NOTICE OF MEETING REGULAR MEETING AGENDA

| 1. | CALL TO ORDER | |
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| 2. | AGENDA APPROVAL | |
| 3. | PUBLIC COMMENT UPON MATTERS ALREADY ON THE AGENDA (Three minute tim | ne limit) |
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| Pari | ks & Recreation Commission and are approved in one motion. There will be no separate discussion of these h ks & Recreation Commissioner or someone from the public, in which case the item will be moved to the sidered in normal sequence. | |
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| 11. 12. 13. | COMMENTS OF THE AUDIENCE COMMENTS OF THE COUNCILMEMBER (If one has been assigned) COMMENTS OF STAFF MEMBERS COMMENTS OF THE COMMISSION COMMENTS OF THE CHAIR | |

15. ADJOURNMENT THERE WILL BE A WORKSESSION WITH COUNCIL ON THE BEACH POLICY JUNE 8 OR 22ND (TO BE DETERMINED) AND THE NEXT REGULAR MEETING ON THURSDAY, JUNE 18, 2015 at 5:30pm in the City Hall Cowles Council Chambers located at 491 E. Pioneer Avenue, Homer Alaska

| From: | howsekat@aol.com |
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| Sent: | Thursday, May 14, 2015 1:42 PM |
| То: | Renee Krause |
| Subject: | Beach Policy Review 2015 |

As a beach user land owner of beach front property, I support the proposed changes (as of 5/6/15) to the beach policy affecting Bishop's Beach. I have been endangered while walking on the beach by reckless driving of cars, trucks, ATVs and motorcycles. My property has been damaged by trespassers climbing the bluff, having bonfires with the driftwood at the base of my bluff and using the brush and trees as a restroom. My pets have been attacked while in my yard by loose dogs from the beach.

I am very hopeful all of these proposed changes will be enacted by the Homer City Council.

Kathy Howse 289 Jenny Way Homer, AK

| From: | Deb Lowney <dlowney@acsalaska.net></dlowney@acsalaska.net> |
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| Sent: | Friday, May 08, 2015 4:17 PM |
| То: | Renee Krause |
| Subject: | Fw: article from today's NYTimes |

Renee,

Can we forward this article to all commissioners? It is from Rika Mouw.

Thanks, Deb

-----Original Message-----From: Rika Mouw Sent: Saturday, May 02, 2015 9:41 AM To: Debra Lowney ; Archibald Robert Subject: article from today's NYTimes

Rika

http://www.nytimes.com/2015/05/02/opinion/silent-seashores.html?ref=opinion&_r=0



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Silent Seashores

By DEBORAH CRAMER MAY 1, 2015

GLOUCESTER, Mass. — AS the spring days lengthen, shorebirds have begun their hemispheric migrations from South America to nesting grounds in Canada's northern spruce and pine forests and the icy Arctic.

They are among Earth's longest long-distance fliers, traveling thousands of miles back and forth every year. I have watched them at various stops along their routes: calico-patterned ruddy turnstones flipping tiny rocks and seaweed to find periwinkles or mussels; a solitary whimbrel standing in the marsh grass, its long, curved beak poised to snatch a crab; a golden plover pausing on a mud flat, its plumage glowing in the afternoon sun.

I used to think that sandpipers flocking at the sea edge, scurrying before the waves, were an immutable part of the beach. No longer. This year, as the birds come north, one of them, the red knot — Calidris canutus rufa — will have acquired a new status. It is now listed as threatened under the federal Endangered Species Act. It joins four other shorebirds on the government's list of threatened and endangered species.

Sadly, it is unlikely to be the last.

As these birds make their long journeys, they face a host of threats. Whimbrels navigating through tropical storms finally make landfall in the Caribbean, only to be shot by hunters. Wilson's plovers lose their beach nesting sites to development, and their eggs and chicks to raccoons, dogs and cats, whose numbers swell as more people build along the shore. The tidal flats and inlets where knots, turnstones and other shorebirds feed are disappearing as storm surges and a rising sea eat away at the coastline. Already the loss of shorebirds has been staggering. In the continental United States, more than half were listed on the 2014 State of the Birds Watch List, compiled by the North American Bird Conservation Initiative. Their inclusion means that their small or declining numbers put them in urgent need of additional protection. The number of North American long-distance migrating shorebirds that scientists have tracked has dropped by more than half since 1974, an alarming loss of 12 million birds.

Sightings of ruddy turnstones, for instance, are down by 75 percent. Semipalmated sandpipers are down by 80 percent in their winter home in northern South America. And in Churchill, Manitoba, the nesting season for Hudsonian godwits has been abysmal.

These sturdy birds travel thousands of miles from the Strait of Magellan to reach the west shore of the Hudson Bay in Canada. But they are now threatened by the changing climate, which, according to 2014 research led by Tufts University, presents an increased risk of extinction to nearly 90 percent of North American shorebirds. As the planet is warming, insect populations are peaking up to two weeks before the godwits' eggs hatch. As a result, many chicks end up starving.

Over the last three years, I have logged over 40,000 miles following shorebirds. Day after day I trudged across the snowy Arctic tundra, looking for ruddy turnstones that hadn't shown up to nest, and through miles of meadow where semipalmated sandpipers used to lay their eggs. On a quiet island off the coast of Georgia, I followed the delicate tracks of Wilson's plovers, whose range is contracting and whose numbers are down 78 percent. In South Carolina in 1831, John James Audubon, watching long-billed curlews flying in to roost at sunset, saw several thousand birds. I saw one, in a wildlife refuge starved of sand and disappearing into a rising sea.

About 10,000 species of birds are living today. Scientists estimate that before humans accelerated the rate of extinctions, a bird extinction might happen every 1,000 years. In my own life, at least 19 bird species have become extinct. One shorebird — the Eskimo curlew — may shortly disappear, if it hasn't already. Hundreds of thousands once flew from the South American pampas up through the Great Plains, and then back through Labrador, gorging on blueberries. The last sighting, confirmed by physical evidence, was in 1963, when I was a young girl.

