

# *Kachemak Drive Path Committee*



Thursday  
October 11, 2012  
Regular Meeting 5:30 p.m.



Cowles Council Chambers  
City Hall  
491 E. Pioneer Avenue  
Homer, Alaska 99603



KACHEMAK DRIVE PATH COMMITTEE  
491 E. PIONEER AVENUE  
HOMER, ALASKA

OCTOBER 11, 2012  
**THURSDAY** AT 5:30 P.M.  
COWLES COUNCIL CHAMBERS

**MEETING NOTICE  
REGULAR MEETING AGENDA**

- 1. CALL TO ORDER**
- 2. AGENDA APPROVAL**
- 3. APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES**
  - A. Minutes for the Special Meeting on September 13, 2012 Page 5
- 4. PUBLIC COMMENTS UPON MATTERS ALREADY ON THE AGENDA**
- 5. RECONSIDERATION**
- 6. VISITORS**
- 7. STAFF & COUNCIL/COMMITTEE REPORTS/COMMISSION REPORT**
- 8. PUBLIC HEARING(S)**
- 9. PENDING BUSINESS**
  - A. Short Term and Long Term Goals Page 9
- 10. NEW BUSINESS**
  - A. Future of Kachemak Drive Committee (Postponed from September 13, 2012) Page 11
  - B. Discussion and Recommendations on Actions Taken By Council at the October 8, 2012 Meeting on Resolution 12-079(S) Page 13
  - C. Memorandum Re: Reminder No Meeting Scheduled for November Page 15
- 11. INFORMATIONAL MATERIALS**
  - A. Memorandum 12-152, Substitute Resolution 12-079(S) Page 17
- 12. COMMENTS OF THE AUDIENCE**
- 13. COMMENTS OF THE CITY STAFF** *(If present)*
- 14. COMMENTS OF THE COMMITTEE**
- 15. ADJOURNMENT/THE NEXT REGULAR MEETING IS DECEMBER 13, 2012 AT 5:30 P.M.**

All meetings scheduled to be held in the Homer City Hall Cowles Council Chambers located at 491 E. Pioneer Avenue, Homer, Alaska.



Minutes of Kachemak Drive Path Committee Meeting, 5:30 p.m., September 13, 2012

Call to order by Chair Bremicker

Attending, Dave Brann, Beth Cumming, Lindianne Sarno, recording, Bumpo Bremicker, chair.

No minutes were provided from the prior meeting.

No public comment. No reconsideration, no visitors.

Pending Business: Discussion about signage on Kachemak Drive.

Dave Brann: Talked to DOT about signage. DOT needs permit for encroachment in the right of way. Dave gave it to Julie, she will work on it, she hasn't had time yet. We're at a standstill on that. Dave will go to road and measure, to see where it's possible to put a signpost two feet outside of right of way. If I can find a place among the four places we recommended, we're waiting for someone from the city to get that permit. Four signs, all the same: yellow caution sign with picture of bicycle, to let drivers know there are bicycles on the road, pay attention.

Bumpo: Does DOT have these signs?

Dave Brann: We have to buy them, we have to supply signposts. DOT has the signs. You can get them 18" or 2'. Part of permit is DOT wants pictures. Dave sent pictures some time ago to DOT. Jocelyn has pictures and descriptions: on hill before airport, another past Bay Club, coming from east end road before you turn the sharp corner, and another before the S curve. I sent the information, took the pictures, the GPS location, but came back we need a permit from the city to encroach on the right of way. I printed out the permit for Julie, but it doesn't really make sense.

Beth: We need a no passing sign.

Lindianne: That will confuse the drivers. Everyone crosses the center line when they have to pass a bicycle.

Dave: I want visual representation of bicycle. \$40 each, Dave would be willing to buy them, Bumpo would be willing to throw in \$40.

We're all in agreement.

New Business:

**A. Proposal to change name of Kachemak Drive Pathway to Kachemak Drive Trail.**

Beth asked Beth Wythe, she thinks connective things, that go between streets are trails, path refers to something that goes along a street or road. Is everyone comfortable with

the word path? Dave: Transportation Committee said, call it trail. Doesn't make any difference to me. Lyn doesn't care. Bumpo doesn't care.

