# Parks & Recreation Advisory Commission

Thursday May 16, 2013 REGULAR MEETING 5:30 p.m.



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

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MAY 16, 2013 THURSDAY, 5:30 PM COWLES COUNCIL CHAMBERS

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# PARKS AND RECREATION ADVISORY COMMISSION REGULAR MEETING APRIL 18, 2013

**UNAPPROVED** 

Session 13-04 a Regular Meeting of the Parks and Recreation Advisory Commission was called to order on April 18, 2013 at 5:39 pm by Chair Bumppo Bremicker at the Homer City Hall Cowles Council Chambers located at 491 E. Pioneer Avenue, Homer, Alaska.

PRESENT:

COMMISSIONERS LILLIBRIDGE, BELL, LOWNEY, BREMICKER, BRANN

TELEPHONIC:

COMMISSIONER ARCHIBALD

STAFF:

ANGIE OTTESON, PARKS MAINTENANCE/COORDINATOR

RENEE KRAUSE, DEPUTY CITY CLERK

Commissioner Lillibridge arrived at 7:00 p.m.

#### APPROVAL OF THE AGENDA

Chair Bremicker requested a motion to approve the agenda.

BRANN/BELL - SO MOVED.

There was no discussion.

The agenda was approved by consensus of the Commission.

**APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES** (Minutes are approved during regular meetings only)

A. Meeting Minutes for the regular meeting on March 21, 2013

Chair Bremicker requested approval of the minutes.

BRANN/BELL - SO MOVED.

There was no discussion.

The minutes were approved by consensus of the Commission.

#### PUBLIC COMMENTS REGARDING ITEMS ON THE AGENDA

Larry Slone, city resident, commented on the Resolution 13-040, which addressed termination on the development of the trail along the bay there; Mr. Slone reported that he had the opportunity to walk the proposed Mud Bay Trail and opined that any development would be a "crime against nature." He commented on development of the trail to the minimum necessary to make the trail safe for foot traffic. He believed any additional development would ruin the quiet, peaceful, serene ambiance that walking that trail provides. To have runners or bicyclists going by would ruin everything. He requested the commission to resubmit it within those perimeters.

Lynn Burt, member of the Kachemak Drive Path Committee, and city resident, recited the previous actions of the committee regarding development of the Mud Bay Trail. She stated that if she had been present at those meetings she may have voted along with the members but had to agree with Mr. Slone that it was a beautiful little trail and upgrading it to a level three would spoil it completely; change it and not serve the purpose of providing safety for bicyclists along Kachemak Drive and that have to keep working on that and get the warning signage installed. Ms. Burt also supported the dedication of a ballfield for Paula Setterquist.

Beth Cumming, city resident, member of the Kachemak Drive path committee, commented on the focus of the committee should be on the proposed path known as Mud Bay Trail until the costs are determined; that the next meeting of the committee was going to be held walking the trail; each members view or impression of the trail; she continued on providing some background information on the proposed path that was to be surveyed; the comments of the Mayor at the worksession regarding

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the survey did not follow the Resolution that approved the funding; she did not want things to come up that would be stumbling blocks; she did know if this should be dropped or have further discussion at a council meeting. Chair Bremicker interrupted Ms. Cumming that she was at her 3 minute time limit and she needed to wrap it up. Ms. Cumming stated she would continue her comments at the end of the meeting. She encouraged the committee to concentrate on the first quarter mile of the proposed pathway because it was doable.

Clarification was made by the Chair when the public should comment.

Ken Landfield, commented in support of dedicating and naming a ballfield for Paula Setterquist. He read a letter from Sherry and Bill Beckler (sp) in support of the naming and dedication. They cited many years of effort volunteering and supporting the sport over several years. He requested clarification that all fields are named at Karen Hornaday Park.

Chair Bremicker requested clarification that Jack Gist Park is where they play softball. It was reported that softball is played at both parks.

Nyla Lightcap, resident, grew up playing ball and close friends with Paula's daughter Channing. She remembered Paula Setterquist in everything that involved softball. She noted that this would be a great gesture in her memory.

Darlene Walkden, in 2001, she stated that Paula was a main force behind starting the sport in High School. This was a long and hard struggle and Paula was instrumental in getting this sport recognized and accepted activity at the High School level. The program is representative of Paula's hard work and perseverance. She encouraged the commission to take this to heart. Paula was an inspiration to the girls on the team.

Sydney Paulino, current Junior at Homer High School, she just got off practice and apologized for her appearance. She recounted a visit to a game made by Paula when she was very ill. She stated that the dedication would really mean a lot to the girls.

Carole Hamik, former commissioner, during the time they did not have a venue for doing something like this, a memorial Paula Setterquist Ballfield. This would mean so much to the family, they are lost without her. She noted that a memorial service later this spring will be held and it would be great to have the dedication at the same time. She recounted that Paula has helped so many kids in this community and it would be really great to have this done.

Victoria Steik, Paula was her best friend and neighbor and all of them wanted to find the most appropriate way to honor her memory. She noted that Paula did not want a big brouhaha but something like this would be accepted since she was so supportive of softball and so involved.

Roberta Copeland-McKinney, friend of Paula for many years, Paula was a just a great human being for the girls and all the kids around her; she loved the sport. She really supported this dedication and believed it was a great encouragement and should be recognized. Paula also helped with the Library too.

Chair Bremicker thanked everyone for coming in and providing testimony.

There were no further public comments.

#### RECONSIDERATION

There were no items for reconsideration.

#### **VISITORS**

A. Mr. Brad Hughes, Compass Arts, Proposed Art Installation at Karen Hornaday Park, Whale & Squid

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Mr. Hughes provided a proposal packet on a new playground play-form entitled Squid versus Whale. He proposed the idea to the HoPP group last year but the time frame was not right for the project. He cited his previous work and described the process he uses to create the various artwork/structures. Mr. Hughes stated that he will be submitting a proposal for the Spit Trail RFP and included drafts or benches that he will be submitting for that project. Mr. Hughes would like to propose this project to be placed at the park or where the commission feels it may be appropriate; funding would be another discussion; but he was seeking a recommendation of support from the commission.

Mr. Hughes entertained questions from the commission regarding timeline to construct, responding that he would require approximately 8 weeks; Mr. Hughes provided further details on the art sculpture and the design process of the play form. He responded to a few questions regarding the continued contact with HoPP, and if volunteers could be used to construct the piece. Mr. Hughes expressed support for naming a ballfield after Paula Setterquist.

B. Sue Wohlgemuth, Dedication of a Ballfield to Paula Setterquist

Sue Wohlgemuth, cited many additional achievements and volunteers efforts, and if the cost of a plaque would be prohibitive they are sure that funds could be raised to pay for it.

C. Larry Slone, Recognition of Donation Made by Mae Harrington

Mr. Slone was bringing forth a request to make this recommendation by Laura Lofgren; he recited the origination and a bit of history on Mae Harrington and the land. He noted that her family was very active in developing the community, Pioneer Cemetery and the roads; she was the postmistress in the 1930's; the land where the HERC building was also donated by her family.

Mae Harrington appreciated the natural beauty of the area and wanted to preserve that for the future; she provided the land for the fair containing the same stipulation for continued recreational use. The physical characteristics of life back then to now have certainly changed. The one thing that has not changed in the 75 or more years is human nature. Mr. Slone stated that Mae Harrington has shared with you a sense of commitment to the community, a sense of obligation and willingness to provide of her own time, her own efforts and even her own assets to make this place a better place to live. Mae Harrington was dedicated to the human spirit; she catered to the mind and the spirit of the individuals of Homer. Mr. Slone reported that Mae Harrington wanted future generations to live, thrive and prosper here.

Mr. Slone commented, "Anyone who has roasted a hotdog over a flickering fire on a soft summer night; anyone who has played softball on a brisk and windy autumn day; any child who has slid screaming with pleasure down one of the slides in the playground can trace part of their experience to a gift from Mae Harrington who gave from the heart.

He was seeking a modest plaque that may read, "In honor of Mae Harrington, Homer Homesteader who in 1953 generously contributed this property for the recreational benefit of future users."

Commissioner Lowney inquired if there was a preference on placement of a plaque. Mr. Slone stated that it should be a more viewable areas and with a preference to the playground. Mr. Slone then responded to questions regarding the gathering of information he had presented to the commission. He then stated that the park was supposed to be named after Mae Harrington but for reasons unknown this was never done. He commented that this would be an opportunity to correct that oversight.

Chair Bremicker agreed with Commissioner Archibald that it was a great idea and quite coincidental that it was brought forward at the same time as the Ballfield request.

#### STAFF & COUNCIL/COMMITTEE REPORTS/ AND BOROUGH REPORTS

A. Community Recreation - Mike Illg

Mr. Illg was unable to attend the meeting and provided no written report for the commission.

B. Staff Report - Julie Engebretsen, Planning Technician/GIS

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Ms. Engebretsen was unable to attend the meeting due to a Planning Conference in Chicago. She provided no report for the commission for this meeting.

#### C. Parks Maintenance - Angie Otteson

Ms. Otteson provided an update on the status of the following:

- Conversation with Miranda Weiss HoPP does not have any funding and not sure where there would be room for it.
- Even if Brad Hughes wanted to donate the sculpture it would have to go through the Public Arts Committee.
- the commission should not be expending funds for food for the Church on the Rock Clean-up on May  $4^{th}$  as this clean-up is through the Adopt a Park program. That is not what the funds are for especially if a group has decided to adopt a park.
  - a. Commissioner Lowney expressed that Miranda with HoPP will be bringing a crew to clean up the playground and she requested the funding to feed that group.

Ms. Otteson responded that if they start feeding the volunteers and especially groups that adopt the parks they would have to do that for all groups and the commission doesn't have those funds.

She responded that the Bartlett Park restrooms will be opened in May. The Shelter on the Pier One lot will be coming down shortly. This building really does not have much salvage value with possible exception of the metal roof. She noted that she is working with the Harbormaster to get the campground re-organized; there is a need for more gravel. She reminded them that it is still the Port's property and as much as they would like open space recreation they still have to work with the harbor making revenue with the property. She noted that the fees collected for all camping goes to the general fund. She did state that it is still her intent on getting the gazebo relocated to the other side of the park.

#### D. Kachemak Drive Path Committee Report - Dave Brann

Chair Bremicker introduced the item for the record.

Commissioner Brann reported on the Council worksession on the Kachemak Drive Path. He reported that in receipt of the information regarding the expense the Committee decided to focus its efforts on what is referred to as the Mud Bay Trail and would like to upgrade that to a level three trail but before they could do anything they should get permission from Walt Wrede or City Council; they worked through those processes; at the worksession it seems that this project has had a variety of miscommunication for whatever reason; and at this point, by this proposed resolution they received as a laydown it would seem there is no support for that project; it may be up to a neighborhood group such as HoPP to take the project on, there seems to be support for a Kachemak Drive Path; it will be up to City Council if there is going to be project.

Chair Bremicker stated that he wanted to make it clear this is a resolution proposed by the Mayor and not necessarily what the City Council is going to do will approve. Chair Bremicker stated that Mayor Wythe definitely expressed concern on how the survey was done which the committee did as well. He questioned what was exactly supposed to be done. Chair Bremicker commented on the laydown of Resolution 13-040 that will be introduced at the Council meeting on Monday, April 22, 2013. He wished there was a committee meeting before that just to be able to hash this out more. He stated that it has to come to us anyway at some point to deal with; he believes that a committee is the best way to hash something out then bring it to the commission. He knows this is just the report and they have it on the agenda to talk about later.

Commissioner Brann reported that the survey received and the estimates for doing that trail came to about \$360,000 or something like that that was some if the concern expressed by council and it is questionable that the trail could go there and Councilmember Lewis did request him to come up with a cost estimate if he could do it using volunteers to do most of the work on the Mud Bay Trail. A lot of the things in the engineers report he could see doing totally different such as bridges instead of culverts.

Chair Bremicker stated again it was on the agenda but it is good to have a report on what happened the other night.

Commissioner Archibald commented that it will be one of those decisions but he could agree with a footpath but did not see bicyclists down there. Chair Bremicker appreciated hearing from Robert but stated that could be saved until later on the agenda not at this time.

F. Karen Hornaday Park Committee - Robert Archibald

Chair Bremicker introduced the item for the record and asked Commissioners Lowney and Archibald for their report.

Commissioner Archibald deferred the committee report to Commissioner Lowney.

Commissioner Lowney stated that most of the meeting focused around the park Clean-up Day planned for May 4th by the Church on the Rock who has adopted the park. Concern was expressed that there was no leader for the group of volunteers scheduled to clean the park and the Church has sent out a request to one of their members. The main need is leadership on the clean-up day since there may be close to 100 volunteers to assist in directing the volunteers.