We have also seen aggressive, dedicated conservation return birds from the

brink. The bald eagle, peregrine falcon and brown pelican were all rescued from the ravages of DDT after the pesticide was banned, though their recoveries took 30 to 40 years. Scarcely 20 California condors were alive in the wild before a captive breeding program began in the early 1980s; it now has pushed the bird's numbers in the wild to more than 200.

It is not easy to address the complex and myriad threats that these migrating shorebirds face along a flyway that spans two continents, but many people are trying. This work involves curbing development along a congested coast; minimizing human disturbance; curtailing hunting in South America and the Caribbean; protecting habitat that is being lost to dredging, redesigning inlets and stabilizing the sea edge; conserving additional land; and finally, carrying out research to understand how a rapidly changing Arctic affects nesting.

I hope I never walk beaches empty of sandpipers and plovers. But it is possible that may happen. In the case of some shorebirds, it is increasingly likely. This is why we must commit the money and muscle needed to give these birds safe harbor. If we do, we just might keep our shores teeming with shorebirds.

Deborah Cramer, a visiting scholar at M.I.T., is the author of "The Narrow Edge: A Tiny Bird, an Ancient Crab, and an Epic Journey."

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Session 15-08 a Special Meeting of the Parks and Recreation Advisory Commission was called to order on May 4, 2015 at 5:35 pm by Chair Matt Steffy at the Cowles Council Chambers City Hall located at 491 E. Pioneer Avenue, Homer, Alaska.

PRESENT: COMMISSIONERS LOWNEY, STEFFY, ARCHIBALD, MACCAMPBELL, LILLIBRIDGE AND ROEDL

TELEPHONIC: COMMISSIONERS BRANN

STAFF: JULIE ENGEBRETSEN, DEPUTY CITY PLANNER RENEE KRAUSE, CMC, DEPUTY CITY CLERK

APPROVAL OF THE AGENDA

Chair Steffy requested a motion to approve the agenda.

LOWNEY/ARCHIBALD - SO MOVED.

There was no discussion.

The agenda was approved by consensus of the Commission.

PUBLIC COMMENT ON ITEMS ALREADY ON THE AGENDA

Chair Steffy invited the public to comment and requested them to please sign in they will have 3 minutes.

Roberta Highland, city resident, requested the commissioners to reconsider the seasonal motorized vehicles on the beach in Area 7. Ms. Highland complimented the recommendations of the Jack Wiles' group on code amendments. She commented on the commission being proactive, and exhibiting the courage and perseverance to make these hard changes due the likelihood of someone getting killed. She wants the commission to think of safety over all. Ms. Highland commented on the eradication of the drug use, establishing a permitting system for land owners, the handicapped and coal collectors. She requested the commission to do their best when it comes to the safety of the public.

George Matz, commented on speaking to the Commission approximately 6 weeks ago, responded that the commission misunderstood him regarding the seasonal disturbance to the migratory birds and permanent damage to their habitat by vehicles whether allowed only seasonal or not.

Don Lane, resident, thanked the commissioners for putting in all the time on the subject for the community, commented on the issues of dogs on and off leash and establishing rues with no enforcement of existing rules, how they can differentiate between property owners and the general public, not easy to understand and making sure they have verifiable/substantiated claims of drug dealing.

Chair Steffy clarified the term landowner as they were referenced in the proposed changes to the policy.

Barb Brodowski, resident, commented on the garbage she removes while walking each and every day on the beaches and the Spit Trail. She provided comment on incidents on the Spit where she collects trash with a 3 foot grabber and was approached two different times by large, unleashed dogs and that pet owners do not pick up after their pets. Ms. Brodowski stated that dog owners are migrating to other areas where there are no regulations regarding dogs. This area is the most visited by tourists and is disgusting with the amount of dog poop along those paved paths around the harbor. She believes that there should be no unleashed dogs in public areas anywhere in the city.

Kathryn Carssow, resident, reinforced her previous comments to the commission on protecting the ecology, expressed her concern about the Beluga Slough and really enjoyed walking with her dog but willing to give that up to protect that habitat. She advocated for a barrier to keep vehicles from that

berm area. It is not supposed to be a road, she has proof of vehicles traveling into areas that they are not supposed to plus taking and burning the wood.

Rika Mouw, city resident, lives along the coastline in Area 1, wanted to thank the staff for their efforts in providing the materials for the public, she supports the reconsideration of Area 7, she commented on the ecological value of the beaches and noted that the commissioners have not addressed Area 1 which is a very fragile habitat area and currently allows vehicles and dogs off leash. To access the beach you must travel over a berm area and you must travel on private property and they have birds in this area year round due to the nutrient rich feeding ground and will nest in this area. Currently there is no viable access except through the wetlands or private property. This is a relatively quiet area that people can walk safely and quietly. The worst area is at the bottom of the Airport Access. You can see where people have driven through this area. She advocated for a barrier similar to Louie's lagoon.

James Spearin, resident and property owner in Area 1, commented that they have put up signage, posts and rocks, but people have pulled them down and moved the rocks, a new berm that has formed has timber collected on top of it, they have had numerous problems with young people having parties and fires down there which is more of a concern with fires burning near that timber. He has no problem with people walking their dogs but those that are doing damage he is not sure how to control them without putting a fence that allows pedestrians only not vehicles. Property owners can have access. He has discussed the issue with the Airport Manager but they have no control over that access.

Chair Steffy requested Mr. Spearin to locate his property on the map. It is located at the corner of Area 5 and Area 1 on the map.

Marianne Aplin, USFW, thanked the Commissioners and noted that a letter has been submitted but wanted to reiterate that they support a year round ban on vehicles, leash law and clean up rules in Area 7. In response to Commissioner Lowney Ms. Aplin clarified that they don't support driving on the beach in general, as well as driving through the tidal areas, but the berms are very important for protecting the habitat.

