Office, U.S. Department of the Interior, Washington, D.C. 20240.

Date: ___ / ___ / ___

South Carolina State Park Service Volunteer Application

Name: _____
(First) (M.I.) (Last)

Address: _____

City: _____ State: _____ Zip Code: _____

Day Telephone: () - _____

Night Telephone: () - _____

Type of Volunteer:

Individual

Group:

(Group Represented)

Park(s) where interested in volunteering: _____

Months available to volunteer:

<input type="checkbox"/> January	<input type="checkbox"/> February	<input type="checkbox"/> March
<input type="checkbox"/> April	<input type="checkbox"/> May	<input type="checkbox"/> June
<input type="checkbox"/> July	<input type="checkbox"/> August	<input type="checkbox"/> September
<input type="checkbox"/> October	<input type="checkbox"/> November	<input type="checkbox"/> December

What days of the week would you be available:

Monday Tuesday Wednesday Thursday Friday Saturday Sunday

How many hours per week would you be available: _____

Please check the type of volunteer work you are interested in:

General Park Work

Maintenance/Construction

Campground Host

Environmental Education Instructor

Visitors/Interpretive Center Host

History Programs Instructor

Recreation Programs Instructor

Trail Maintenance

Tree Planting

Biological Surveys

Archeological/Cultural Surveys

Clerical

Other (please describe): _____

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MEMORANDUM

TO: MARK ROBL, CHIEF OF POLICE
THROUGH: WALT WREDE, CITY MANAGER
FROM: PARKS AND RECREATION ADVISORY COMMISSION
DATE: DECEMBER 7, 2011
RE: TRANSIENT CAMPING ON CITY OWNED PROPERTY

Background

The Parks and Recreation Advisory Commission discussed the issue of illegal camping along trails on city owned property and the associated problems that go with that camping such as garbage, waste materials and left over equipment and personal belongings at the October 20, 2011 and November 17, 2011 regular meetings.

Following is the excerpt from that meeting reflecting the recommendations made by the commission.

PENDING BUSINESS

A. Transient Camping Along Trails in City Limits – Discussion and Recommendations

Chair Bremicker opened discussion by asking clarification on the Staff recommendation.

A lengthy discussion covered the following topics:

- the concept of offering a place where someone could camp for free for a limited time
- to prevent garbage and debris being left behind from transient campers
- encourage the public to report violators
- making sure that police respond to reports of violations

It was noted that the information provided by Ms. Krause did contain several simple suggestions such as clearing brush and shrubbery to make the problem areas more open to visual inspection, bring problems to the attention of local police enforcement, etc.

BRANN/ARCHIBALD - MOVED TO DIRECT STAFF TO SEND A MEMORANDUM TO THE HOMER POLICE CHIEF MARK ROBL THROUGH THE CITY MANAGER WALT WREDE TO ENFORCE CITY CODE, 19.08.030 AND 19.08.070 AS APPLICABLE TO THE AREAS NOTED FOR TRANSIENT CAMPERS AND THE ASSOCIATIVE PROBLEMS AND TO INSTALL ADDITIONAL SIGNAGE PROHIBITING CAMPING.

There was a brief discussion.

BREMICKER/BRANN - MOVED TO OFFER FRIENDLY AMENDMENT, AND TO ISSUE PUBLIC SERVICE ANNOUNCEMENTS ENCOURAGING RESIDENTS TO REPORT ILLEGAL CAMPING TO THE POLICE DEPARTMENT AND MAKING SURE OFFICERS FOLLOW-UP ON THE ALLEGED VIOLATIONS.

VOTE. (AMEND) YES. NON-OBJECTION. UNANIMOUS CONSENT.

Motion carried.

VOTE. (MAIN) YES. NON-OBJECTION. UNANIMOUS CONSENT.

Motion carried.

There was no further discussion.

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MEMORANDUM

TO: MAYOR HORNADAY AND CITY COUNCIL

FROM: PARKS AND RECREATION ADVISORY COMMISSION

DATE: DECEMBER 7, 2011

RE: RECOMMENDATION TO APPROVE BUDGET REQUEST OF ADDITIONAL SEASONAL MAINTENANCE PERSONNEL FOR PUBLIC WORKS DEPARTMENT

Background

During the October 20, 2011 Regular Meeting under Staff and Committee Reports the Commission recommended and moved to support the budget request of additional seasonal personnel to assist Ms. Otteson in proper maintenance of restroom facilities on the Spit and in town. Following is the excerpt from the minutes on the commission discussion and recommendation to City Council.

STAFF AND COUNCIL REPORTS/COMMITTEE REPORTS/BOROUGH REPORTS

A. Spit Parks and Recreation Committee

1. Synopsis of August 26, 2011 Meeting
2. Next Meeting is scheduled for November 3, 2011 at 5:30 p.m.
3. All Surveys received on Mariner Park

LILLIBRIDGE/BRANN - MOVED TO RECOMMEND AND ENCOURAGE CITY COUNCIL REINSTATE THE BUDGET REQUESTED TO ALLOW THE ADDITIONAL PERSONNEL TO MAINTAIN FACILITIES AS REQUIRED COMPLYING WITH INDUSTRY STANDARDS OF HEALTH AND SAFETY.

Mr. Meyer noted that supporting the additional personnel will be very important since there will be additional facilities constructed in the future and the added personnel will be very helpful. Mr. Meyer noted a few projects in the near future for the construction of additional restrooms.

VOTE. YES. NON-OBJECTION. UNANIMOUS CONSENT.

Motion carried.

Recommendation

Approve the allocation to the Public Works Department Budget to hire additional seasonal personnel to maintain facilities as required complying with Industry Standards of Health and Safety.