The committee discussed the following:

- roofing the restrooms with volunteer labor if the city will provide the needed materials.
- The amount of leftover supplies of paint is available to paint the restrooms
- develop a punch list/wish list for the park
- Clear trail along Fairview Avenue on May 4th
- HoPP will be participating in clean-up day requested assistance in providing food
- Installation of new playground equipment is still pending, require footprint of pavilion to determine the area available for the proposed new equipment.
- Discussed Little League issues such as the clean-up and removal of various items such as concrete and fencing
- There are issues regarding communication within the various groups. There are many open ended issues that require closure.
- the youth court group will be working out of Bishops Beach since the timing is not right with all the snow still up in the park.
- The proposed rock/concrete bench around the proposed fire pit may be funded through donations or grants more later on that progress.

There was a brief discussion on the need for leaders on May 4<sup>th</sup> to direct the volunteers in order to get as much as possible accomplished as possible. Commissioner Lowney was not going to be available and Phil Needham will be focused on getting things ready for Little League. Commissioner Brann would be available in the morning hours but had a prior commitment 1:00 - 3:00 pm

Commissioner Archibald wanted to report on his meeting with the Little League regarding the wire fencing and if the snack shack is fixed then the storage shed which is actually on a trailer frame with no tires could go away. They agreed that the fencing proposes a safety hazard and should be removed; the gates could be removed and repurposed somewhere else in the park. He stated that regarding the storage shed was actually an old refrigerated trailer which could be relocated closer to the two ballfields. There was a question regarding who will provide the needed equipment to remove these items.

#### **PUBLIC HEARING**

There were no items for public hearing.

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#### **PENDING BUSINESS**

- A. Kachemak Drive Non-Motorized Trail/Mud Bay Trail
  - 1. Survey and Cost Estimates Alternate Kachemak Drive Non-Motorized Trail
  - 2. Recommendation from Committee to Improve Mud Bay Trail

Chair Bremicker read the title into the record. He opened discussion by commenting on the engineers cost estimate included in the packet. He commented on the proposed trail as depicted in the included aerial photograph.

Commissioner Lillibridge arrived at 7:00 p.m.

Chair Bremicker commented that they were aware of what happened Monday. He stated that it was a bit confusing. He noted that he has not seen numbers on this but Carey Meyer reported it would cost \$100,000 to do the little "Y" section of the trail. Commissioner Lillibridge requested some clarification on the location of the Y portion. Chair Bremicker then proceeded to detail the proposed path and that it would be part of the survey. Mr. Meyer surveyed the Mud Bay Trail; that apparently has been roughed out by unsupervised volunteer effort; Chair Bremicker stated he hasn't been out there in a while. Now we have a resolution 13-040 proposed to be dealt with Monday night, the Mayor expressed concern that the survey did not address what it was supposed to do; the Committee passed a "resolution" that supported the upgrading the Mud Bay Trail for recreational bicyclists and pedestrians. I think we recognized all along that it is not the best site for commuter bicyclists and we are looking for a safer route that was a straight shot up that hill.

Chair Bremicker then stated that they approved the "resolution". He noted that there has been some misunderstanding.

Commissioner Lillibridge requested clarification on removing any trail along the road. Chair Bremicker responded on the point the committee decided to approve the Mud Bay Trial then at some later time working on a solution at a later time. The committee hasn't given up that idea. The committee agreed to have the trail at the toe of the bluff.

Commissioner Brann related that the council related their understanding that the trail was to be surveyed up the hill along that road, but the committee wanted the survey done at the "Y" to have the trail avoid the hill that is where the confusion starts; the survey was done along Mud Bay Trail. The concern was that they did not approve surveying an alternate, they approved going up the hill.

Commissioner Lowney asked where the commission was at or what the committee wanted the commission to do. She stated that the resolution seems to dissolve everything.

Chair Bremicker again stated he wished there was time for the committee to meet. He further stated that the Mayor from the beginning did not see the need for this.

Commissioner Lillibridge reworded the intent of the resolution 13-040. She opined that over two years of efforts have been expended and nothing seems to be acceptable; she inquired if a traffic count was ever done. To her it appears that a survey was done all the money was spent and now it's too expensive to be done.

Chair Bremicker commented on the counting of cars but not people and bikes. He related his experience living along Kachemak Drive in relation to counting. The committee did have a public hearing and they did get a lot of responses but it is hard to define how many would use it.

Commissioner Brann related his knowledge of a count was scheduled last summer and was not done so maybe this summer. He commented on the last Therefore stating that all work is completed if this is approved.

Commissioner Lillibridge opined that it was no different that the Coastal Trail in Anchorage and all the battles that were occurred by developing that trail. She stated that ending a whole project just because it is too expensive, she said is that what they want to do?

Chair Bremicker stated he was speaking for himself, regarding the approach going up the hill costing \$100,000 well he figured that was money well spent. He commented on the Mud Bay Trail just being an official city trail and be proud of their work. However, this does not represent the best way to get around that hillside, we have had other people look at that hillside who have experience with road building and trail building and said it could be done. Nothing against Carey, cause he's a great guy and knowledgeable, but he said it wasn't worth looking at. Chair Bremicker stated he doesn't know about trail building or road building. So if they can build a road and it costs \$100,000, well, they can build it... and City Council, the Mayor and Barbara Howard, well those two are particularly concerned about money, but there is a specific fund for building trails. They also asked if there are any plans for this trail. Chair Bremicker stated that this has been a long time on their goals. He noted that this is the only trail in the city's planning manuals; he reported that he heard Mayor Wythe state that there are other trails to fund but there are no others in the plans that he knows of.

Commissioner Lowney stated that would be a good point to make, she stated it could be addressed at the meeting; she stated that this reminds her of the issues with the HERC building or Parks and Rec Department and that unless they get a huge outcry from the people that want the bike trail on Monday. This will pass. Maybe we could ask to have this postponed until October or November or longer and then they could use traffic reports to support the trail.

Commissioner Brann brought up that if Council passes the resolution disbanding the committee then can the commission get the Mud Bay Trail upgraded to a level one with volunteers; if they do not approve volunteers working on that trail nothing will get done this summer and without permission he will not be doing anything on it.

Commissioner Lillibridge was upset that Council did not want a commission that works for them; that they do not appreciate the time and efforts expended by the commission.

LILLIBRIDGE/BRANN - MOVED TO SUBMIT A RECOMMENDATION THAT THE PARKS AND RECREATION ADVISORY COMMISSION DOES NOT SUPPORT RESOLUTION 13-040.

Commissioner Bell pointed out that Council can provide direction to the commission but it should be clear that without this component then there is no Kachemak Drive Path. If that is the intention then okay, but it should be made clear; this portion or the whole project. He noted that concern was expressed that they did not want to upgrade the Mud Bay Trail, that it would ruin that area. Commissioner Archibald commented that the direction should be directed back to the road. If they want to disband the committee but what does that mean about the rest of the project. He cited that it has been expressed that a path is desired, but who knows what the future brings for this road and he believed that this road would not stay as narrow in the future. He acknowledged that it was very distressing to have the door slammed in the face of the committee. Chair Bremicker agreed that it was distressing and remarked that his son stated no road should be built without sidewalks or a pathway beside it; council should be told this too; he next related a personal experience riding at a high rate of speed along Kachemak Drive. He next cited all the increasing traffic and large vehicles and vessels traveling along that road which makes traveling along and the bikes and pedestrians, and not doing nothing unacceptable.

Further discussion on rewording the recommendation in a positive manner being more helpful to the Commission and the Council ensued including review of the recommendation from the committee. She would like stay in a positive light.

Ms. Krause at this time tried to direct the commission to the history of creating the committee, what the committee recommended and what the commission supported and the misunderstanding that ensued and what has been approved and supported by Council regarding the creation of a path and addressing the safety issues; and that the proposed resolution cites why they want work to be discontinued and that approaching the Council harshly would have the opposite results they are seeking.

Chair Bremicker stated that it was never along the road he knows that, it never was, it went along the beach and cut up the road. He can understand the confusion. The resolution just states the first half mile and what Carey Meyer proposed fits that direction. This is not what he thought it would be or what the Mayor thought it would be but it fits the direction in that resolution.

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He stated that he did not believe that the committee was upset with Council, they haven't voted on it yet and it will be discussed at the meeting on Monday.

Ms. Krause noted that since it was under the consent agenda unless it was pulled by a Council member then there would be no discussion. Chair Bremicker responded that they still would be able to comment before the meeting under Public Comments. He did not believe that it was wrong to say they disagree and that it was their job as commissioners to say what they want that the Commission and committee would like the opportunity to come up with a pedestrian and bicycle path that would meet the description outlined in the city plans.

Commissioner Brann opined there is no criteria but it describes a path that there is a need to improve pedestrian and bicyclists safety issues as outlined in the Non-motorized trails and transportation plan and maybe that if they reword the recommendation in a more positive manner expressing the need for a path and asking to be allowed to a work towards that goal, but he did not want to fight the City Council. Chair Bremicker agreed but also believed that if there are concerns they have a responsibility to report that and if they say no, okay. Commissioner Bell stated there are plenty of projects to work on and if Council can provide preferred projects x, y, and z then great.

Commissioner Lowney commented on voting down the motion on the floor and regarding a more positive motion that allows the Commission to still address the need. Commissioner Lillibridge did not feel that Council has allowed the commission time to digest the content and recommended that they submit a recommendation to postpone a vote and allow the Commission to work with Council on a proposed trail along Kachemak Drive. She agreed that it was not the best direction to attack council but she did not like the idea that Council is throwing away all the work that has been done. She felt it was important that Council realize how much work and time has been expended. This would allow them the time to determine the best possible way to get this trail constructed.

The motion was withdrawn by the maker and second.

Commissioner Archibald wanted the statement to include that the research that has been developed has enlightened those parties involved on the difficulty that constructing a path along Kachemak Drive presents. He proposed that they needed to include the issues regarding the private property owners too. Chair Bremicker noted it was good to hear from him too.

Commissioner Lillibridge suggested a lengthy recommendation. Ms. Krause noted that it was very wordy and needed some refinement. Chair Bremicker requested a 5 minute recess to allow the Clerk to wordsmith the recommendation from Commissioner Lillibridge. Chair Bremicker reconvened the meeting. Ms. Krause was unable to come up with a succinct recommendation for the commission.

Following several more minutes of discussion the following motion was made:

BRANN/LOWNEY - MOVED TO AGREE TO DISBAND THE KACHEMAK DRIVE PATH COMMITTEE WITH A REQUEST THAT THE CITY COUNCIL ALLOW THE PARKS AND RECREATION ADVISORY COMMISSION TO ADDRESS ITEMS AS NOTED IN THE NON-MOTORIZED TRAILS AND TRANSPORTION PLAN

There was no further discussion.

VOTE. YES. LOWNEY, BELL, BRANN, ARCHIBALD, BREMICKER VOTE. NO. LILLIBRIDGE

Motion carried.

B. Warning Signage for Bicyclists on Kachemak Drive

Chair Bremicker read the title into the record and asked if anyone had information on this item.

Ms. Krause provided an update on the progress of Ms. Harness-Foster in the Planning Department, who was tasked with submitting a permit to install the signs. Ms. Harness-Foster also received an estimate of costs from a vendor in Anchorage. Ms. Krause reported that as far as everything looked it was progressing along fine and looked to getting approved. She would keep the commissioners updated.

Commissioner Bell questioned if the proposed resolution would prevent them from having a discussion such as the signage; it pointed out that this was part of that project and the original resolution approved by council. So are they going to be allowed to discuss aspects of a project or nothing at all since that is how they work as a commission through discussions? Chair Bremicker noted that was a good question.

Commissioner Brann reported he has obtained funding for the signs and inquired about installation once approved. Ms. Krause confirmed that Public Works Parks Maintenance personnel will be able to install the signs when everything is approved and ready.

Commissioner Archibald inquired if there was a discussion on installation of additional speed limit signage since there was only one at each end and maybe one in the middle that he could recall. It was noted that this had not come up but could be requested.

There was a brief discussion and related experiences of traffic traveling at high speeds along the roadway.

Commissioner Lowney suggested the following motion:

LOWNEY/LILLIBRIDGE - MOVED TO REQUEST CITY ADMINISTRATION FORWARD A REQUEST TO THE HOMER CITY POLICE TO PROVIDE OCCASIONAL MONITORING AND INSTALLATION OF TEMPORARY SPEED INDICATORS ALONG KACHEMAK DRIVE TO REMIND DRIVERS OF THE SPEED LIMIT.

There was no further discussion.

VOTE. YES. NON-OBJECTION. UNANIMOUS CONSENT.

Motion carried.

C. Storage and Snack Shack for Little League at Karen Hornaday Park

Commissioner Archibald reported the discussions held during his meeting with staff and Kathy Beach, President, Little League and discussed recommendations on the snack shack and storage building that is used by the Little League.

Commissioner Lowney opined that before anything else it was very important that the City have an agreement as she believed that was part of the problem determining who was responsible for what. There was a brief discussion and the following motion resulted.