Paul Eneboe, resident, lives on the point, to the east of Bishops Beach, they along with the Lance and Barbara Petersen own approximately 34 acres, he commented in support what the commissioners are trying to do. They purchased the land in order to prohibit future building they heard about. They do have a big issue that they face every few years with the mouth wanting to drift towards the end of the spit and have been doing it since the 1940's. He purchased land in 1969 and they had to perform that cut every two years. He noted that they are in the process of speaking with the Corps of Engineers to perform the cut again. This will be a twice each decade more or less activity that needs to be done with that channel. He wanted to provide a heads up that this is an ongoing issue that is taken care of in the fall. He does not believe it is particularly damaging. He asked if the commission had any questions of him as a property owner.

Commissioner Lillibridge asked for Dr. Eneboe to point out his property on the map.

Commissioner Lowney asked for clarification on the collection of coal in that area from Mariner Park or accessed the coal from the road that comes down from that area. Dr. Eneboe responded that they have always welcomed the coal collectors and spoke about the pocket where coal collects. He stated in his opinion that driving below the tide line does little if no damage but doesn't believe anyone should drive on the berm or lower on the beach.

Barb Petersen, city resident, requested the location of the "road" that Commissioner Lowney inquired about and explained that that road was on Tillion property and was very well maintained. She noted there were three parcels that are private property that is in the slough and gets covered with high water.

Nancy Hillstrand, city resident, advocated for no vehicles in Area 7, they cannot have utilities unless above ground due to the wetlands in that area, she also recommended the use of "Doggie Dooley's" to compost the dog poop. Ms. Hillstrand owns property in Area 1 also and advocated for the commission to listen to the property owners. She commented on the compaction caused by vehicles as being

implicated in the razor clams issue. She further advocated for protection of the wildlife and pedestrian use of the beaches.

Chair Steffy requested Ms. Hillstrand to provide clarification on ownership of property and private property owners feelings on the public using that land. He would like to get their input on those issues.

Kate Finn, Anchor Point resident, driving in area 7 is unconscionable and unreasonable, and has gotten progressively worse. She is not aware of the quality of the coal, maybe it is really high quality, but there is a ton of coal at Diamond Creek towards Anchor Point. There is coal in other places.

Chair Steffy thanked everyone for coming out and commenting. He encouraged people to submit comments in writing and the more input the commission receives the better recommendations they will be able to make. He encouraged those present to talk to their neighbors too.

VISITORS

There were no visitors scheduled for tonight.

RECONSIDERATION

A. Memorandum from Deputy City Clerk re: Request to Reconsider A Motion on the Subject of Vehicles in Area 7

Chair Steffy read the title into the record and noted that this is not where the commission will discuss the motion but are required to vote to reconsider the motion if it is favorable then it will be moved to the first item under Pending Business.

ARCHIBALD/LOWNEY - MOVED TO RECONSIDER THE MOTION TO MAKE AREA 7 AS SEASONAL ACCESS OCTOBER TO MARCH 31 WITH PLACEMENT OF ROCKS TO BLOCK ACCESS TO THE BERM AREA.

There was no discussion.

VOTE. YES. LILLIBRIDGE, BRANN, ROEDL, MACCAMPBELL, ARCHIBALD, LOWNEY, STEFFY

Motion carried.

ADOPTION OF THE CONSENT AGENDA

A. Minutes for the regular meeting of April 16, 2015

Chair Steffy requested any comments, questions or corrections regarding the items on the consent agenda. Hearing none he requested a motion for adoption of the consent agenda.

LILLIBRIDGE/LOWNEY - MOVED TO APPROVE THE MINUTES OF APRIL 16, 2015 AS PRESENTED.

There was no discussion.

VOTE. YES. NON-OBJECTION. UNANIMOUS CONSENT.

Motion carried.

STAFF & COUNCIL REPORTS/COMMITTEE REPORTS/BOROUGH REPORTS

A. Recommendations Recap - Julie Engebretsen, Deputy City Planner

Ms. Engebretsen recognized page 55 in the packet, this was the notice sent to property owners and that a similar notice will be sent out for the Public Hearing scheduled for the May 21st meeting. She inquired if the commission wanted to include Area 1 property owners. Ms. Engebretsen further indicated that the website has been updated and will be updated again with any recommendations the commission makes tonight.

Staff provided clarification on a recommendation for Area 7 regarding animals in relation to the map provided.

B. Parks & Recreation Trails Symposium Report - Deb Lowney

Commissioner Lowney provided a brief report on the positive response and attendance at the first symposium. MAPP put together a survey which the results are included in the packet. Not tonight but a follow-up was requested during maybe the annual conference this year. Maybe if the commission could discuss at a future meeting would be good. Chair Steffy thanked Commissioner Lowney for organizing.

C. Spring Beach/Park Walk Through Report - Julie Engebretsen

Staff reported they visited Bishop's Beach, Mariner Park and the area of Airport Access and they discussed some items that maybe Park Maintenance can address. Ms. Engebretsen stated that they need to start taking pictures so that they have a photo history of the areas when that can be viewed to see what is working and what more could be done. She was amazed at the changes in the area of the Airport access.

Chair Steffy commented on the Kachemak Heritage Land trust uses GPS to take photos at the same position each year. He advocated for the F.B. I. (Fledgling Bird Investigators) to take on that project and it could then be passed on to the next classes.

Staff explained that if the Commission would like to suspend the rules to entertain a casual conversation with the audience present on the recommendations made to date. However they do not have to suspend the rules either.

STEFFY/MACCAMPBELL - MOVED TO SUSPEND THE RULES TO ENTERTAIN DISCUSSION WITH THE AUDIENCE ON RECOMMENDATIONS TO THE BEACH POLICY.

There was no discussion.

VOTE. YES. NON-OBJECTIONS. UNANIMOUS CONSENT.

Motion carried.

PUBLIC HEARING

There were no items scheduled for this meeting.

PENDING BUSINESS

A. Map Depicting the Existing Areas and Proposed Areas

- 1. Recommendations to Define a Pedestrian Only Area
- 2. Recommendations Regarding Motorized and Non-Motorized Traffic Areas
- 3. Recommendation to Establish a Limited Permitting System
- 4. Recommendation to Designate a New Area
 - a. Boundaries
 - b. Allowable Activities

Ms. Carssow commented on the vehicles parking down below the berm right up on the slough outfall and there is no reason to park there, other than to be out of sight. There is no view there. She admitted to taking their pictures and getting funny looks but she does not observe them doing anything or getting out of their vehicles. She also reported vehicles speeding towards the water driving across the berm really fast and spinning out near the water. This does damage to the berm and the toe of the berm and should stop.