Bumpo: mentions that Larry Sloan brought up we should do the sidewalks on upper Main Street with HART trail funds. Bumpo asked Julie about road HART funds, trail HART funds. Which gets used for sidewalks? There still is confusion that there are two different funds. Could you use HART trail funds to do sidewalks? Julie said, along a road like that, that is a sidewalk and **HART road funds** would be used for that. If it goes away from the road, it's a separated trail and HART trail funds would be used. Any pavement would be in the road right of way.

B. Attendance at Council Meeting Scheduled for September. Lindianne suggests that someone be assigned to make it clear at the Council meeting that sidewalks use road funds, separated trails or paths use trail funds.

C. [We amend the agenda to insert discussion of the draft resolution Beth Wythe submitted to this committee.] **Discussion and approval of the draft resolution.** Beth has two changes to make to this resolution. Dave Brann feels good about it. It's fine. Beth Wythe suggested just do this as a recommendation and a memo for \$20,000. Beth: I move that we accept Beth Wythe's draft resolution as she wrote it. Unanimous approval. Beth Wythe did a good job on it. Dave: Beth sent it to Francie, haven't heard back from Francie yet. Beth C says Beth W says Francie wanted to attend this meeting but she teaches. We agree we will forward this to Francie.

Lindianne: I will e-mail these minutes and the resolution to Renee so Renee can forward this resolution and the minutes to include in the packet for the Parks and Recreation Commission.

Beth will forward this resolution to every City Council member. And will say, our committee agreed on this, are you willing to vote for it on the 24<sup>th</sup>?

D. **Attendance at City Council Meeting:** Bumpo will be there, Lindianne will be there, Dave Brann may not make it.

E. **Beluga Slough trail remnants, use for Kachemak Drive Trail:** Dave Brann helped for five days in dismantling it, and Carey is very well aware that these things could be used on the Kachemak Drive Path. Dave doesn't want the big black floats. Too heavy. The smaller green ones are manageable. Dave asked Carey if he could load some of the green deck panels and experiment with them. Dave is going to experiment in his yard for how to lay these out differently than they were done in Beluga Slough. They stayed flat on the floats, but where there was not enough water, they sagged. The black floats could be used elsewhere, maybe across the Bay. They weigh a lot, need fork lift to move them.

F. **Kachemak Drive Neighborhood Association.** Lindianne mentions that she, Mike Yourkowski, Jan Needham and others are discussing putting together a neighbors association for Kachemak Drive. To discuss water sewer line, gas line, and bike path.

We will call everybody on Kachemak Drive. Mike Yourkowski has offered his home for the gathering.

**City Councilwoman Beth Wythe enters the meeting.** She had sent this resolution to Beth and Francie. We'll send it to the Commission and Beth Wythe says it has to come from the Parks and Rec Commission. Lindianne will send it to Renee with the minutes from this meeting, asking Renee to include it in the City Council packet, in anticipation of approval by the Parks and Rec Commission.

We discuss why everyone was confused in the City Council meeting.

Beth Wythe: suggests we break the project into phases. If it were in phases, six or seven phases, order them, build where you will have the least resistance. A couple of people on Kachemak Drive are still smarting from the way the water line was done. Do a piece here, a piece there.

Bumppo: Show we can get funding and volunteer help. Parks and Rec has not heard of any other projects.

Beluga Lake Trail.  
Reiber (spelling?) Trail.

Beth C: Time Frame?

Beth Wythe: Suggest phasing, three and a half miles long, indicate the pieces of the trail, and the phasing, the time frame will come naturally.

Beth Cumming: I wanted to request that the trail listed on the state CIP would be removed from state CIP and put on the City CIP list. But Julie told me that on the state CIP list, the trail was combined with other things, specific improvements on Kachemak Drive. Julie talked to Katie today and Katie felt that it shouldn't be removed from state list right away, it wasn't just a trail, it's a combination of trail and other improvements.

Bumppo: If city decided to work on this, it's mostly not in right of way. If state decided to fund this suddenly, it wouldn't hurt.

Beth Wythe: It's connected with other things that we're not going to take responsibility for. The city is not going to take responsibility for paying for this trail. Because the road belongs to the state. I'm happy to help you bring it forward in a format, even if it's not in the right of way. But I don't want you to have illusions. The City is not going to fund it. It doesn't matter whether the trail is on city property, it still has to be designated. No need to confront other people for this. Being honest with you. I can't guarantee they will want to fund this out of city HART funds, city HART funds are intended for trails in the city. Mayor said it so often, this is a state road and I don't know why we're entertaining notion of building a trail.