LOWNEY/LILLIBRIDGE - MOVED TO SUBMIT A RECOMMENDATION TO STRONGLY ENCOURAGE CITY ADMINISTRATION ENTER INTO A MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING WITH LITTLE LEAGUE TO COVER THE FIELD USE, BUILDING, UTLITIES, AND MAINTENANCE THEREOF AND TO DETERMINE RESPONSIBILITY OF OUTSTANDING ISSUES IN THE MOST EXPEDIENT MANNER POSSIBLE BEFORE THE NEXT SEASON STARTED.

There was a brief discussion.

VOTE. YES. NON-OBJECTION. UNANIMOUS CONSENT.

Motion carried.

Commissioner Archibald brought up the entrance gates to the park and noted that a recommendation was needed regarding the removal and repurposing of the gates.

LOWNEY/ARCHIBALD - MOVED TO RECOMMEND THE ENTRANCE GATES BE REMOVED AND RELOCATED TO A MORE SUITABLE LOCATION WITHIN THE PARK.

There was no discussion.

The motion was approved by consensus of the Commission.

PARKS AND RECREATION ADVISORY COMMISSION REGULAR MEETING APRIL 18, 2013

#### **NEW BUSINESS**

A. Request to Dedicate a Ballfield at Jack Gist Park

Chair Bremicker read the title into the record and commented that he was very supportive of the request to dedicate a ballfield to Paula Setterquist.

BRANN/LOWNEY - MOVED TO APPROVE THE REQUEST TO DEDICATE A BALLFIELD AT JACK GIST PARK AND SCHEDULE A PUBLIC HEARING AT THE NEXT REGULAR MEETING OF THE COMMISSION.

There was a brief discussion on the dedication being a great thing to do.

The motion was approved by consensus of the commission.

B. Request to Recognize original Donation of Land by Mae Harrington

Chair Bremicker read the title into the record and commented that he was not aware of all the things that Mae Harrington had done and this request like the one for the ballfield was great idea and felt it would definitely provide an example of what doing good works for the community means.

BRANN/ARCHIBALD - MOVED TO APPROVE THE REQUEST TO RECOGNIZE THE ORIGINAL DONATION OF LAND BY MAE HARRINGTON TO THE CITY OF HOMER AND HOLD A PUBLIC HEARING AT THE NEXT REGULAR MEETING.

There was a brief discussion on location of the plaque.

The motion was approved by consensus of the commission.

C. Request for a Maritime Sculpture to be Installed at Karen Hornaday Park

Chair Bremicker read the title into the record and asked what the commission wanted to do on this.

After a lengthy discussion the commission decided to support the recommendation from staff to forward the issue to the Public Arts Committee for recommendation.

ARCHIBALD/BRANN - MOVED TO FORWARD TO THE PUBLIC ART COMMITTEE FOR RECOMMENDATION.

Discussion on the appropriateness of the proposed art piece for Karen Hornaday Park, the recommendation and/or preferences from HoPP, and how involved does the commission become with artists and vetting their proposals ensued.

VOTE. YES. LOWNEY, BRANN, ARCHIBALD, BELL, BREMICKER VOTE. NO. LILLIBRIDGE

Motion carried.

Commissioner Lillibridge explained her no vote by stating that she did not feel that this fell within their responsibility and the commission should just inform Mr. Hughes to take his proposal before the Public Arts Committee.

D. Request to Approve a Donation for the New Trails Map and Bar-B-que for the May 4, 2013 Clean-up party at Karen Hornaday Park

Chair Bremicker read the title into the record.

Commissioner Lowney stated that she was asked by Miranda Weiss from HoPP, who will be having a workgroup there also on the same day as the Church on the Rock, for some assistance with food.

Ms. Krause provided a brief summary of the remaining funds for the commission and clarified that the additional \$1000 provided by council was towards the uniform signage. Council only approved \$2000 for the commission.

Commissioner Lowney pulled her request to provide funds for a bar-b-que, however she did feel that the commission should provide some funding towards the new trails map that would benefit the goals of the commission and was one of the items on the list of things to do. Commissioner Lowney further stated that Mike Illg was doing a great job pulling together all manner of people to produce this new map and the commission should at least contribute to the cost of printing.

There was a brief discussion on the brochure and the efforts of Mike Illg in organizing the people and getting this done.

LOWNEY/BELL - REQUEST THE COMMISSION AUTHORIZE EXPENDITURE OF \$100.00 FOR THE NEW TRAILS MAP FROM THE PARKS AND RECREATION FUNDS.

There was no further discussion.

The motion was approved by consensus of the commission.

#### **INFORMATIONAL MATERIALS**

- A. Commissioner Attendance at Council Meetings 2013
- B. Commission Annual Calendar 2013
- C. Strategic Plan 2013
- D. Notification of Award Land and Water Conservation Fund Re: Karen Hornaday Park
- E. Memorandum 13-XX Mayor Wythe and City Council re: Recommendations for the 2013 Land Allocation Plan

There was no discussion on the informational materials.

#### **COMMENTS OF THE AUDIENCE**

Lindianne Sarno member of the Kachemak Drive Path Committee commented on the possible disbanding of the Kachemak Drive Path Committee, she said that the commissioners should not feel bad about disbanding this committee; she stated that she believes the chemistry is not working at this point; that there has been a huge body of work completed. Ms. Sarno expressed concern for that work to be respected, preserved and held onto and does not want to lose that body of work and doesn't want to lost that work; but she felt it time for it to be passed to the public. The public will need to form a neighborhood association or something similar. Everyone will be dealing with shrinking budgets and this is just one example of that; she feels that they need to continue expressing positive thoughts on the benefits that a path would provide. They need to find a way forward.

Larry Slone had a question on the request for Mae Harrington clarification on further discussion; requested clarification on funds in the HART for trails; he added his opinion on what the resolution 13-040 would allow the commission to continue discussion on the project and suggested that they keep the project on the priority list for funding. He believed that if the project to redo Kachemak Drive were funded it would be the perfect time to request that pathway to be done.

Beth Cumming, she almost would appreciate disbanding the committee; it has been coming for a long time and if Dave wanted to work on that trail then to call her.

#### COMMENTS OF THE CITY STAFF

Ms. Krause said she would see if she could locate that hug for Commissioner Lowney.

#### **COMMENTS OF THE COUNCILMEMBER** (If one is assigned)

PARKS AND RECREATION ADVISORY COMMISSION REGULAR MEETING APRIL 18, 2013

There was no councilmember present.

#### COMMENTS OF THE CHAIR

Chair Bremicker stated he gets a little frustrated and tries not to hold any grudges we may have differences of opinion but that is the way the world works sometimes, but he doesn't hold any grudges against anyone.

#### COMMENTS FROM THE COMMISSIONERS

Commissioner Lowney requested clarification on the spring park walk through; she stated that she appreciated the comments from Ms. Sarno and also the efforts of Ms. Krause to try to help them work through different processes. She expressed concern regarding the negative comments from commissioners not feel that their efforts were appreciated. They need to get beyond that and start working on the positive. Tonight was not the first time either. She believes that starts to grate on people and believed that maybe that they a need to schedule a lunch with Council and staff and she believes that they need to deal with the underlying current/tone wears you down. She believes that they are in need of a big hug.

Commissioner Bell thanked everyone and stated it was a good meeting.

Commissioner Brann appreciates everyone's hard work and it is hard work; agreed that it was a good meeting.

Commissioner Archibald it is a volunteer effort, time consuming, thought provoking and we can go home and say well that day is over and get on to the next one.

#### **ADJOURNMENT**

There being no further business to come before the Commission Chair Bremicker adjourned the meeting at 9:28 p.m. The next Regular Meeting is scheduled for May 16, 2013 at 5:30 pm at City Hall Cowles Council Chambers 491 E. Pioneer Avenue, Homer, Alaska.

| Renee Krause, | CMC, | Deputy City Clerk | ı |
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| Approved:     |      |                   |   |



# City of Homer Planning & Zoning

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To:

Parks and Recreation Advisory Commission

From:

Julie Engebretsen, Planning Technician

Date:

May 2, 2013

Subject: May Staff Report

• Wow! The last meeting was 4 hours! And the one before, not a lot shorter! I know there have been some contentious and time consuming issues lately. One initial thing we could try is to get through the beginning of the agenda, all the way through staff reports, in the first 30 minutes of the meeting. Angie, Mike and I have already discussed providing written staff reports as much as possible, so the information is available to you ahead of time. Staff is there to answer brief questions on the report. It also may help to take a break for a few minutes after an hour or two. I found a great quote "Meetings should not be held to report things, but to do things."

- Katie Koester continues to work on the full grant application for the Land and Water Conservation Fund grant. We expect to have the funding in place for the 2014 construction season.
- Commissioner Lowney had asked Deputy Clerk Krause to provide information on the Commission's budget. I spoke with Acting Finance Director Laurie Moore, who reported the Commission has a balance of \$1815.97. Subtracting the \$100 the Commission approved for the trails map at the last meeting, the balance is \$1715.97 as of mid-April. The published city budget states: "This account was created for the Parks & Rec Commission to use in part for Park Day and frugally as needed for other related needs."

For the 2013 budget, the Commission specifically requested an additional \$1,000 per year, for Park day and Commission activities including \$ for volunteer activities, adopt a park, park hosts, etc.

Other upcoming expenses may include purchasing the plaques requested at Jack Gist Park and Karen Hornaday Park, Park Day, any other Commission activities, and funds to assist with adopt park activities.

- Don't forget the Park Walkthrough scheduled for 1 pm on Wednesday, May 22<sup>nd</sup>, meeting at City Hall. I have arranged to use the City car, so up to 4 commissioners, Maybe 5 if you squeeze, can ride with me.
- I attended the Council work session about the HERC building on April 22<sup>nd</sup>. There are two main things that are happening; Council/Administration will try to find out what demolition would cost. Not because that is a goal, but in an effort to have more complete information about all the options. The other item was the Boys and Girls Club expressed interest in a recreational service area, and a citizens group to explore and promote getting that on the ballot this fall. I think there

was consensus on the Council that without an additional revenue stream, the City would not be able to operate and maintain any facility, whether a new building or old. Council is not looking to raise property or sales tax rates to fund the facility. There was also discussion of boys and Girls Club using a Borough School District for their programs, but it was unclear to me how likely that was in Homer.

• Karen Hornaday Park Day Use area/pavilion engineering, and also estimates for drainage, moving the road, etc. As of the writing of this report, I have not received word on their progress. I hope to have an update at the meeting. I have placed them on the agenda so the plans can be discussed if they are available. If not, I believe the KH Park Committee has a meeting scheduled in early June, and I would hope information would be available well in advance.

## **PUBLIC NOTICE**

Public notice is hereby given that the City of Homer will hold a public hearing by the Parks and Recreation Advisory Commission on Thursday, May 16, 2013 at 5:30 p.m. at Homer City Hall, 491 East Pioneer Avenue, Homer, Alaska on the following matters:

### Request to Dedicate a Ballfield at Jack Gist Park and a Request to Recognize the Donation of Land

Anyone wishing to present testimony concerning these matters may do so at the meeting or by submitting a written statement to the Parks and Recreation Advisory Commission, 491 East Pioneer Avenue, Homer, Alaska 99603, by 4:00 p.m. on the day of the meeting.

For additional information, please contact Renee Krause in the City Clerk's Office at 235-8121, ext. 2224.

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#### PLEASE PUBLISH ONCE

ACCOUNT 100.101.5227

#### **CLERK'S AFFIDAVIT OF POSTING**

I, Renee Krause, Deputy City Clerk I for the City of Homer, Alaska, do hereby certify that a copy of the Public Hearing Notice for the Request to Dedicate A Ballfield at Jack Gist Park and A Request to Recognize a Donation of Land was distributed to the City of Homer kiosks located at City Clerk's Office, Captain's Coffee Roasting Co., Harbormaster's Office and Redden Marine aka The Gear Shed on April 26, 2013 and that the City Clerk posted same on City of Homer Homepage on April 23, 2013.

IN TESTIMONY WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and seal of said City of Homer this 23<sup>rd</sup> day of April, 2013.

Renee Krause, Deputy City Clerk I





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## Memorandum

TO:

PARKS AND RECREATION ADVISORY COMMISSION

FROM:

RENEE KRAUSE, CMC, DEPUTY CITY CLERK I

DATE:

**APRIL 23, 2013** 

SUBJECT:

DISSOLVING THE KACHEMAK DRIVE PATH COMMITTEE

#### **BACKGOUND**

This item was on the December 2012 agenda and was postponed until February to allow Chair Bremicker to comment. At the regular meeting on February 21, 2013 under Pending Business Item A. b. Survey Update on the First ½ Mile after Mr. Meyer provided information the following was determined, "Further discussion by the commission resulted in the Commissioners agreeing by consensus to waiting until actual survey and reports are in hand for further discussion or action."