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Roberta Highland further commented on the signage indicating a pedestrian zone and the amount of vehicles that park and travel on the beach. The days are gone that require people to travel on the beach and she further advocated for closing Area 7 to vehicles period.

Chair Steffy asked if there were any additional public comments. There were none.

A. Request to Reconsider a Motion on the Subject of Vehicles in Area 7 Page 53

Chair Steffy read the title into the record and turned the floor over to Commissioner Archibald.

Commissioner Archibald stated that he initially proposed a motion that would close the area to vehicles but it was apparent that it would not pass that meeting so he amended it. He would like to propose the following motion:

BRANN/LOWNEY - MOVED TO MAKE THE AREA DESCRIBED AS BISHOP'S BEACH ACCESS TO BELUGA SLOUGH MOUTH IN AREA AS SEASONAL ACCESS OCTOBER 1 TO MARCH 31 WITH PLACEMENT OF ROCKS TO BLOCK ACCESS TO THE BERM AREA.

There was no discussion.

VOTE. NO. LOWNEY, MACCAMPBELL, STEFFY, ARCHIBALD, BRANN, LILLIBRIDGE VOTE. ABSTAINED. ROEDL

Motion carried.

ARCHIBALD/LILLIBRIDGE - MOVED TO CLOSE AREA 7 TO VEHICLES ANNUALLY.

The Commissioners offered comment on strong enforcement, working with US Fish & Wildlife, vehicles are not benign and they need to take a stand, this area needs the protection and should have delineations to protect this area, and the economic impact to the city from visitors to the beaches. It was noted that closing the area would in effect close the Bishop's Beach access since no vehicles would be allowed. Concern was expressed on dealing with the lack of parking already in Old Town and adding to the issues by closing the ability to park in the beach.

VOTE. YES. LILLIBRIDGE, ARCHIBALD, STEFFY, MACCAMPBELL, LOWNEY, BRANN VOTE. ABSTAINED. ROEDL

Motion carried.

- B. Recommendations to the Beach Policy
 - 1. Beach Policy Review 2015 City Website
 - 2. Map Related to Recommendations for Dogs On and Off Leash Areas
 - 3. Map Related to Recommendations for Motorized Vehicles

Chair Steffy approves that vehicles banned on area 8a, 8B and Area 7. He has concerns that Council will not approve this overall ban. Commissioner Lowney suggested providing Council two options which she doesn't like to do that. Commissioner Lillibridge recommended keeping the ban in place she stated that if they provide options that backpedalling before they get out of this room and are showing non-confidence to Council in their recommendations. Council submitted the issue to the commission so the commission should stand their ground. They have received plenty of testimony regarding these issues and they should listen to the community.

Commissioner Roedl commented on the increase in population of the area and the eventuality of closing the beach in all areas but strongly recommended that they consider parking options for pedestrians that are convenient because they are going to need to provide that service since they will be closing the beaches.

Further discussion on parking issues that closing the beach to vehicles will create in area 8A & 8B ensued.

Staff recommended that over \$700,000 was spent to improve Beluga Slough Trail and there is plenty of parking at Islands and Ocean that could be used.

Further comments on the city purchasing land, filling land in to make additional parking, turning the recreational grassy area in Bishop's Beach Park, which is a heavily used area, into parking, make walking on the beach safer by banning all vehicular traffic, providing trolley transportation from the Islands and Ocean parking lot to the beach.

Chair Steffy thanked Commissioner Roedl for bringing the issue of parking to the attention of the commission.

Commissioner Archibald commented on one last point that delineation of the park boundaries would maybe allow a few additional cars to park without allowing travel to the right or left onto the beach.

Chair Steffy approached the map to point out the area that Commissioner Archibald was speaking about and would then require the commission to revisit the recommendation made on vehicles in Area 8A towards the west but could be discussed at a later date.

Chair Steffy inserted that they are not going to be able to solve the parking problem until the resolve the Beach use problems. He next introduced the subject of vehicles and Area 1 and asked if the commission would like to address that area at this time.

Commissioner Lowney next commented that she had previously made a motion and would be willing to bring that back to the floor; staff recommended that she should just make the motion.

LOWNEY/MACCAMPBELL - MOVED TO PLACE A BARRIER AT THE BOTTOM OF AIRPORT ACCESS ROAD THE PREVENTS VEHICLES FROM LEAVING THAT PARKING LOT.

Discussion ensued regarding vehicular traffic being prohibited from Area 1.

MACCAMPBELL/LOWNEY - MOVED TO AMEND THE MOTION TO INSTALL A GATE AT THE TOP OF THE BEACH ACCESS ROAD.

There was a brief discussion on ownership of the right of way. Staff suggested just making the recommendations that the commission wanted.

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

Motion carried.

LOWNEY/LILLIBRIDGE - MOVED TO CLOSE AREA 1 TO MOTORIZED TRAFFIC.

There was no discussion.

VOTE. YES. NON-OBJECTION. UNANIMOUS CONSENT.

Motion carried.

Chair Steffy asked if the commission had any additional recommendations or questions.

Commissioner Lillibridge requested clarifications on the recommendations shown on page 57 of the packet regarding approval. Staff explained that all the bullet points have been approved by the commission. Chair Steffy provided further clarifications on the monetary requirements for the beach patrol. Commissioner Lillibridge expressed concerned with enforcement of the new recommendations. Staff noted that if these new recommendations are approved then there will be no vehicles allowed on the beaches.

Commissioner Lowney would like to entertain discussion on the kiosk suggestion from the students and implement this at each beach location. Discussion on having this done and whether they contract the

opportunity out and offer it for free or for a minimum price they should recommend this for all the city beach accesses. Chair Steffy commented in favor of this idea also. Further comments regarding the provision of information, firewood, and signage along with a display of maps would be a great opportunity to also offer explanation of the closure of beaches for the benefits of the community. Recommendations to install a park host can be done at a later date depending on how the current recommendations are accepted citing the difficulties in obtaining a Camp/Park Host for Karen Hornaday it was preferred to have one there before Bishop's Beach. Further comments were noted on the requirement that all camp/park hosts must be willing to testify in court.

