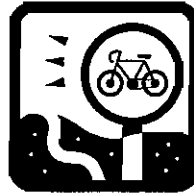


Kachemak Drive Path Committee



Thursday
April 4, 2013
Regular Meeting 5:30 p.m.



Conference Room - Upstairs
City Hall
491 E. Pioneer Avenue
Homer, Alaska 99603

**MEETING NOTICE
REGULAR MEETING AGENDA**

- 1. CALL TO ORDER**
- 2. AGENDA APPROVAL**
- 3. APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES**
 - A. Meeting Synopsis for Regular Meeting on March 7, 2013 Page 5
- 4. PUBLIC COMMENTS UPON MATTERS ALREADY ON THE AGENDA**
- 5. RECONSIDERATION**
 - A. Reconsideration of the Motion Supporting Upgrading the Mud Bay Trail to Level Three trail specifications.
 1. Memorandum from Renee Krause, CMC, Deputy City Clerk I re: Motion to Reconsider Page 7
- 6. VISITORS**
- 7. STAFF & COUNCIL/COMMITTEE REPORTS/COMMISSION REPORT**
- 8. PUBLIC HEARING(S)**
- 9. PENDING BUSINESS**
 - A. Continue Discussion on "What's Next" – Requested by Committee Member Cumming
 1. Memorandum dated March 28, 2013 Points for Discussion Page 11
 - B. Survey Results – Carey Meyer
- 10. NEW BUSINESS**
- 11. INFORMATIONAL MATERIALS**
 - A. Resolution 12-79(S), 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. Page 13
- 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 MAY 2, 2013 AT 5:30 P.M.** All meetings scheduled to be held in the Homer City Hall Upstairs Conference Room located at 491 E. Pioneer Avenue, Homer, Alaska.

Minutes, Kachemak Drive Path Committee
Thursday, March 7, 2013, 5:30 p.m.

Attending: Dave Brann, Bumppo Bremicker (chair), Beth Cumming, Lindianne Sarno (recording).
Committee member Lynn Burt is Outside.

Also attending: Larry Slone, audience member from Planning Commission.

Chair Bremicker calls meeting to order at 5:35 p.m. Dave moves and Beth seconds approval of agenda.
There are no minutes from last meeting.

There is no public comment, reconsideration, or visitors. No reports, public hearings, or pending business.

New Business:

Where Do We Go from Here? Discussion on all aspects of Kachemak Drive Path Committee work.

We look forward to seeing the survey and the 35% design of the first half mile of the trail.

We agree removing pedestrians and bicyclists from contact with motor vehicles on the dangerous hill is an urgent goal.

To this end:

Lindianne moves and Beth seconds:

The Kachemak Drive Path Committee supports upgrading the Mud Bay Trail to level three trail specifications. This compacted gravel trail will connect the Spit Trail to the Beach Access Road. This committee supports volunteer involvement in constructing and maintaining this trail to the extent possible.

Motion passes. Thanks to Larry Slone for helpful language.

We agree that a committee member will bring this motion to City Manager Walter Wrede for language clarification.

We need to get this motion on the next Parks and Recreation Agenda.

Dave Brann thinks that if we obtain permission from the city, there can be work parties that can shovel dirt, take out roots, rake. He hopes the survey and engineering design will give us enough information to list the permits we will need for this trail from DOT and the Army Corps of Engineers.

Dave Brann is willing to go talk to Walt to find out what steps we need to take to ensure this trail is on the official city trail list.

General discussion: Volunteer projects will be co-ordinated through this committee. Are there funds remaining from the \$20,000, and is it OK to use those funds to start work? Typar and gravel will cost money. Dredge fill is available at \$5/yard, if there is enough money to come up with 100 yards, we can start. Dave Brann can get volunteer four-wheelers if we can get permission to do the work.

Second discussion topic: Will this Committee be disbanded?

We all agree this is a Parks and Recreation Commission decision. The Commission moved and voted not to disband this Committee until the trail is completed from East End Road to the Spit.