During the April 18, 2023 regular meeting the commission was presented with the Resolution 13-040, Directing the City Administration to Terminate All Survey, Design, and Cost Estimating Work on the Kachemak Drive Pathway and further directing the City administration and the Parks and Recreation Advisory Commission and its subcommittee, the Kachemak Drive Path Committee to discontinue all work on this project and to expend no further funds on it. The commission had a detailed and lengthy debate on how best to respond to the Resolution. The commission finally agreed to forward a memorandum to Council with the following motion:

BRANN/LOWNEY - MOVED TO AGREE TO DISBAND THE KACHEMAK DRIVE PATH COMMITTEE WITH A REQUEST THAT THE CITY COUNCIL ALLOW THE PARKS AND RECREATION ADVISORY COMMISSION TO ADDRESS ITEMS AS NOTED IN THE NON-MOTORIZED TRAILS AND TRANSPORTION PLAN

There was no further discussion.

VOTE. YES. LOWNEY, BELL, BRANN, ARCHIBALD, BREMICKER VOTE. NO. LILLIBRIDGE

Motion carried.

Subsequently at the April 22, 2013 Council meeting, a majority of the members of the committee stated they have resigned and a neighborhood association or Group was formed to continue the planning and design of the proposed pathway or trail. Consequently Council postponed action on Resolution 13-040 until September 2013.

#### **RECOMMENDATION:**

Make a motion to dissolve the Kachemak Drive Path Committee finding they have completed the tasked appointed them by the commission and thanking the members for their service.



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# Memorandum

TO: PARKS AND RECREATION ADVISORY COMMISSION

FROM: RENEE KRAUSE, CMC, DEPUTY CITY CLERK I

**DATE:** APRIL 24, 2013

SUBJECT: REQUEST FOR A PLAQUE TO RECOGNIZE THE DONATION OF LAND BY MAE

HARRINGTON AT KAREN HORNADAY PARK AND A REQUEST TO DEDICATE A

**BALLFIELD AT JACK GIST PARK FOR PAULA SETTERQUIST** 

The request to recognize a donation of land by Mae Harrington, which is now Karen Hornaday Park; and to dedicate and name a ballfield in Jack Gist Park for Paula Setterquist was introduced during the April 18, 2013 regular meeting.

Written evidence and overwhelming public testimony was provided according to the process outline in the Parks and Recreation Policy Naming of Municipal Park and Recreation Facilities, (D) Deceased or living person, or organization, whose name is proposed for a park, recreation property or city facility should be a person or organization who, through exemplary and substantial effort, has made a significant contribution to the community; and/or has made a substantial donation to acquisition or development of the property; and, except in extraordinary cases, who has not been honored by name associated with another public facility or place. Written verifiable background information regarding the proposed honoree shall be provided in support of the proposal.

The written materials and testimony provided for Mae Harrington noted her family was instrumental in road infrastructure, the creation of the Pioneer Cemetery and she was a Postmistress in the 1930's. Mae Harrington contributed many volunteer hours and should be recognized for her generosity and consideration of the future for residents and community in regard to recreation.

Verbal and written testimony on behalf of Paula Setterquist provided evidence on her contributions to the community, baseball, and softball. Paula Setterquist was recognized in 1995 as Alaska Volunteer of the Year, 2003 she was named Mariner Mom of the year; managed the T-ball program at Paul Banks Elementary; Booster Clubs for soccer, basketball, volleyball, softball; mentored and tutored students; co-founded the jack Gist softball fields; and she was president of the Homer Friends of the Library during the fundraising for the new Library.

#### **RECOMMENDATION**

MAKE A MOTION THE PARKS AND RECREATION ADVISORY COMMISSION APPROVES THE REQUEST TO RECOGNIZE THE DONATION OF LAND BY MAE HARRINGTON BY PLACING A PLAQUE IN A SUITABLE LOCATION AT KAREN HORNADAY PARK AND DEDICATING AND NAMING A BALLFIELD AT JACK GIST PARK IN HONOR OF THE VIBRANT, DEDICATED AND VITAL SPIRIT OF PAULA SETTERQUIST FOR HER CONTRIBUTION TO THE COMMUNITY'S CHILDREN AND THE SPORTS OF BASEBALL AND SOFTBALL.

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Homer, Alaska, Mar 17th, 1931.

Major Elliott, Alaska Road Commission, Anchorage, Alaska.

Dear Sir:

Enclosed you will please find a petition signed by the residents of this district which nearly explains itself, and which they have requested me to send to you.

The road which we wish built from Mrs. Woodard's to Mr. Shafer's is in a very bad condition, and as our community is growning there will be children who will have to use it the coming year to go to school. In the spring and fall it is nearly impossible for adults to travel it let along children. It is very much needed and we hope you will build it for us.

The repairs on the bridges are very necessary. They are in a dangerous condition. One of the bridges which was built across the sough is so badly in need of repair that when the ice and snow goes it will be absolutely unuseable.

Hoping that you will consider us when making your appropriations and grant our petition, I am,

Respectfully,

Homer, Alaska, War. 17th , 1931.

Hon. Judge James Wickersham, Delegate from Alaska, Washington, D.C.

Dear Judge Wickersham:

Enclosed you will find a copy of a petition which the residents of this district have made to Major Elliott of the Alaska Road Commission, and have requested me to send this copy and to ask you if you can do anything to help us get some road work done here.

True we have a very good road but we need more and we need this one fixed. The road which we wish built is the one about 2 miles long which is on the old railroad grade from Mrs. Woodard's to Mr. Shafer's. Thère are times when it is almost impossible to get over it and this fall there will be school children who will have to travel it to get to school. In the condition it is now they cannot do it. You no doubt remember this road and grade. You will notice that the petition is signed by farmers mostly and they are all bona fide residents of this district, and this road will help them all as they travel it sometime during the year.

The repairs for which we are asking on the bridges and culverts have to be fixed or someone is going to be injured. For instance, last Spring Mary Jane, Miss Richardson (the teacher) and myself were crossing one of these bridges when the horse that Miss Richardson was riding went through the bridge. That bridge is not very strong and is in much worse condition now then last spring. The road commission built a road across the slough and one of the bridges there is nearly washed out. That is just a dirt road and the tides over 18 feet come over it at which times it is impassable. That road will have to be built on piling some time but if we can get this Shafer road and repairs done this year we will be perfectly satisfied.

If you will remember last spring I wired you to see if we could not get some work done then and you answered that \$600. Would be expended, but there was nothing doneat all. The year before the crew was all ready to come to Homer but were notified shortly before that they were to go to Iliamna instead. The supples were on the dock in Seldovia shipped to Homer but were also sent to Iliamna. This is a fact Juge Wickersham, but merhaps Major Elliott does not know it.

We know that you are interested in this section and will help us all you can, and with great hopes that you will succeed, I am,

Respectfully. Harrington

Homer, Alad a. June 16th, 1931.

Major Malcolm Elliott, President, Alaska Road Commission, Juneau, Alaska.

Dear Sir:

Your letter of May 11th received and please accept our thanks for doing what you canfor us. Mr. Dickeson is here and he tells me that there is only \$350.00 appropriated but he seems to be doing a lot of work on that amount. We will hope that next year you can do more for us. We realize what a great proposition you are against with every one wanting roads, and feel sure that you will do the best you can for us.

Thanking you for you kindness and assuring you of the communities co-operation at all times. I am,

Respectfully,

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Sear Mrs. Marringtons

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HOMER FAIR ASSOCIATION, INC.

"The Fair Begins At Home"

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HOMER, ALASKA

BOOK 42 PAGE 25/
Homer Recording District

RESOLUTION

WHEREAS, the City of Homer, Alaska, has agreed to construct a public campground, and

WHEREAS, the City of Homer has agreed that the site may be used as a fair-ground, and

WHEREAS, the City of Homer has agreed that this tract of land shall be held forever for community recreational purposes,

NOW THEREFORE HE IT RESOLVED by the Homer Fair Association, Inc., that the following described land, the SW1,SE1, Section 18, T6S, R13W, S.M., shall be deeded to the City of Homer, Alaska, and the President of the Homer Fair Association is hereby authorized and directed to execute said deed in favor of the City of Homer, Alaska.

Adopted by the Homer Fair Association Inc., Homer, Alaska, on 1 August, 1966.

ATTEST

Secretary

Homer Fair Association, Inc.

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BOOK 42 PAGE 252
Homer Recording District

#### WARRANTY DEED

The Grantor, HOMER FAIR ASSOCIATION, INC., an Alaskan non-profit corporation, for and in consideration of TEN DOLLARS (\$10,00) in hand paid, conveys and fully warrants to CITY OF HOMER, AFASKA, a municipal corporation, the following described real estate, to-wit:

The Southwest quarter (SW 1/4) of the Southeast quarter (SE 1/4) of Section 18, Township 6 South, Range 13 West, Seward Meridian, consisting of 40 acres, within the Homer Recording District, Third Judicial District, State of Alaska.

SAVING AND RESERVING unto the Grantor the following covenants:

That said property shall forever be held by the Grantee for public recreational purposes.

Grantor shall retain the right for the use of the fairground.

Grantor does retain all mineral, oil and gas rights, however, Grantee shall control all access and surface rights.

SUBJECT to all reservations, restrictions, easements and encumbrances of record.

TOGETHER WITH, ALL AND SINGULAR, the tenements, hereditaments and appurtenances thereunto belonging or in anywise appertaining,

TO HAVE AND TO HOLD the same in fee simple, unto the said Grantee, its assigns and successors in interest, FOREVER.

Said Grantor covenants and agrees with the said Grantee that it is the lawful owner of said premises, with the right and power to convey same; that at the time of making and delivery hereof, the premises are unencumbered except as noted of record; that it warrants the quiet and peaceable possession thereof and will defend the title to the premises, or any interest therein.

THIS IS TO CERTIFY that on this / day of Guyan, 1966, before me, the undersigned, a Notary Public, in and for the State of Alaska duly commissioned and sworn as such, personally appeared James & Cl

who are known to me and to me known to be the individuals representing the HOMER FAIR ASSOCIATION, INC., an Alaskan non-profit corporation, and that they are known to me and to me known to be the individuals named in and who executed the above and foregoing Warranty Deed, and they

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acknowledged to me the execution thereof to be their free and voluntary act, for and on behalf of said corporation, for the uses and purposes therein set forth.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and affixed my notarial seal the day and year in this certificate first above written.

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#### COVENANT

In consideration of financial assistance rendered and to be rendered by the Economic Development Administration, U. S. Department of Commerce, (hereinafter called the "Government") for construction of AN Athletic field, bar-b-q pit, rest rooms, additional camper spaces, line to rest rooms, and road grading construction in the City of Homer, Alaska, campgrounds and fairgrounds the location of which is more particularly described on Exhibit A attached hereto and incorporated herein by this reference, all or part of which will be to the use and benefit of lands of the undersigned, the undersigned does hereby covenant and agree that it or a successor satisfactory to the Government, will retain title to the facilities to be constructed by the project for their useful life, herein determined by the parties to be thirty (30) years, and that such facilities will be devoted to public purposes, and that these facilities will provide service without discrimination to all persons without regard to their race, color, religion, sex or national origin.

Date: August 3, 1973

City of Homer, Alaska (Name of Owner)

(To be executed and acknowledged before a Notary Public in the appropriate local form)

## Homer Parks and Recreation Committee, City of Homer

April 18, 2013

We are here to petition for a ball field, either at the Karen Hornaday or Jack Geist fields, to be dedicated in honor of Paula Setterquist.

In 1980, Paula and Sharm Setterquist settled in Homer. Some years later their daughter Channing was born and raised here.

Sadly, we lost Paula to cancer in January of this year. She will be forever missed by her family, friends and the many folks in Homer who came to know her and appreciate the energy and commitment Paula contributed to our community in volunteerism and participation.

Paula was President of the Homer Friends of the Library and spent countless hours fund raising for the library. She also spent innumerable hours backstage for years of Nutcracker rehearsals and performances. In 1995 she was honored by First Lady Susan Knowles as one of sixteen Alaskan Volunteers of the Year. In the year 2003 she was named Mariner Mom of the Year. She was the behind the scenes person for the Booster Club for soccer, basketball, volleyball, softball and anywhere else she could lend her experience, energy and enthusiasm.

Most of all, Paula loved the ball fields, Little League softball and later high school girls' softball at Jack Geist fields. She also managed the T-ball program at Paul Banks for several seasons.

For many years every spring and summer Paula was at the parks helping to renovate and prepare the fields for the upcoming games. She coached and managed many Little League teams. She was a scorekeeper. She manned the snack shack. If one were to ever look in Paula's car they would find shovels, bags of mitts and balls, hats, blankets and her first aid standard, Arnica. She was always there to do whatever was needed and she loved every minute of it. Of all her volunteer efforts, Paula was most devoted to softball and baseball, and making sure it would happen for any kid who wanted to play.

Paula had a favorite expression: "carpe diem", seize the day. This enthusiasm was fundamental to the founding of girls' varsity softball with the help and hard work of several other like-minded people. In 2000, she managed the first team. She mentored and tutored the students and was thrilled when the 2001 Lady Mariners' softball team won their division title and went on to compete at the state level.

One of her proudest accomplishments was co-founding the new Jack Geist softball fields out East End Road.