BRANN/LOWNEY - MOVED TO BAN ALL GLASS CONTAINERS FROM THE CITY OF HOMER BEACHES.

Discussion followed that this makes sense as a safety issue and the difficulties in dealing with the hazards of broken glass even within the fire pits.

VOTE. YES. NON-OBJECTION. UNANIMOUS CONSENT.

Motion carried.

LOWNEY/LILLIBRIDGE - MOVED TO ALLOW THE BURNING OF PALLETS BY PERMIT ON THE BEACH.

Discussion ensued on the safety hazards with the nails remaining, offering exceptions by permit to special events such as the burning basket. This can be allowing at the discretion of Park Staff. Further discussion on installation of a large enough fire pits ensued. Commissioner MacCampbell could not support the burning of pallets for a number of reasons including theft and safety.

MACCAMPBELL/ARCHIBALD - MOVED TO AMEND THE MOTION TO BAN THE USE OF PALLETS IN FIRES ON THE BEACH.

There was further discussion on the dangers burning pallets, inefficient clean-up methods and the fact that most pallets are stolen.

VOTE. (Amendment) YES. LOWNEY, MACCAMPBELL, STEFFY, ARCHIBALD, BRANN, LILLIBRIDGE VOTE. NO. ROEDL

Motion carried.

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

Commissioner Lillibridge commented on submitting their recommendations to Council on changes to the Beach Policy and she is afraid that Council will not consider the vetting that the Commission has done listening to all the months of public comments. Chair Steffy related that he envisions providing council with a presentation on the background, how and what took place to reach the recommendations that will be presented to them. He will present it in a way that is responsive to the people. Commissioner MacCampbell questioned if someone has been keeping track of the number of public that has been attending each meeting which is quite a bit than those who have commented.

Commissioner Archibald inquired if they would be able to have a worksession with Council on the draft recommendation.

Staff indicated that June 8th and June 22nd are the next Council meetings and depending on the next meeting of May 21st the meeting on the 8th would be a short turnaround time since the City Clerk needs the packet materials no later than June 3rd. Staff expressed it is doable but tight depending on the possible changes or additions to the recommendations.

Chair Steffy did not want to rush since they have spent a lot of time on this issue. He would advocate for waiting to see how the May 21st meeting went. Staff explained that they could lose the opportunity to speak with Council so she suggested having a worksession, this could be 4:00 p.m. on June 8th which would be approximately 45 minutes of Council's time or if that is not available approximately 25 minutes at 5:00 p.m. Chair Steffy advocated for the more time the better. They could then have a presentation to Council on June 22nd.

Ms. Krause requested clarification on the content of the meeting for June 22nd, such as approving the Beach Policy. Staff explained that she is planning to have the actionable items ready for Council by that time such as Resolutions or introduction of ordinances. She noted that she will begin working with the City Attorney on these items.

C. Comments or Recommendations to City Council on the P.A.R.C. Needs Assessment

Chair Steffy introduced the item and commented on the value of comments or recommendations to Council and extended his thanks Ms. Engebretsen for her guidance and assistance during the whole process.

Commissioner Archibald inquired how this will work with the possible establishment of a service area.

Ms. Engebretsen responded that if ReCreate Rec wanted to start a service area that City staff would be able to assist to best of the limits established by being employed by the City. She further explained that the information is still being digested by the groups so nothing will be done right away. Chair Steffy added that with the offer of the Pratt with the space potential in the old building plus other unused spaces around town will also be looked at. Commissioner Archibald also commented on

other unused spaces around town will also be looked at. Commissioner Archibald also commente the volunteer aspect from those who want that particular sport or activity.

Ms. Engebretsen also commented in response to the Pratts offer of usable space because if they could have a building that would accommodate all the uses the building would be huge. So the more other existing space that can be accessed the smaller the community recreation center requirement needs are for the community.

Commissioner Lowney commented on the responses from the older and families without small or young children and if the non-responses were tracked would have offered some information. Ms. Engebretsen explained that the survey was statistically valid because realistically they do not have that many families with young children living within the city limits.

Chair Steffy commented on the Council's comments regarding the use of zip codes was misunderstood. He noted the commissioners who attended the presentation that was given to Council by Agnew::Beck. He noted some Council members had digested some of the information and some had not. He did note that the presentation was a bit dry while the material was good.

Ms. Engebretsen will inquire about the additional "web clicks" information at the next meeting with Agnew::Beck.

NEW BUSINESS

There was no new business on the agenda.

INFORMATIONAL MATERIALS

A. Commission Annual Calendar 2015

Chair Steffy reviewed the calendar and mentioned the review of Budget items for next year.

B. Commissioner Attendance at City Council Meetings 2015

Chair Steffy confirmed attendance at Council meeting on May 26 by Commissioner Lillibridge and the May 11th meeting will be attended by Commissioner Archibald.

C. Memorandum from Public Works Director re: Condition of Spit Camp Fee Building

Ms. Engebretsen will provide a confirmation of what was decided.

D. New ATV Rules in Wasilla - ADN News Article dated April 28, 2015

Chair Steffy commented that it was interesting aspect that they are making changes in the valley, not quite beaches but a similar long time use of ATV's.

E. Informational Research Conducted by Commissioner Lowney (Various organizations research on vehicular impact to the habitats on and around beaches.)

Chair Steffy commented that this was very informative and appreciated the time and effort expended by Commissioner Lowney for providing this information to the commission.