Third discussion topic:

Beth moves that during the Shorebird Festival this Committee sponsor a bonfire near the Beach Access Road and serve cocoa on the Friday of Shorebird Festival from 3 to 5 p.m. We will need permission from the Fire Department for the bonfire. Beth will check on getting this into the Shorebird Festival schedule. We can put signs at the base of the Spit parking lot and at the airport parking lot, encouraging folks to walk the trail to the bonfire. There is a 19 foot tide at 4 p.m. during the proposed bonfire time. Good for bird viewing.

Bumppo and Dave think this is an excellent idea. Let's do a resolution and send to the commission. Beth is asked to report to the Parks and Recreation Commission after checking with Shorebird Festival coordinator at Chamber of Commerce, Debbie D.

No audience comments. No City Staff present.

Comments of the Committee:

Beth: Carey Meyer said the steep part of the hill is the worst terrain he has seen in ten years of working with the City of Homer.

Lindianne: I am grateful Dave Brann has experience building trails with volunteers, he has blazed trails before, glad we are at this point.

Dave: Will be a busy spring and summer, I'm working on Water Trail and Kachemak Drive Trail. We can weed whack soon.

Bumppo: We need to work together to make this a better city.

We adjourn at about 7:30 p.m.

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MEMORANDUM

TO: KACHEMAK DRIVE PATH COMMITTEE
FROM: RENEE KRAUSE, CMC, DEPUTY CITY CLERK I
DATE: MARCH 12, 2013
RE: REQUEST FOR RECONSIDERATION

Background

Committee member Beth Cumming requested reconsideration on the motion to upgrade the Mud Bay Trail. Following is the excerpt from the synopsis of the March 7, 2013 Committee meeting as provided by Committee member Sarno.

Lindianne moves and Beth seconds:

The Kachemak Drive Path Committee supports upgrading the Mud Bay Trail to level three trail specifications. This compacted gravel trail will connect the Spit Trail to the Beach Access Road. This committee supports volunteer involvement in constructing and maintaining this trail to the extent possible.

Motion passes. Thanks to Larry Slone for helpful language.

Below is an excerpt on procedures from the Council Operating Manual regarding reconsideration:

i. Motions to Reconsider:

A member of the Council who voted with the prevailing side on any issue may move to reconsider the Council's action at the same meeting or at the next regular meeting of the body.

Notice of reconsideration shall be given to the Mayor or City Clerk within forty eight hours from the time the original action was taken;

Committee member Cumming requested reconsideration in a timely manner. Following is her reason for requesting the reconsideration.

"The Kachemak Drive Trail Committee at their meeting of March 7 voted unanimously on something like, "We support construction of.....".

I want to reconsider my vote, acknowledging that all three other Kachemak Drive Committee members present also voted in support, so the motion still passed. Still I feel that my own decision was made too hastily and I'm having after thoughts for various reasons including the following.

We don't yet have written authorization to create something we've named The Mud Bay Trail, a situation which I hope will soon be remedied. How can you upgrade something the creation of which was not authorized? (We're talking going from almost no cost up to tens or even hundreds of thousands of dollars).

When we have written authorization to create The Mud Bay Trail to Level Two, we still will not know the estimated cost of upgrading The Mud Bay Trail to a Level Three.

The City Council allocated up to \$20,000 for surveying and for planning engineering on a typical section as stated in Resolution 12—79 (s), which said that section would end at the crest of the hill where long term parking is. (That's clearly not at the base of the bluff, i.e. The Mud Bay Trail).

*My question: Is it legal to markedly change something for which the City Council has given approval without making a **formal change**, which would be initiated by the Committee or by Parks and Recreation?*

I feel that we need comparative costs. We don't know how much of the up to \$20,000 has been spent just surveying the Mud Bay Trail.

We can't compare that estimated cost to the estimated cost of doing the section we had proposed (the one ending at long term parking at the crest of the hill) since what was laid out in the resolution wasn't done.