For several decades Paula was on the scene at the ball park and was wholly devoted and committed to the idea that all kids who wanted to play ball should be able to do so. Dedicating one of the fields in her name would be a fitting and appropriate way to recognize such a vital, vibrant, dedicated and deserving member of our community and to keep her name remembered.

Thank you for your consideration.

Sue Wohlgemuth

(907) 235-4080

Sue Wohlfmute On behalf of the family and friends of Paula Setterquist

#### Jo Johnson

From:

Bill Bell <wmbell51@gmail.com>

Sent:

Wednesday, April 17, 2013 11:02 PM

To:

Department Clerk

Subject:

Re: Parks and Rec Meeting

Re: Paula Setterquist Memorial

Paula was a dedicated volunteer for years in Little League and was active in the initial years of Homer High Mariner Softball. She has been an ardent supporter of High School softball in the nine years since her daughter graduated. I have greatly appreciated the opportunity to coach with her and to have her presence and backing at Softball games over the years.

Bill Bell Homer High Softball Coach



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#### **STAFF REPORT PL 13-42**

TO: HOMER ADVISORY PLANNING COMMISSION, PARKS AND RECREATION

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**DEVELOPMENT COMMISSION** 

FROM: RICK ABBOUD, CITY PLANNER

**DATE:** May 7, 2013

**SUBJECT:** Fishing Hole Campground Site Plan

Requested Action: Recommend Approval of the draft site plan for the campground, day use parking, and Kachemak Bay Water Trail kayak launch site.

#### Introduction

On April 24th, there was a workshop held on the Spit to discuss the kayak launch. One of the outcomes of the meeting was the City Administration and the Harbormaster agreed that a better spot for the kayak launch would be further up the Spit, near the Fishing Hole. Grouping all the recreational activities together made more sense in the long run. If a marine industrial use comes in, the original kayak launch may have to be moved. It seemed like a lot of effort when a better, long term solution was to move the launch.

Staff met with representative of the Kachemak Bay Water Trail to discuss the idea. There was agreement that this new location would be acceptable while recognizing some trade off in relation with their first choice. There was also a strong desire to keep this project on schedule. The water trail group would like to have a location locked in so they can pursue funding and construction, with the goal of completion in 2014.

The water trail folks have been fortunate to have the volunteer services of a landscape architect. Jonny Hayes PLA/ASLA/CPSI, of the Anchorage firm Bettisworth North Architects and Planners, volunteered his services and time to facilitate the workshop. Landscape Architects are like a civil engineer, and they are a registered licensed profession, with a stamp. They frequently work on site design; traffic flow, building location, architecture, drainage and landscaping etc. Mr. Hayes has also agreed to work on this new launch location. With the change in location of the kayak launch, the City recognized that the scope of work that Mr. Hayes volunteered to do had changed quite a bit. The Planning Department has some limited funds to pay for these changes to the plan outside the scope of the launch facility. Mr. Hayes is now waiting for direction before creating a comprehensive site plan, that will account for traffic flow and overall use of land between the fishing hole and Pier 1, including a potential wooden boat lease location. Our goal out of all this is not only to have a more permanent home for the kayak launch, but also a better flow for the whole property. This site plan will create a better park area around that portion of the Fishing Hole, plan for long term traffic flow, which will in turn preserve the main campground area for potential marine industrial use.

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Another item that has changed is the Public Works Department has requested to move the camp ground office onto the site. The current location across the street is subject to a lot of storm damage. Due to beach erosion, significant damage to the build occurs regularly. It's a very small building, easy to move, and it will be cheaper for the taxpayers in the long run if it wasn't damaged by storms every year.

This draft site plan will be submitted to the Planning, Parks and Recreation and Port and Harbor Advisory Commissions for comments in May, concluding with a resolution from Council in June.

#### **Analysis**

The conceptual draft site plan is attached. Planning staff met with Parks maintenance Coordinator Otteson at the campground to come up with ideas and explore options. Right now the whole area is one big parking lot; kind of ugly and a lot of space is wasted. The parks area could be much more functional. The site plan is really reworking the existing space into a more functional, attractive layout.

The plan considers the following element:

- Revise circulation and layout for RV Campground to address potential future Marine industrial and other desired elements, as outlined below,
- Relocating the existing Offices for camp attendant + fee collection,
- Maintain Pier One Theater while improving access/parking as appropriate,
- Adding a designated 'Day Use Area' adjacent to the existing fishing area,
- Adding a multi-use 'Day Use Shelter' at the northeast edge of the fishing area,
- Adding a Kachemak Bay Water Trail Launch Site that includes non-motorized boat launch facilities, appropriate signage, etc.,
- Proposed site and approximate circulation for a 10,000 SF 'Wooden Boat Society Headquarters/Offices' along Homer Spit Road, and
- Connect to, and maintain, existing Day Use, Fish Cleaning Station and Campground Dump Station areas.

If the concept is found acceptable, I plan to seek comments of committees and commissions and present before the council for approval in June. Of course we are still looking for direction in regards to any lease proposal that might be considered as outlined by the City Manager.

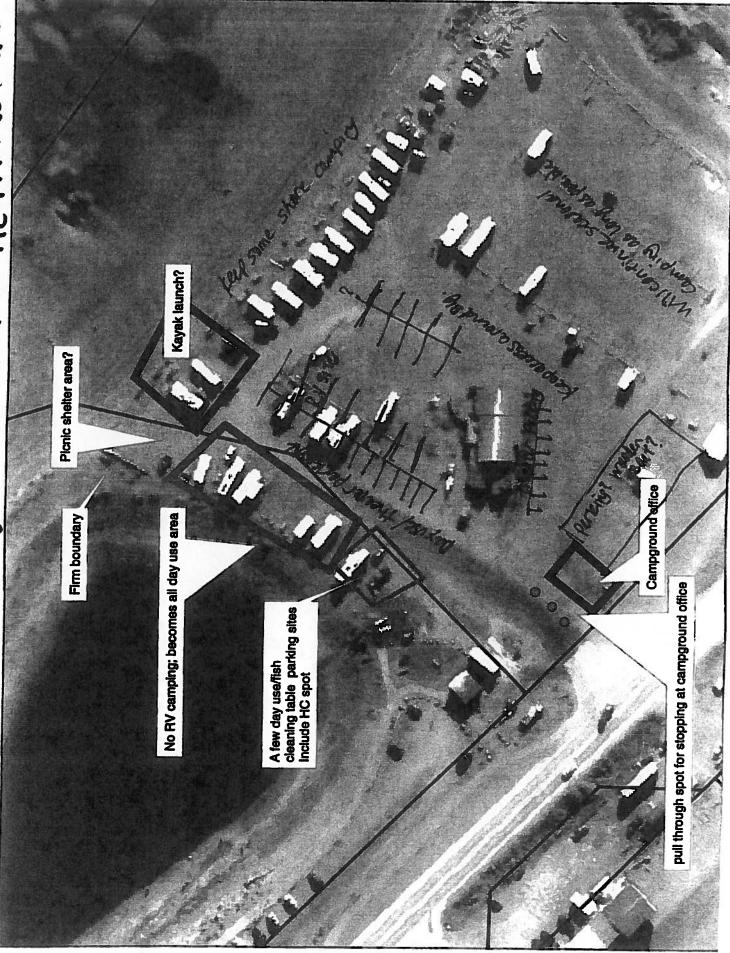
#### **Recommendation:**

Review information and provide comments.

#### **Attachments**

1. SITE PLAN dated 5.8.13

5-5-13 Draft site Plan Con 201





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## Memorandum

TO:

PARKS AND RECREATION ADVISORY COMMISSION

FROM:

RENEE KRAUSE, CMC, DEPUTY CITY CLERK I

DATE:

**APRIL 23, 2013** 

**SUBJECT:** 

REQUEST FOR SUPPORT TO INSTALL TELEPHONE POLES IN KAREN

**HORNADAY PARK** 

The Kachemak Bay Scottish Club aka Kachemak Bay Celtic Club (KBCC) holds its annual Highland Games and Gathering of the Clans at Karen Hornaday Park the first weekend in July in the area known as the t-ball field. This event is gaining in popularity with local, in state and out of state athletes. Last year one of our athletes reached the limits of the KBCC existing standards for the Sheaf Toss. According to information available this is a record for the state held games.

Robert Archibald, Athletic Director for KBCC has requested the Parks and Recreation Advisory Commission express support for installation of telephone poles which, if approved, would be donated and installed by Homer Electric Association. These poles would be free of any ropes or implements that would allow climbing except during events or practices.

The poles would be available for other entities use such as the Homer Electric Association's Linemen's Rodeo.

Following is an email sent by Mr. Archibald regarding the request.

#### **RECOMMENDATION**

MAKE A MOTION PARKS AND RECREATION ADVISORY COMMISSION SUPPORTS THE INSTALLATION OF TELEPHONE POLES IN THE AREA KNOWN AS THE T-BALL FIELD AT KAREN HORNADAY PARK.

#### Renee Krause

To:

Robert Archibald

Subject:

RE: Request to install poles at Karen Hornaday Park

----Original Message----

From: Robert Archibald [mailto:robert.e.archibald@gmail.com]

Sent: Tuesday, April 16, 2013 8:40 AM

To: Renee Krause

Subject: Request to install poles at Karen Hornaday Park

#### Good Day,

Carey Meyers suggested I put this before the Parks and Recreation Commission to obtain their support.

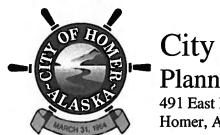
I have approached Homer Electric about phone poles to be used for holding cross bars for throwing events. They would be placed at the KHP Field where the annual Highland Games are held.

The Kachemak Bay Celtic Club would work with Angie Otteson at Public Works to find the best placement within this area. I envision these being used for the Sheaf Toss Competition.

It has also been suggested that another use could be developed through HEA. A Linemen's Rodeo is competition between teams on proficiency of climbing and working on Poles. This has become a popular spectator event in the Lower 48 and would be another good use of this field.

The intention is to leave these poles in the ground year round. Any rigging would be removed at the end of events so the poles would be clean with nothing left hanging, i.e., rope and cross bar. This would leave the poles which should not present a safety issue.

Regards, Robert Archibald Athletic Director Kachemak Bay Highland Games Kachemak Bay Celtic Club



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To:

Parks and Recreation Advisory Commission

From:

Julie Engebretsen, Planning Technician

Date:

May 3, 2013

Subject: Karen Hornaday Park Day Use Pavilion

Suggested Language 'I move to approve the pavilion design."

Carey Meyer is providing the design to the Clerk's office for this packet. The 95% design for the pavilion should be attached to this staff report.

Please bring any comments/concerns/suggestions to the meeting. The Park Committee has not seen the plans; their next meeting is the first week of June.