COMMENTS OF THE AUDIENCE

Mike Illg, city resident and employee, He complimented the work that Ms. Engebretsen and commented on the recreation program and the importance of the needs assessment. He encouraged the commission to focus on the nucleus of the driving force of why this Needs Assessment was conducted in the first place. Summertime is gorgeous and people are getting outside, there is still a need for indoor recreation space in the winter. The HERC building is temporary solution but they still do not know how long they will be able to be there. They still do not have general maintenance or custodial service for that facility. They are on a shoestring budget that uses a lot of volunteer help which is great. (At this time the Mission Impossible theme started to play over the speakers.) Mr. Illg continued by stating that there are many people who access the indoor recreation programs which provides for the young families that do not have the time, money or voice; so please do not lose sight of the indoor space needs for a lot of things. He further stated that City Council is interested in the funding options and a service district is one of those options. He offered that maybe another statically viable survey could be done for city residents.

Bill Ostwald, resident, thanked the commissioners for their efforts and encouraged them to stay focused on what they are trying to accomplish here. He appreciated Commissioner Lillibridge's comment on concerns regarding presenting the recommendations to Council as the commission sees them, not as they think Council may want it. He felt strongly that if they do not close the beach to vehicles they will not see the drugs and other behaviors stop. It may go someplace else but he did not care if it did. The city wants to attract families and visitors not speeding trucks and remnants of drug use to that area. Mr. Ostwald commented on the rationalization by the general public but guess it will be dealt with in its own way.

Roberta Highland, commented on public safety issues regarding the recommendations the commission is making and recognizing that it is difficult to accept change but that it can be done.

Jack Wiles, commented on signage that stats you cannot burn materials on the berm or remove from the berm and he tried to find it in the code. He questioned whether the existing signage is backed up in the Homer City Code or by Ordinance. Will the Beach Policy be adopted by ordinance? If they have recommendations adopted by ordinance how is that enforceable? How will that be easily located on the Homer website? They submitted one recommendation to change in code was to make signage in general enforceable so if you have signage it is enforceable. He commented on submitting it to the city attorney and then the cost that is incurred to the city for his work.

Nancy Hillstrand, she stated that she submitted information regarding the amount of money that is spent in the United States by people who viewed wildlife and visited parks, etc. She felt that it should be used in the commission presentation to Council. Ms. Hillstrand also commented on the usage of the school facilities since they pay the taxes we should be able to access the facilities. She further noted that they may need to be reminded who pays for the facility since there are taxpayers who don't have kids who pay for their facility.

Chair Steffy explained the great working relationship that Mr. Illg has managed to facilitate between the School District and the City recreation program but the School District requirements for come first and foremost.

COMMENTS OF THE CITY STAFF

Ms. Engebretsen commented on how the Beach Policy will be adopted and how the ordinances work along with enforcement. She also clarified that city laws may not be enforceable on private property. She will be submitting the recommendations to the City attorney and working with them

Ms. Krause commented on some information that was shared by the Chair of the Public Safety Building Committee relative to tax payers and service areas and the aging population in regards to comments on funding recreation.

COMMENTS OF THE COUNCILMEMBER (If one is present)

There were no council members present.

COMMENTS OF THE COMMISSION

Commissioner Lillibridge thanked the audience for speaking and commented on the impressive garbage collection by Ms. Brodowski and applauded her personal efforts. Commissioner Lillibridge recalled the phrase, "Change is inevitable, Growth is optional" she would like to see that as the headline on the presentation. So many people that have attended these meetings understand that the growth of Homer is part of an equation and that they are trying to do the things that will protect the city and beaches now and in the future. Homer is a changing city just as it is a changing planet. If they do not step forward and make a plan now it will be very easy to lose that voice, and having those that would rather keeping the ability to keep doing the activities that will eventually destroy our beaches and she is all for making that growth a fact, not optional.

Commissioner Roedl commented on the meeting and liked the idea of limiting the vehicles on the beach but expressed concerns about limiting the access to the beach, he believed they needed to improve pedestrian accesses to the beach so that they will be able to park their cars and walk to the beach.

Commissioner Archibald is happy about what they accomplished tonight and hopes they are too. He hopes the public keeps coming out and thanked the staff and public. It was a great meeting.

Commissioner MacCampbell commented on the difference today compared to 30 years ago with the use of 4 wheelers and UTV's. He commented on experience in Santa Cruz Mountains in California that even driving to the beach is bumper to bumper and you cannot drive on the beach since there are too many people. He appreciated the efforts of Ms. Brodowski and agreed that owners need to be more responsible. He agreed that it is unreal with the amount of dog poop on the docks. He was under the assumption, the wrong assumption, that if they make a recommendation or resolution that it will be developed into an ordinance and an ordinance needs someone behind it that can say we have tried this number of things it did not work so here is your citation.

Commissioner Lowney thanked the public for sticking to end with them and thanked the staff and their efforts for walking them through this process because without them she does not know where they will be; Commissioner Lowney further advocated that they look into beach front purchases to increase parking areas for beaches and to also view the beach. She also wanted to make sure that better enforcement was conducted in the Day Use areas to make sure it is utilized appropriately, another area to look at is curfews on the beaches may help, she would also like to collect some data specific to the beaches and how it feeds the economy which allows residents to exist here with an income. She would like to add the Trails Symposium to a fall agenda preferably to coincide with the Fall Conference. She would really appreciate the information on the Land and Water Conservation grant for Karen Hornaday Park.

Commissioner Brann thanked everyone for attending and staff.

COMMENTS OF THE CHAIR

Chair Steffy commented on his visits to Bishops Beach and the number of people who pull out and park on the berm, he was curious if they would park in the parking lot or would they go somewhere else. He understands the draw of parking on the beach besides the better view of the water you are not looking at the butt end of a truck. Chair Steffy likewise advocated having the meeting outside if it is nice and sunny!

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business to come before the Commission, Chair Steffy adjourned the meeting at 8:32 p.m. The next **REGULAR MEETING IS SCHEDULED FOR THURSDAY**, **MAY 21**, **2015** at 5:30 p.m. A **PUBLIC HEARING IS ALSO SCHEDULED DURING THAT MEETING ON ALL THE RECOMMENDATIONS FOR CHANGES TO THE BEACH POLICY** at City Hall Cowles Council Chambers 491 E. Pioneer Avenue, Homer, Alaska.