Bumppo: If state would pay for it, wonderful. It's not going to be easy. Little by little, with Dave Brann's help, it's possible.

Dave: I'm a proponent of volunteers. For example, this past week in Beluga Slough, instead of paying for all the labor, volunteers can do it. If we can do it with grants and volunteers, we'll get it built piece by piece.

Bumppo: Do each piece, for less money, encourages other areas. Residents see that this is a good thing.

Beth Wythe leaves.

Bumppo: Second Thursday of every other month is KBBI Board of Directors meeting. I need to attend KBBI meeting. Dave Brann please take over as vice chair. [Leaves.]

Dave Brann: Vice chair.

Beth wanted to go through her notes and see if there is anything that has to be done before Parks and Rec.

Dave: regarding the Future of Kachemak Drive Committee: I move we table that until the next meeting.

Beth Cumming: I wanted to summarize our short term goals and our long term goals. I think we're on the same page. But we've never voted, on those. At our next meeting would like that to be on old business. Motion to Table, and then it can go under old business next meeting.

Beth seconds. No objection.

Dave: adjourns meeting.



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## MEMORANDUM

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**TO:** KACHEMAK DRIVE PATH COMMITTEE  
**FROM:** RENEE KRAUSE, CMC, DEPUTY CITY CLERK I  
**DATE:** OCTOBER 2, 2012  
**RE:** SHORT AND LONG TERM GOALS OF THE COMMITTEE

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### Background

At the first committee meeting on December 2, 2010 Chair Bremicker stated that the committee was created by the commission to explore the concept and various possibilities of a trail along Kachemak Drive to address the safety concerns expressed by Parks & Recreation commissioners and the public. The committee was to submit their recommendations to the Commission who would forward these to the City Council.

Committee member Beth Cumming has requested the committee readdress the goals of this Committee. This item was requested to be on the agenda for the September 8, 2011 and February 23, 2012 meetings under New Business. At each of these meetings this item was postponed and was not addressed and/or overlooked on the next agenda and was not requested to be on the following agenda.

### RECOMMENDATION

Determine if this committee needs to have goals that are required to accomplish the original reason the committee was established. Make a motion to address those goals stated.



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## MEMORANDUM

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**TO:** KACHEMAK DRIVE PATH COMMITTEE  
**FROM:** RENEE KRAUSE, CMC, DEPUTY CITY CLERK I  
**DATE:** SEPTEMBER 6, 2012 (Postponed from the September 13, 2012 Meeting)  
**RE:** DISCUSSION ON THE FUTURE OF THE KACHEMAK DRIVE PATH COMMITTEE

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### Background

Committee member Beth Cumming requested the following to be on the agenda for discussion on what is next for the committee and what should the committee's longer term vision be? Also discussion on establishing a meeting date for October depending on the actions of council.

### Recommendation

Make a motion to petition the Parks and Recreation Commission to redefine the purpose of the Committee. Agree to a meeting date and request availability from the Clerk's office.



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## MEMORANDUM

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**TO:** KACHEMAK DRIVE PATH COMMITTEE  
**FROM:** RENEE KRAUSE, CMC, DEPUTY CITY CLERK I  
**DATE:** OCTOBER 2, 2012  
**RE:** DISCUSSION AND RECOMMENDATIONS ON ACTIONS TAKEN BY COUNCIL AT  
THE OCTOBER 8, 2012 MEETING ON RESOLUTION 12-079(S)

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### Background

The results from the Council meeting will be provided in a laydown item at the meeting. This will consist of information provided in the Action Agenda which the City Clerk completes the day after each council meeting.



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**TO:** KACHEMAK DRIVE PATH COMMITTEE  
**FROM:** RENEE KRAUSE, CMC, DEPUTY CITY CLERK I  
**DATE:** OCTOBER 2, 2012  
**RE:** NO MEETINGS SCHEDULED FOR NOVEMBER

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Just a reminder for the members of the committee that due to heavy meeting schedules and the Holidays there are no meetings scheduled in November. The next meeting of this committee is December 13, 2012 at 5:30 p.m.

### RECOMMENDATION

No Action required. Informational in content.