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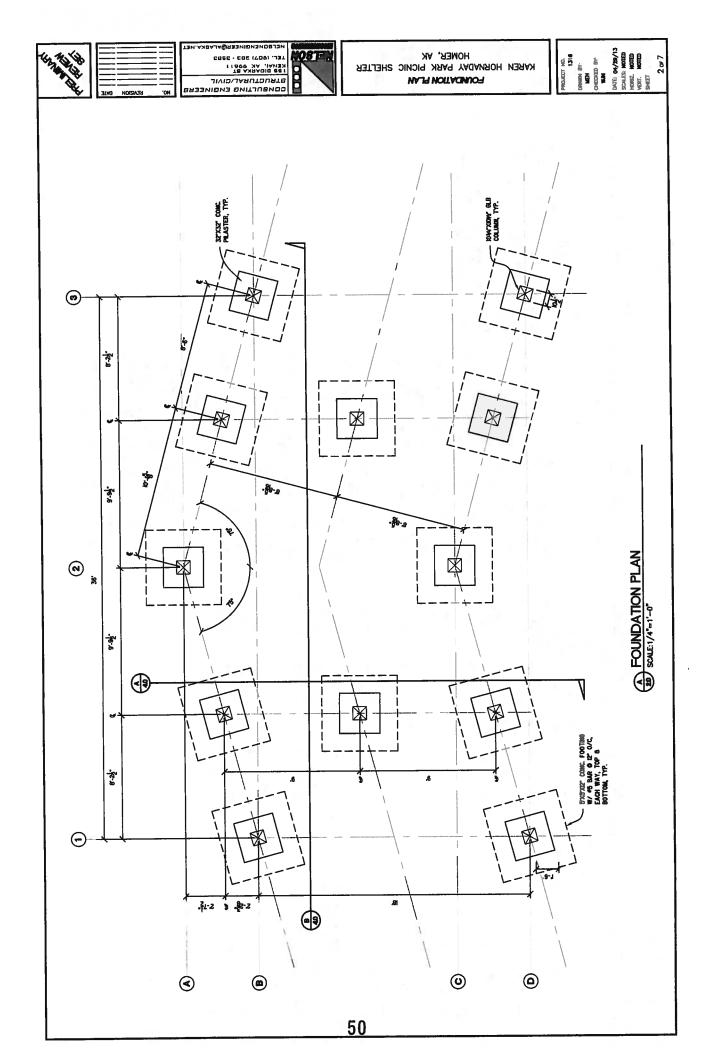
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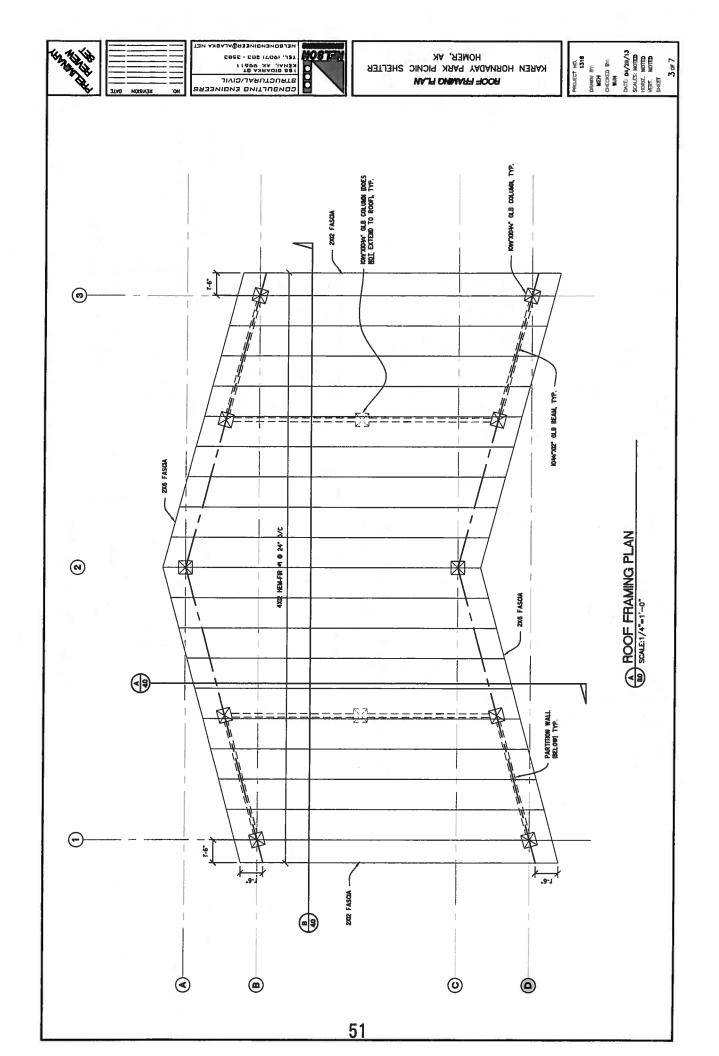
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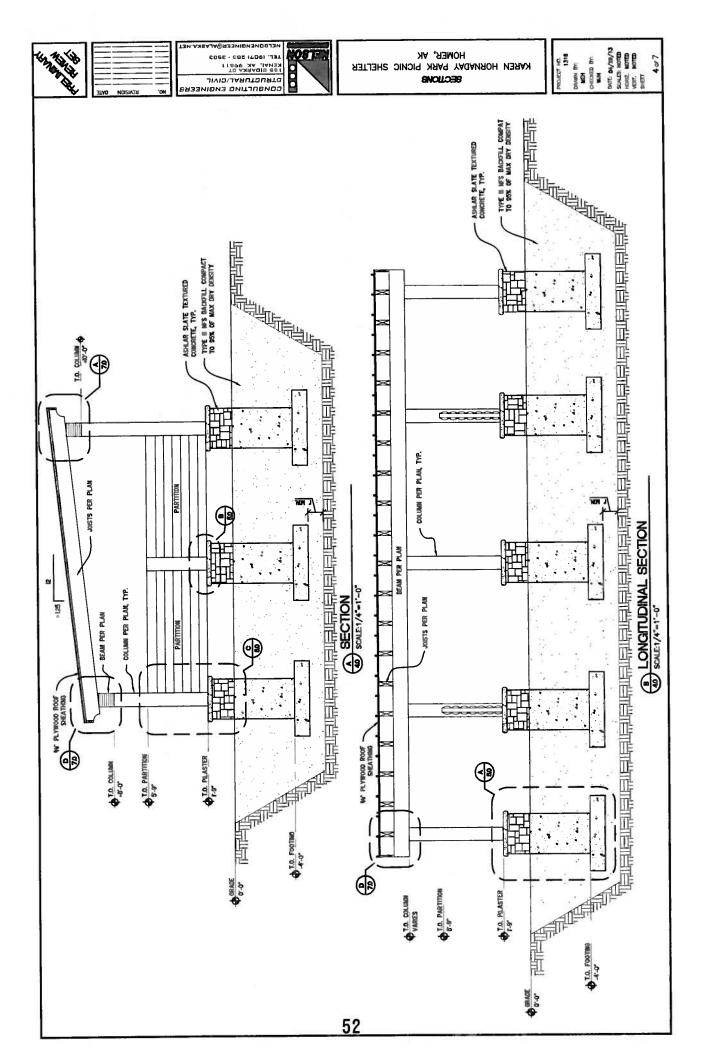
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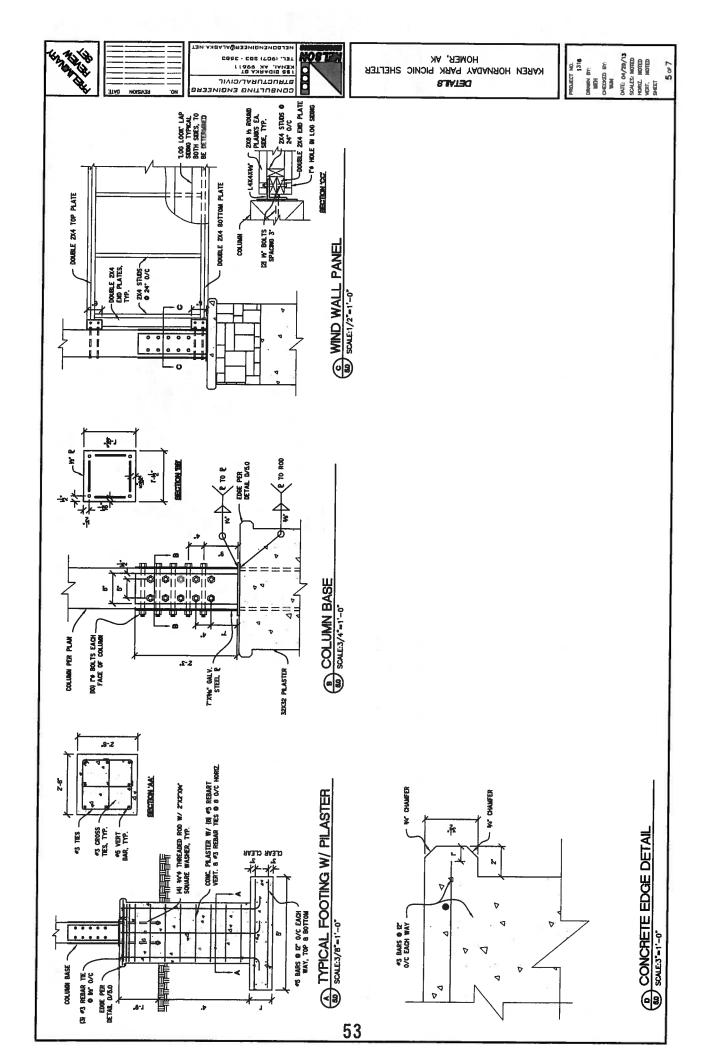


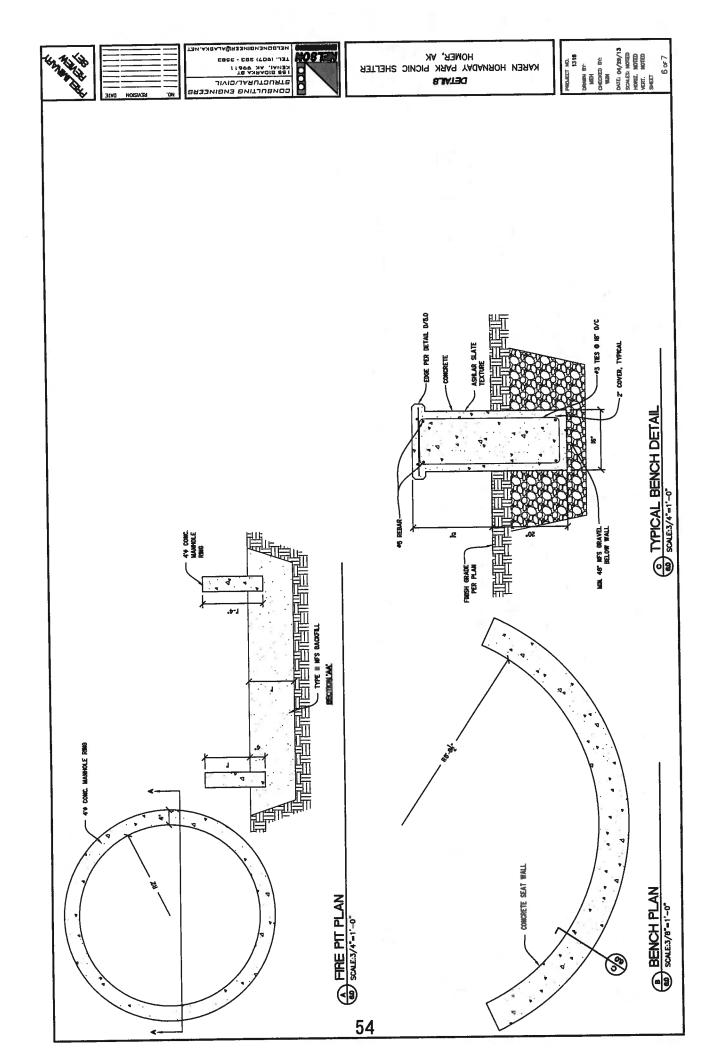
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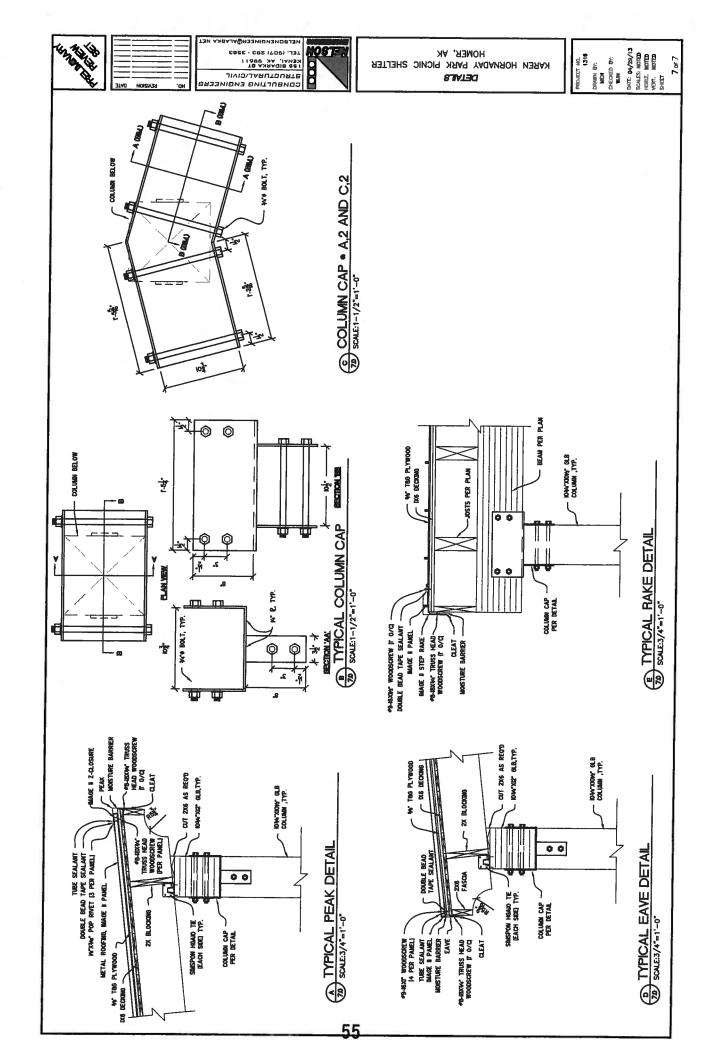














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## Memorandum

TO:

PARKS AND RECREATION ADVISORY COMMISSION

FROM:

RENEE KRAUSE, CMC, DEPUTY CITY CLERK I

DATE:

**APRIL 23, 2013** 

**SUBJECT:** 

KAREN HORNADAY PARK AND CONCERT ON THE LAWN

#### **BACKGROUND**

At the March 21, 2013 regular meeting there was a request forwarded from the Karen Hornaday Park Committee regarding changing the venue of the annual event known as the Concert on the Lawn.

It was brought forward by the Little League Association due to the damage that occurs to the field. Little League has put a lot of time, effort and money into upgrading the fields and their condition and the type of event such as Concert on the Lawn over time causes damages to the grounds which presents a liability for the players in the outfield. They have asked if the event could be held at some other location or staged within another area of the park just not on the ballfields.