Renee Krause, CMC, Deputy City Clerk I

Approved:_____



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To:Parks and Recreation Advisory CommissionFrom:Julie Engebretsen, Deputy City PlannerDate:May 14, 2015Subject:May Staff Report

- The Park Host position is being advertised for Karen Hornaday Park. See attached for the description of duties and benefits.
- The final budget report for the Land and Water Conservation District is attached.
- Council has introduced an ordinance to have a ballot measure to create a bed tax which would in part help fund parks and recreation. There will be a public hearing on placing this on the ballot at the Tuesday, May 26. More information is attached.

Camp fee building

The Commission asked that I look in to what is happening with the camp fee building on the Spit. Public Works Superintendent Dan Gardner had this to say: "It is my understanding that after this season (assuming we don't get another storm that wipes out the recent gravel repair in the meantime), we will surplus the building and over the winter acquire/construct a portable camp fee collection building that can be rolled to Mariner Park or any other location."

Beach Policy Work Session

- The Commission tentatively has a 4 pm work session with the City Council on June 8th, to talk about the beach policy. Written items for Council's packet are due by 10 am Wednesday, June 3rd. I will have an update at the meeting to confirm of change this date. As of today, at least the Council members will not be present
- I would like to work with the chair to ensure the Commission has all the materials needed for the work session. Typically there would be a written report, and in this case, maps. I can write a memo on your behalf, using the information off the website, and provide maps. I would appreciate one or two Commissioners volunteering to read a draft of the memo and make suggestions.
- If the Commission wants other written information presented to Council, please let me know by Wednesday May 20th.
- To successfully communicate with Council, we need to be concise in the report and presentation. I would recommend 2-3 Commissioners plan to speak. Ideally, the memo and the presentation will follow the same order. So maybe whoever is going to speak, could work with me on the memo? A short presentation outline, echoed in the memo, will reinforce your recommendations and reflect all the work that has gone on for this process.

<u>Attachments</u>

- 1. Park Host information
- 2. LWCF final budget report
- 3. Ordinance 15-13 and memorandum 15-065
- 4. Copy of public notice for the Beach Policy

| Project # 02-00408 Total Project Cost: \$150,000 Project To Date | Project Name: Sponsor: Fed Share: | | Karen Hornaday Hillside Park Improvements City of Homer \$75,000 50/50 | | | | |
|------------------------------------------------------------------------|-----------------------------------------|------------------|------------------------------------------------------------------------------|------------|---------------|------------|---------|
| Budget & Billing Summary | Original Budget | Ameded Budget | Bill #1 | Bill #2 | Bill #3 | Totals | Balance |
| Site Prep: Drainage Improvement | 5,814.00 | 5,795.00 | 435.00 | 100.00 | 5,260.00 | 5,795.00 | |
| Roads, Trails, Parking | 31,300.00 | 31,219.87 | 20,232.56 | 117.75 | 10,869.56 | 31,219.87 | ÷ 1. |
| Relocate existing shelter | 12,000.00 | 13,033.04 | 3,800.00 | 9,233.04 | 19-11-12-11-1 | 13,033.04 | ş |
| Picnic & Camping Area Improvements | 78,500.00 | 81,262.70 | 22,639.58 | (7,489.00) | 66,112.12 | 81,262.70 | |
| Utilities to campgrd host site:undergrd power | 8,750.00 | 8,746.11 | | A gʻalar - | 8,746.11 | 8,746.11 | |
| Total Direct Costs | 136,364.00 | 140,056.72 | 47,107.14 | 1,961.79 | 90,987.79 | 140,056.72 | 1 |
| Surcharge up to 10% Amended to 7.1% | 13,636.00 | 9,944.03 | 3,344.61 | 139.29 | 6,460.13 | 9,944.03 | - |
| Total Project Costs | \$ 150,000.00 | \$ 150,000.75 | 50,451.75 | 2,101.08 | 97,447.92 | 150,000.75 | \$ - |
| Fed Share 50% | 75,000.00 | 75,000.00 | 25,225.87 | 1,050.54 | 48,723.96 | 75,000.00 | - |
| Less Surcharge | 13,636.00 | 9,944.03 | 3,344.61 | 139.29 | 6,460.13 | 9,944.03 | |
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General Duties

The Karen Hornaday Park Host supports the park operation and provides a valuable point of contact for visitors in the park and campground. It is important that the park host be knowledgeable about the park and campground and the community. This position does not collect money. Acts as official representative of the City of Homer.

Duties will include, but not limited to the following.

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- Assist visitors, answers questions and explain regulations which apply to them.
- 2. Assist campers in locating a campsite.
- Be familiar with local points of interest and the location of services that might be requested by campers such as towing, groceries, churches, tourist attractions and local events.
- 4. Report situations that could affect the health and safety of visitors, and report any maintenance items which need immediate attention to the Parks Coordinator immediately.
- 5. Host shall not attempt to discipline or apprehend any park violators. Host will report all disturbances to the Parks Coordinator and/or Homer Police Department depending on the type of disturbance. You are to inform campers of rules and regulations, but are not to participate in any high risk activity.
- Host must set an example by being a model camper practicing good housekeeping at all times in and around their assigned site and by observing all rules and regulations.
- 7. Host is expected to work most weekends and all holidays during their term.
- 8. Host is expected to pick up litter and assist in stocking restroom supplies.
- 9. May be assigned other duties and projects not listed.

Morning Rove (8:00ish), Afternoon Rove (2:00ish), and Evening Rove (8:00ish)

- Walk through the entire campground.
- Be on the lookout for occupied sites that do not have current fee stubs posted. Late arrivals may or may not have taken care of their fees. Do not wake visitors up. Leave a pink slip on the post (not on their vehicle).
- When the visitor has a current fee stub, please mark on the stub (with black marker in large print) the date they are leaving.
- Do not collect money. Send them to the fee kiosk
- Be available to answer questions, give directions, assist campers, and pick-up unsightly trash.
- Make sure that the fee kiosk is re-stocked with fee envelopes, pencils, park brochures, park newspapers etc. and that the fee station looks clean and orderly.
- · When you are notified of an issue in the campground after

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Problems in the Campground

Non-Emergency – if the problem can be corrected and the campers seem cooperative, ask them to promptly correct the situation. Do not continue to make contact with that visitor. If you detect a problem and the campsite occupant is not present, leave a written notice noting the problem. If the problem persists after the occupant has returned, notify the Parks Coordinator or the Camp Fee Collectors.