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## MEMORANDUM 12-152

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**TO:** MAYOR HORNADAY AND CITY COUNCIL  
**FROM:** PARKS AND RECREATION ADVISORY COMMISSION  
**THROUGH:** RENEE KRAUSE, CMC, DEPUTY CITY CLERK  
**DATE:** SEPTEMBER 21, 2012  
**RE:** SUBSTITUTE RESOLUTION 12-079(S) REQUESTING FUNDS FOR SURVEYING AND ENGINEERING A SECTION OF THE PROPOSED KACHEMAK NON-MOTORIZED PATHWAY

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### Background

The Parks & Recreation Advisory Commission reviewed the substitute Resolution 12-079(S) at the regular meeting on September 20, 2012.

BRANN/LILLIBRIDGE – MOVED TO AMEND THE RESOLUTION TO CHANGE “ONE THIRD MILE” TO “ONE HALF MILE.”

The commission reviewed the resolution and amended lines 11, 37, 41, 46 and 51 from “one-third mile” to “one half mile” to represent the correct distance of the proposed Kachemak Drive Non-Motorized Trail requested to be surveyed.

This amendment was approved by consensus of the Commission.

LILLIBRIDGE/LOWNEY – MOVED TO APPROVE RESOLUTION 12-079(S) AS AMENDED AND FORWARD TO CITY COUNCIL FOR APPROVAL AT THE NEXT CITY COUNCIL MEETING.

There was no discussion.

VOTE. YES. NON-OBJECTION. UNANIMOUS CONSENT.

Motion carried.

### RECOMMENDATION

Approve the Amended Resolution 12-079(S)



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A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF HOMER,  
ALASKA, AUTHORIZING THE ALLOCATION OF UP TO  
\$20,000 FROM THE HART FUND FOR THE PURPOSES OF  
SURVEY WORK AND AN ENGINEERING ESTIMATE TO  
DETERMINE THE COST OF CONSTRUCTING THE INITIAL  
ONE-HALF MILE OF THE PROPOSED KACHEMAK DRIVE  
NON-MOTORIZED PATHWAY.

WHEREAS, The City of Homer has adopted the Homer Non-Motorized Transportation  
and Trail Plan, Homer Area Transportation Plan, Climate Action Plan, HART Policy Manual and  
has included the Kachemak Drive Rehabilitation/Pathway in the Capital Improvement Plan  
(CIP); and

WHEREAS, The Parks and Recreation Advisory Commission (PRAC) established a  
committee to specifically address possible solutions to the hazards presented to non-motorized  
and motorized users of Kachemak Drive; and

WHEREAS, The Homer City Council adopted Resolution 11-909(A), directing the  
Kachemak Drive Path Committee (KDPC) to work with the Transportation Advisory Committee  
(TAC) to more fully develop the project; and

WHEREAS, The PRAC, KDPC and TAC mutually agree that the construction of the  
Kachemak Drive Non-Motorized Pathway would provide a safety zone for pedestrians and a  
safer driving zone for the vehicle traffic on Kachemak Drive; and,

WHEREAS, The PRAC, KDPC and TAC further recommend that the City of Homer  
consider taking the responsibility for the construction and maintenance of the Kachemak Drive  
Non-Motorized Pathway; and,

WHEREAS, The construction of the first section of the proposed Kachemak Drive Non-  
Motorized Pathway, from the intersection of Kachemak Drive and Spit Road, approximately  
one-half of a mile up Kachemak Drive towards the parking area at the crest of the hill, would  
provide immediate safety benefits for pedestrians, cyclists and motorists; and

WHEREAS, The first step towards determining the feasibility of constructing this initial  
one-half mile section of the proposed path requires surveying and an engineering estimate which  
is anticipated to cost not more than \$20,000.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the City Council of Homer, Alaska  
authorizes the allocation of up to \$20,000 for the purposes of survey work and an engineering  
estimate to determine the cost of constructing the initial one-half mile of the proposed Kachemak

47 Drive Non-Motorized Pathway and authorizes the City Manager and staff to proceed as required  
48 to complete these activities.  
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50 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the commitment of these funds in no way binds the  
51 City of Homer to the construction of either the initial one-half mile of pathway, or any other  
52 segments of the proposed Kachemak Drive Non-Motorized Pathway. The contribution is made  
53 solely as a good faith show of support for the construction of the Kachemak Drive Non-  
54 Motorized Pathway.  
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56 PASSED AND ADOPTED by the Homer City Council this \_\_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_,  
57 2012.  
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59 CITY OF HOMER  
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65 JAMES C. HORNADAY, MAYOR  
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71 JO JOHNSON, CMC, CITY CLERK  
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Fiscal Note: \$20,000 from HART, Trails Fund, Acct. No. ###-###.