Staff has inquired if there is an agreement with KBBI who organizes and holds the concert and was told by the City Manager that currently there was no formal agreement in place.

Chair Bremicker requested this item on a later meeting agenda for discussion.

#### RECOMMENDATION

MAKE A MOTION TO REQUEST CITY ADMINISTRATION RELOCATE THE EVENT CONCERT ON THE LAWN STARTING IN 2014 TO ANOTHER SUITABLE LOCATION WITHIN THE CITY OR TO ANOTHER LOCATION WITHIN THE PARK.



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## Memorandum

TO:

PARKS AND RECREATION ADVISORY COMMISSION

FROM:

RENEE KRAUSE, CMC, DEPUTY CITY CLERK I

DATE:

**APRIL 23, 2013** 

**SUBJECT:** 

**PARK DAY - TIME TO START PLANNING** 

This item is on the Annual Calendar for this meeting to start planning. There is no requirement to plan it out all at this meeting. It is recommended that the commission establish a date at this meeting so it can be reserved. Standard practice has been to schedule Park Day in August before school starts.

- 1. Establish a Date
- 2. Establish a Location
- 3. What does the Commission want to accomplish there?
- 4. Time for the events
- 5. What will be on the menu
- 6. Who will be there

RECOMMENDATION
INFORMATIONAL IN NATURE.

# 2013 HOMER CITY COUNCIL MEETINGS PARKS AND RECREATION ADVISORY COMMISSION ATTENDANCE

It is the goal of the Commission to have a member speak regularly to the City Council at council meetings. There is a special place on the council's agenda specifically for this. After Council approves the consent agenda and any scheduled visitors it is then time for staff reports, commission reports and borough reports. That is when you would stand and be recognized by the Mayor to approach and give a brief report on what the Commission is currently addressing, projects, events, etc. A commissioner is scheduled to speak and has a choice at which council meeting they will attend. It is only required to attend one meeting during the month that you are assigned. However, if your schedule permits please feel free to attend both meetings. Remember you cannot be heard if you do not speak.

The following Meeting Dates for City Council for 2013 is as follows:

Commissioner Archibald will attend as needed depending on his work schedule.

| January 14, 28 2013              | Commissioner Bell   |     |
|----------------------------------|---|-----|
| February 11, 25 2013             | Commissioner Lillibridge  |     |
| March 11, 25 2013                | Commissioner Lowney   |     |
| April 8, 22 2013                 | Commissioner Brann  |     |
| May 13, 28 (Tues)                | Commissioner Brann  |     |
| June 10, 24 2013                 | Commissioner Lillibridge  |     |
| July 22 2013                     | Commissioner Lowney   |     |
| August 12, 26 2013               | Commissioner Bell   |     |
| September 9, 23 2013             | Premicker   |     |
| October 14, 28 2013              |   |     |
| November 18, 2013                |   |     |
| December 9, 2013                 |   |     |
| Please review and if you will be | unable to make the meeting you are <u>tentatively</u> scheduled for ple | ase |

PLEASE NOTE: When additional commissioners are appointed the proposed schedule above will reflect those added commissioners.

discuss.

# PARKS AND RECREATION ADVISORY COMMISSION ANNUAL CALENDAR FOR THE 2013 MEETING SCHEDULE

| MEETING DATE SCHEDULED EVENTS OR AGENDA ITEMS |   | DA ITEMS        |  |
|---|---|-----------------|--|
| □FEBRUARY 21, 2013                            | LAND ALLOCATION PLAN REVIEW & RECOMMENDATIONS TO COUNCIL  |                 |  |
| □MARCH 21, 2013                               | APPOINT/VOLUNTEERS TO ATTEND CITY COUNCIL JOINT WORKSESSION ON LAND ALLOCATION PLAN 2012 3/27/12 CEMETERY STATUS REPORT |                 |  |
| □APRIL 18, 2013                               | SELECT SPRING PARK &/ OR BEACH WALK THROUGH   |                 |  |
| □MAY 16, 2013                                 | PLANNING PARK DAY OR SIMILAR EVENT SPRING PARK AND/OR BEACHES WALK THROUGH  |                 |  |
| □JUNE 20, 2013                                | COMPLETE ARRANGEMENTS FOR PARK DAY OR SIMILAR EVENT INITIAL BUDGET REVIEW – WHAT DOES THE COMMISSION WANT               |                 |  |
| □JULY 18, 2013                                | REVIEW CAPITAL IMPROVEMENT PLAN PARK DAY BUDGET TALKS   |                 |  |
| □AUGUST 15, 2013                              | BUDGET REVIEW & RECOMMENDATIONS TO CITY MANAGER & CITY COUNCIL  |                 |  |
| □SEPTEMBER 19, 2013                           | FALL PARK WALK THROUGH AND BEACH WALK; ELECTIONS; SELECT KHP CLEAN UP DAY   |                 |  |
| □OCTOBER 18, 2013                             | KAREN HORNADAY PARK CLEAN-UP REVIEW AND APPROVE THE 2014 MEETING SCHEDULE   |                 |  |
| □NOVEMBER 21, 2013                            | STRATEGIC PLAN REVIEW & PLANNING REVIEW OF KAREN HORNADAY MASTER PLAN & PROGRESS  |                 |  |
| DECEMBER 2013                                 | NO MEETING SCHEDULED  | HAPPY HOLIDAYS! |  |

# PARKS AND RECREATION ADVISORY COMMISSION STRATEGIC PLAN 2013

#### **MISSION STATEMENT**

The Commission is established to 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?

#### **General Goals of the Commission**

- Advocate for obtaining open and green space
- 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
- Receive notification of vacations of public access
- Receive report on City cemetery maintenance costs, future land use, budget orientation funds, how many plots and where the revenues are applied from plot sales
- Improve Public Outreach for Parks, Recreation and trails opportunities, possibly with a brochure

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

#### 3-5 Year Projects

- Advocate for a Parks and Recreation Department
  - Focus on Department Only (separate from community rec center discussion)
  - Talking Points for Commissioners to Speak to Council with Assurance and Confidence
- Plan and Develop Footpaths in the Town Center Area
- Construct a Bike/Pedestrian Path Along Kachemak Drive
- Create a long term plan for a multiuse community facility
- Explore the idea of a Recreational Service Area
- Mariner Park Site Improvements Level parking Area, delineation of Day Use Area and Camping Area, Define and Improve Campsites and relocate Kiosk, increase number of spaces and revenues

#### 1-2 Year Projects

- Develop a Kayak Launch for the Water Trail @ the Pier 1 lot
- Develop and Create a Dog Park
- Diamond Creek Recreational Improvement Plan Support the plan's adoption by the City Council.
  - o Next Steps, Trails improvements, Trail head parking lot
- Plan and build Woodard Creek Trail
- Continue work on Karen Hornaday park drainage, the parking lot, and master plan implementation. Immediate goal of completing already funded projects and applying for new funds.
- Increase the city budget for parks and recreation
- Improve pedestrian access to Mariner Park from the Homer Spit Road and the bike path
- Extend the Bike path on Ocean Drive loop to connect to Homer Spit Road (around the bend)
- Create an overall uniform sign design for city parks and recreation areas.
- Review Town Center Plan to Identify Short Term Projects
- Explore what should be done with the HERC building

#### 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 notice of commission projects

#### SHARED ACTIONS STAFF/COMMISSION

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



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## Memorandum

TO:

WALT WREDE, CITY MANAGER

THROUGH:

RENEE KRAUSE, CMC, DEPUTY CITY CLERK I

FROM:

PARKS AND RECREATION ADVISORY COMMISSION

DATE:

**APRIL 23, 2013** 

SUBJECT:

RECOMMENDATION TO EXECUTE A MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING

WITH LITTLE LEAGUE AT KAREN HORNADAY PARK

#### **BACKGROUND**

The Parks and Recreation Advisory Commission made a recommendation at the regular meeting on April 18, 2013 and requested staff to forward their request to the City Manager.

The Parks and Recreation Advisory Commission is requesting the City administration enter into and execute a Memorandum of Understanding regarding the use, maintenance and responsibilities for the baseball fields at Karen Hornaday Park. During numerous discussions and a recent meeting between Little League, city personnel and a member of the commission clarification was requested on responsibility to maintain and fix the outstanding issues especially with the building that is utilized as a snack shack and storage for the Little League which presents safety hazards.

Following is the discussion and motion made during the meeting:

#### **NEW BUSINESS**

C. Storage and Snack Shack for Little League at Karen Hornaday Park

Commissioner Archibald reported the discussions held during his meeting with staff and Kathy Beachy, President, Little League and discussed recommendations on the snack shack and storage building that is used by the Little League.

Commissioner Lowney opined that before anything else it was very important that the City have an agreement as she believed that was part of the problem determining who was responsible for what. There was a brief discussion and the following motion resulted.

LOWNEY/LILLIBRIDGE - MOVED TO SUBMIT A RECOMMENDATION TO STRONGLY ENCOURAGE CITY ADMINISTRATION ENTER INTO A MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING WITH LITTLE LEAGUE TO COVER THE FIELD USE, BUILDING, UTLITIES, AND MAINTENANCE THEREOF AND TO DETERMINE RESPONSIBILITY OF OUTSTANDING ISSUES IN THE MOST EXPEDIENT MANNER POSSIBLE BEFORE THE NEXT SEASON STARTED.

There was a brief discussion.

VOTE. YES. NON-OBJECTION. UNANIMOUS CONSENT.

Motion carried.

Commissioner Archibald brought up the entrance gates to the park and noted that a recommendation was needed regarding the removal and repurposing of the gates.

LOWNEY/ARCHIBALD - MOVED TO RECOMMEND THE ENTRANCE GATES BE REMOVED AND RELOCATED TO A MORE SUITABLE LOCATION WITHIN THE PARK.

There was no discussion.

The motion was approved by consensus of the Commission.

#### **RECOMMENDATION:**

Establish a Memorandum of Agreement with Little League regarding use, maintenance and responsibility of the ball fields at Karen Hornaday Park.



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## Memorandum

TO:

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THROUGH:

RENEE KRAUSE, CMC, DEPUTY CITY CLERK I

FROM:

PARKS AND RECREATION ADVISORY COMMISSION

DATE:

**APRIL 23, 2013** 

**SUBJECT:** 

REQUEST TO MONITOR AND ENFORCE SPEED LIMIT ON KACHEMAK DRIVE

The Parks and Recreation Advisory Commission made a recommendation at the regular meeting on April 18, 2013 and requested staff to forward their request to the City Manager.

The Parks and Recreation Advisory Commission is requesting the Homer Police Department to make frequent passes along Kachemak Drive and to put out the speed indicator to warn the drivers that travel along Kachemak Drive of their current speed. The Commissioners were concerned that drivers using this roadway to did obey the posted speed. They have personally experienced drivers using this roadway at high rates of speed.

Following is the discussion and motion made during the meeting:

#### **PENDING BUSINESS**

B. Warning Signage for Bicyclists on Kachemak Drive

Chair Bremicker read the title into the record and asked if anyone had information on this item.

Ms. Krause provided an update on the progress of Ms. Harness-Foster in the Planning Department, who was tasked with submitting a permit to install the signs. Ms. Harness-Foster also received an estimate of costs from a vendor in Anchorage. Ms. Krause reported that as far as everything looked it was progressing along fine and looked to getting approved. She would keep the commissioners updated.

Commissioner Bell questioned if the proposed resolution would prevent them from having a discussion such as the signage; it pointed out that this was part of that project and the original resolution approved by council. So are they going to be allowed to discuss aspects of a project or nothing at all since that is how they work as a commission through discussions. Chair Bremicker noted that was a good question.

Commissioner Brann reported he has obtained funding for the signs and inquired about installation once approved. Ms. Krause confirmed that Public Works Parks Maintenance personnel will be able to install the signs when everything is approved and ready.

Commissioner Archibald inquired if there was a discussion on installation of additional speed limit signage since there was only one at each end and maybe one in the middle that he could recall. It was noted that this had not come up but could be requested.

There was a brief discussion and related experiences of traffic traveling at high speeds along the roadway.

Commissioner Lowney suggested the following motion:

LOWNEY/LILLIBRIDGE - MOVED TO REQUEST CITY ADMINISTRATION FORWARD A REQUEST TO THE HOMER CITY POLICE TO PROVIDE OCCASIONAL MONITORING AND INSTALLATION OF TEMPORARY SPEED INDICATORS ALONG KACHEMAK DRIVE TO REMIND DRIVERS OF THE SPEED LIMIT.

There was no further discussion.

**VOTE. YES. NON-OBJECTION. UNANIMOUS CONSENT.** 

Motion carried.

#### **RECOMMENDATION:**

Forward Request to the Homer Police Department to increase patrols along Kachemak Drive and place speed indicator to deter speeding along the roadway.