I feel that we have to say, "pending a feasibility study based on cost of a representative section and asking for funds to cover this.

The City Council did not pass a resolution allowing the above along The Mud Bay Trail (which so far has not had authorization in writing.)

*Additionally The City Council voted to authorize The Kachemak Drive Trail in **concept only** as I recall. I'm uncomfortable talking about actual construction before we get cost estimates, including comparable ones.*

Carey Meyer told me today that he would plan to be at our next meeting and that he should have more information by then. Admittedly this will not include estimated costs of doing each."

RECOMMENDATION

1. Consider the case presented by Committee member Cumming and agree to vote on the motion as originally written and vote it down; then remake the motion as requested by Committee member Cumming.
2. State the original motion and call the vote listing each members vote on the motion making no changes to the original motion.

Please note that either motion must have individual votes noted in the synopsis. No vote by consensus or non-objection.

If the original motion still passes then it stands and the recommendation can be forwarded to the Parks and Recreation Advisory Commission.

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MEMORANDUM

TO: KACHEMAK DRIVE PATH COMMITTEE
FROM: RENEE KRAUSE, CMC, DEPUTY CITY CLERK I
DATE: MARCH 12, 2013
RE: CONTINUED DISCUSSION ON "WHAT NEXT"

Background

Committee member Beth Cumming requested a continued discussion on the following:

"What Next"

- Further exploring the idea to put a three foot jog in the road where there is 100' right of way.
- Where to locate the first few hundred feet of trail (i.e. same bed as Mud Bay Trail) as far as where the trail would split, should we be addressing the following:
 1. We agreed that the first part should be surveyed to determine the State right of way and City of Homer property line. Did survey do this?
 2. Should the committee be moving towards having these first few hundred feet proceeded with by finding out estimated cost? This would include engineering plan for at least two or three representative sections.
 - a. A part between 26 foot tideline and 23 foot tideline probably requiring large amounts of fill.
 - b. A part above tideland that merely needs to be leveled either by lowering or by adding fill.
 - c. A section that might require something like a retaining wall.
 3. Are we ready to acknowledge that we may be able to go forward without "painting ourselves into a corner" since the committee agrees on the first few hundred feet and after that there have been two main options as described in numbers 1-3.
 4. Is it time to check with the Corps of Engineers?
 5. Committee member Cumming opined that if the committee has the survey of boundaries between the City and State right of way and the committee can obtain a representative cost of each of three types of construction the committee might be ready to consult the Corps of Engineers and start looking for money.

RECOMMENDATION

Discuss and make motions on all recommendations of the committee. Reflect all motions made in the committee synopsis for the record.

**CITY OF HOMER
HOMER, ALASKA**

RESOLUTION 12-079(S)

Wythe/Parks and Recreation
Advisory Commission

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 Trails 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 11-090(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.

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RESOLUTION 12-079(S)
CITY OF HOMER

46 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the City Council of Homer, Alaska,
47 authorizes the allocation of up to \$20,000 for the purposes of survey work and an engineering
48 estimate to determine the cost of constructing the initial one-half mile of the proposed Kachemak
49 Drive Non-Motorized Pathway and authorizes the City Manager and staff to proceed as required
50 to complete these activities.

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52 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the commitment of these funds in no way binds the
53 City of Homer to the construction of either the initial one-half mile of pathway, or any other
54 segments of the proposed Kachemak Drive Non-Motorized Pathway. The contribution is made
55 solely as a good faith show of support for the construction of the Kachemak Drive Non-
56 Motorized Pathway.

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58 PASSED AND ADOPTED by the Homer City Council this 8th day of October, 2012.

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60 CITY OF HOMER

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64 JAMES C. HORNADAY, MAYOR

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66 ATTEST:

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70 JO JOHNSON, CMC, CITY CLERK

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72 Fiscal Note: \$20,000 from HART, Trails Fund, Acct. No. 165-375.