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## Memorandum

TO:

**PUBLIC ARTS COMMITTEE** 

THROUGH:

RENEE KRAUSE, CMC, DEPUTY CITY CLERK I

FROM:

PARKS AND RECREATION ADVISORY COMMISSION

DATE:

**APRIL 23, 2013** 

**SUBJECT:** 

REQUEST FOR CONSIDERATION OF PROPOSED SCULPTURE

"SQUID VERSUS WHALE"

#### **BACKGOUND**

Mr. Brad Hughes presented his proposal of designing, creating and installing the play form sculpture "Squid versus Whale" to the Parks and Recreation Advisory Commission. He was requesting their support and recommendation to have it installed at Karen Hornaday Park or another suitable location on city property. He was proposing a cost of \$20,000, which could be negotiated down by the use of volunteer labor.

The Parks and Recreation Advisory Commission discussed the proposal at length and determined that they were not the appropriate body to make a recommendation and since there was a policy in place for making recommendations of acquisitions the commission moved to forward the issue to the Public Arts Committee. It was also noted from the city staff and Commissioner Lowney that HoPP was not interested in the piece and did not have the funding to purchase the sculpture.

Following is the discussion and motion made during the meeting:

#### **NEW BUSINESS**

C. Request for a Maritime Sculpture to be Installed at Karen Hornaday Park

Chair Bremicker read the title into the record and asked what the commission wanted to do on this.

After a lengthy discussion the commission decided to support the recommendation from staff to forward the issue to the Public Arts Committee for recommendation.

ARCHIBALD/BRANN – MOVED TO FORWARD TO THE PUBLIC ART COMMITTEE FOR RECOMMENDATION.

Discussion on the appropriateness of the proposed art piece for Karen Hornaday Park, the recommendation and/or preferences from HoPP, and how involved does the commission become get with artists and vetting their proposals ensued.

VOTE. YES. LOWNEY, BRANN, ARCHIBALD, BELL, BREMICKER VOTE. NO. LILLIBRIDGE

#### Motion carried.

Commissioner Lillibridge explained her no vote by stating that she did not feel that this fell within their responsibility and the commission should just inform Mr. Hughes to take his proposal before the Public Arts Committee.

#### **RECOMMENDATION:**

Informational in Nature. No Action required.

Jo Johnson, CMC, City Clerk

Melissa Jacobsen, CMC, Deputy City Clerk II Renee Krause, CMC, Deputy City Clerk I



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#### **MEMORANDUM 13-059**

TO:

MAYOR WYTHE AND CITY COUNCIL

FROM:

PARKS AND RECREATION ADVISORY COMMISSION

THRU:

RENEE KRAUSE, CMC, DEPUTY CITY CLERK

DATE:

**APRIL 22, 2013** 

RE:

**PROPOSED RESOLUTION 13-040** 

#### **Background**

The Parks and Recreation Advisory Commission were provided a copy of proposed Resolution 13-040 at the regular meeting on April 18, 2013. Below is a recommendation that they requested to be forwarded to Council for consideration.

The minutes of the meeting regarding the discussion leading to the recommendation have been included.

BRANN/LOWNEY – MOVED TO AGREE TO DISBAND THE KACHEMAK DRIVE PATH COMMITTEE WITH A REQUEST THAT THE CITY COUNCIL ALLOW THE PARKS AND RECREATION ADVISORY COMMISSION TO ADDRESS ITEMS AS NOTED IN THE NON-MOTORIZED TRAILS AND TRANSPORTION PLAN

There was no further discussion.

VOTE. YES. LOWNEY, BELL, BRANN, ARCHIBALD, BREMICKER VOTE. NO. LILLIBRIDGE

Motion carried.

#### **RECOMMENDATION**

Informational Only.

Parks & Recreation Advisory Commission Regular Meeting April 18, 2013

#### **PENDING BUSINESS**

- A. Kachemak Drive Non-Motorized Trail/Mud Bay Trail
  - 1. Survey and Cost Estimates Alternate Kachemak Drive Non-Motorized Trail
  - 2. Recommendation from Committee to Improve Mud Bay Trail

Chair Bremicker read the title into the record. He opened discussion by commenting on the engineers cost estimate included in the packet. He commented on the proposed trail as depicted in the included aerial photograph.

Commissioner Lillibridge arrived at 7:00 p.m.

Chair Bremicker commented that they were aware of what happened Monday. He stated that it was a bit confusing. He noted that he has not seen numbers on this but Carey Meyer reported it would cost \$100,000 to do the little "Y" section of the trail. Commissioner Lillibridge requested some clarification on the location of the Y portion. Chair Bremicker then proceeded to detail the proposed path and that it would be part of the survey. Mr. Meyer surveyed the Mud Bay Trail; that apparently has been roughed out by unsupervised volunteer effort; Chair Bremicker stated he hasn't been out there in a while. Now we have a resolution 13-040 proposed to be dealt with Monday night, the Mayor expressed concern that the survey did not address what it was supposed to do; the Committee passed a "resolution" that supported the upgrading the Mud Bay Trail for recreational bicyclists and pedestrians. I think we recognized all along that it is not the best site for commuter bicyclists and we are looking for a safer route that was a straight shot up that hill.

Chair Bremicker then stated that they approved the "resolution". He noted that there has been some misunderstanding.

Commissioner Lillibridge requested clarification on removing any trail along the road. Chair Bremicker responded on the point the committee decided to approve the Mud Bay Trial then at some later time working on a solution at a later time. The committee hasn't given up that idea. The committee agreed to have the trail at the toe of the bluff.

Commissioner Brann related that the council related their understanding that the trail was to be surveyed up the hill along that road, but the committee wanted the survey done at the "Y" to have the trail avoid the hill that is where the confusion starts; the survey was done along Mud Bay Trail. The concern was that they did not approve surveying an alternate, they approved going up the hill.

Commissioner Lowney asked where the commission was at or what the committee wanted the commission to do. She stated that the resolution seems to dissolve everything.

Chair Bremicker again stated he wished there was time for the committee to meet. He further stated that the Mayor from the beginning did not see the need for this.

Commissioner Lillibridge reworded the intent of the resolution 13-040. She opined that over two years of efforts have been expended and nothing seems to be acceptable; she inquired if a traffic count was ever done. To her it appears that a survey was done all the money was spent and now it's too expensive to be done.

Chair Bremicker commented on the counting of cars but not people and bikes. He related his experience living along Kachemak Drive in relation to counting. The committee did have a public hearing and they did get a lot of responses but it is hard to define how many would use it.

Commissioner Brann related his knowledge of a count was scheduled last summer and was not done so maybe this summer. He commented on the last Therefore stating that all work is completed if this is approved.

Commissioner Lillibridge opined that it was no different that the Coastal Trail in Anchorage and all the battles that were occurred by developing that trail. She stated that ending a whole project just because it is too expensive, she said is that what they want to do?

Chair Bremicker stated he was speaking for himself, regarding the approach going up the hill costing \$100,000 well he

figured that was money well spent. He commented on the Mud Bay Trail just being an official city trail and be proud of their work. However, this does not represent the best way to get around that hillside, we have had other people look at that hillside who have experience with road building and trail building and said it could be done. Nothing against Carey, cause he's a great guy and knowledgeable, but he said it wasn't worth looking at. Chair Bremicker stated he doesn't know about trail building or road building. So if they can build a road and it costs \$100,000, well, they can build it... and City Council, the Mayor and Barbara Howard, well those two are particularly concerned about money, but there is a specific fund for building trails. They also asked if there are any plans for this trail. Chair Bremicker stated that this has been a long time on their goals. He noted that this is the only trail in the city's planning manuals; he reported that he heard Mayor Wythe state that there are other trails to fund but there are no others in the plans that he knows of.

Commissioner Lowney stated that would be a good point to make, she stated it could be addressed at the meeting; she stated that this reminds her of the issues with the HERC building or Parks and Rec Department and that unless they get a huge outcry from the people that want the bike trail on Monday. This will pass. Maybe we could ask to have this postponed until October or November or longer and then they could use traffic reports to support the trail.

Commissioner Brann brought up that if Council passes the resolution disbanding the committee then can the commission get the Mud Bay Trail upgraded to a level one with volunteers; if they do not approve volunteers working on that trail nothing will get done this summer and without permission he will not be doing anything on it.

Commissioner Lillibridge was upset that Council did not want a commission that works for them; that they do not appreciate the time and efforts expended by the commission.

LILLIBRIDGE/BRANN - MOVED TO SUBMIT A RECOMMENDATION THAT THE PARKS AND RECREATION ADVISORY COMMISSION DOES NOT SUPPORT RESOLUTION 13-040.

Commissioner Bell pointed out that Council can provide direction to the commission but it should be clear that without this component then there is no Kachemak Drive Path. If that is the intention then okay, but it should be made clear; this portion or the whole project. He noted that concern was expressed that they did not want to upgrade the Mud Bay Trail, that it would ruin that area. Commissioner Archibald commented that the direction should be directed back to the road. If they want to disband the committee but what does that mean about the rest of the project. He cited that it has been expressed that a path is desired, but who knows what the future brings for this road and he believed that this road would not stay as narrow in the future. He acknowledged that it was very distressing to have the door slammed in the face of the committee. Chair Bremicker agreed that it was distressing and remarked that his son stated no road should be built without sidewalks or a pathway beside it; council should be told this too; he next related a personal experience riding at a high rate of speed along Kachemak Drive. He next cited all the increasing traffic and large vehicles and vessels traveling along that road which makes traveling along and the bikes and pedestrians, and not doing nothing unacceptable.

Further discussion on rewording the recommendation in a positive manner being more helpful to the Commission and the Council ensued including review of the recommendation from the committee. She would like stay in a positive light. Ms. Krause at this time tried to direct the commission to the history of creating the committee, what the committee recommended and what the commission supported and the misunderstanding that ensued and what has been approved and supported by Council regarding the creation of a path and addressing the safety issues; and that the proposed resolution cites why they want work to be discontinued and that approaching the Council harshly would have the opposite results they are seeking.

Chair Bremicker stated that it was never along the road he knows that, it never was, it went along the beach and cut up the road. He can understand the confusion. The resolution just states the first half mile and what Carey Meyer proposed fits that direction. This is not what he thought it would be or what the Mayor thought it would be but it fits the direction in that resolution.

He stated that he did not believe that the committee was upset with Council, they haven't voted on it yet and it will be discussed at the meeting on Monday.

Ms. Krause noted that since it was under the consent agenda unless it was pulled by a Council member then there would be no discussion. Chair Bremicker responded that they still would be able to comment before the meeting under Public Comments. He did not believe that it was wrong to say they disagree and that it was their job as commissioners to say what they want that the Commission and committee would like the opportunity to come up with a pedestrian and bicycle path that would meet the description outlined in the city plans.

Commissioner Brann opined there is no criteria but it describes a path that there is a need to improve pedestrian and

bicyclists safety issues as outlined in the Non-motorized trails and transportation plan and maybe that if they reword the recommendation in a more positive manner expressing the need for a path and asking to be allowed to a work towards that goal, but he did not want to fight the City Council. Chair Bremicker agreed but also believed that if there are concerns they have a responsibility to report that and if they say no, okay. Commissioner Bell stated there are plenty of projects to work on and if Council can provide preferred projects x, y, and z then great.

Commissioner Lowney commented on voting down the motion on the floor and regarding a more positive motion that allows the Commission to still address the need. Commissioner Lillibridge did not feel that Council has allowed the commission time to digest the content and recommended that they submit a recommendation to postpone a vote and allow the Commission to work with Council on a proposed trail along Kachemak Drive. She agreed that it was not the best direction to attack council but she did not like the idea that Council is throwing away all the work that has been done. She felt it was important that Council realize how much work and time has been expended. This would allow them the time to determine the best possible way to get this trail constructed.

The motion was withdrawn by the maker and second.

Commissioner Archibald wanted the statement to include that the research that has been developed has enlightened those parties involved on the difficulty that constructing a path along Kachemak Drive presents. He proposed that they needed to include the issues regarding the private property owners too. Chair Bremicker noted it was good to hear from him too.

Commissioner Lillibridge suggested a lengthy recommendation. Ms. Krause noted that it was very wordy and needed some refinement. Chair Bremicker requested a 5 minute recess to allow the Clerk to wordsmith the recommendation from Commissioner Lillibridge. Chair Bremicker reconvened the meeting. Ms. Krause was unable to come up with a succinct recommendation for the commission.

Following several more minutes of discussion the following motion was made:

BRANN/LOWNEY - MOVED TO AGREE TO DISBAND THE KACHEMAK DRIVE PATH COMMITTEE WITH A REQUEST THAT THE CITY COUNCIL ALLOW THE PARKS AND RECREATION ADVISORY COMMISSION TO ADDRESS ITEMS AS NOTED IN THE NON-MOTORIZED TRAILS AND TRANSPORTION PLAN

There was no further discussion.

VOTE. YES. LOWNEY, BELL, BRANN, ARCHIBALD, BREMICKER VOTE. NO. LILLIBRIDGE

Motion carried.