<u>Emergency</u> (Medical, Law Enforcement, Fire etc.) – Call the Homer Police Department at 235-3150.

Working Conditions

Work is mostly outside in hot, cold, wet, humid, wind, or other adverse conditions. Physical activity is required. Walking or bicycling is required. Must reside in park during time of service. Must be able to safely lift at least 20lbs. Ability to bend, stretch, pull and lift required. May be required to work overtime, holidays or weekends.

Benefits

Provided use of a campsite and all at no charge for the duration of the term of service. Electric hook ups, fuel, water and dump station provided. Will be issued a vest and name tag.

Items Provided by Hosts

Dependable mobile camping unit, (RV or trailer) food and any other personal items needed.

Skills and Abilities

Must be at least 25 years of age. Ability to pass a background check required. Ability to get along well with people. Ability to remain calm and friendly when confronted with upset visitors. Ability to physically get out and make rounds through the camping and park area. Ability to adapt to changing work conditions.





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Time Commitment

At least 24 hours of service time per week for a minimum of four (4) weeks, to include most weekends and all holidays. Two consecutive days off in the summer. Must be available all weekends and holidays.

Supervision and Training Provided

Supervised by Parks Coordinator or designee. Trained in park and campground registration procedures, rules and regulations, and host responsibilities.

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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 21st at 5:30 p.m. at Homer City Hall, 491 East Pioneer Avenue, Homer, Alaska on the following matters:

Proposed Changes to the Beach Policy

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

To comment to the Commission, email rkrause@ci.homer.ak.us or fax 907-235-3143, by 4 pm the day of the meeting.

Questions? Contact Julie Engebretsen in the Planning Department at 435-3119.

Visit the City Website to see the public hearing proposals,

or on the back of this page

http://www.cityofhomer-ak.gov/recreation look for "Beach Policy Review 2015"

Why make changes now?

In the fall of 2014, the Commission began hearing from property owners and residents in Old Town that there are more problems between vehicles and pedestrians on the beach, and more 'bad behavior.' (Drinking, drugs, partying on private property, trespass, etc). The Commission began holding meetings to explore these issues. The Commission has spent the last few months learning about the existing rules and policies, listening to public comment, and thinking about the future of Homer's beaches.

What happens next? The Commission will hold a hearing on May 21st. They can either keep working on the policy, based on public comments, or send their recommendations to the City Council. The Council will make the final decision on any changes to the existing rules.

See reverse for proposed changes

Proposed changes to date: (as of 5/6/15, for public hearing on 5/21)

- Install fire pits at these three locations: Bishop's Beach Park, City parcel near the end of Main Street/Ohlson Lane, and at the end of Crittenden, and make trash cans available.
- **Hire** two seasonal beach patrol employees
- Draft an ordinance to define and ban reckless driving as it would be applied to all of City of Homer beaches
- Improve signage at Bishop's Beach.
- Create areas where **dogs must be on leashes**. See map on website, or attached
- Close all beaches to vehicles in summer, and allow winter use along a portion of the western part of the Spit. (Land owners of beach front property and their guests are exempt). See map on website, or attached
- Add Bishop's Beach and Beluga Slough to the existing Western Hemisphere Shorebird Reserve Network. (WHSRN)

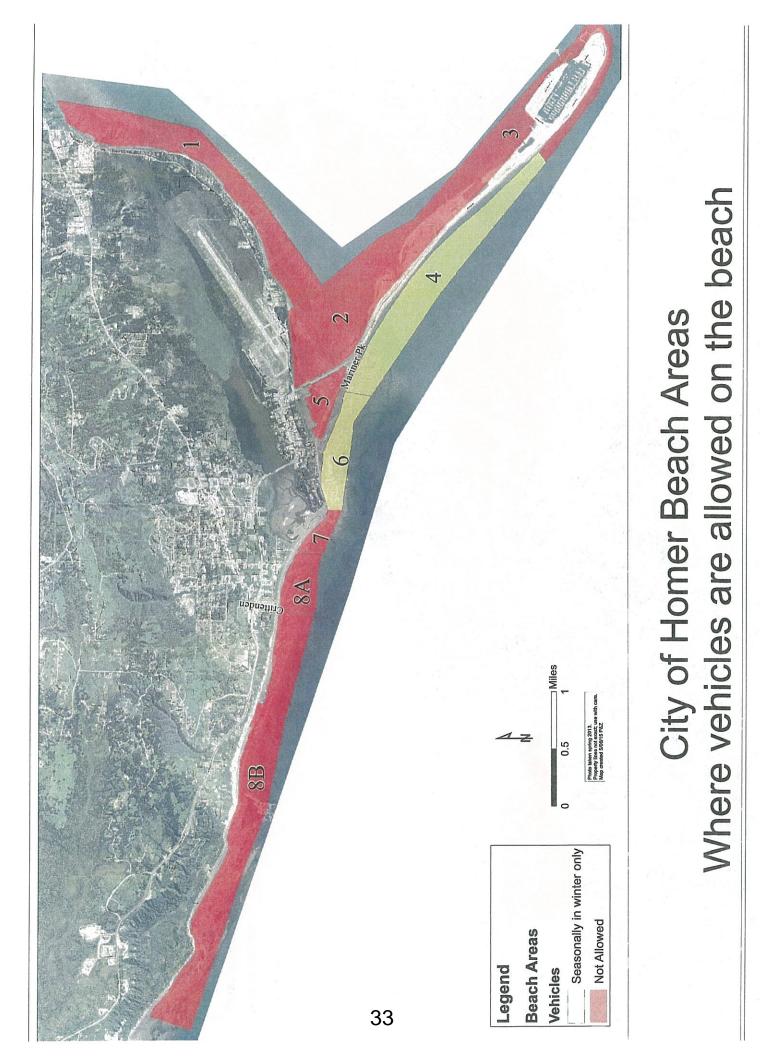
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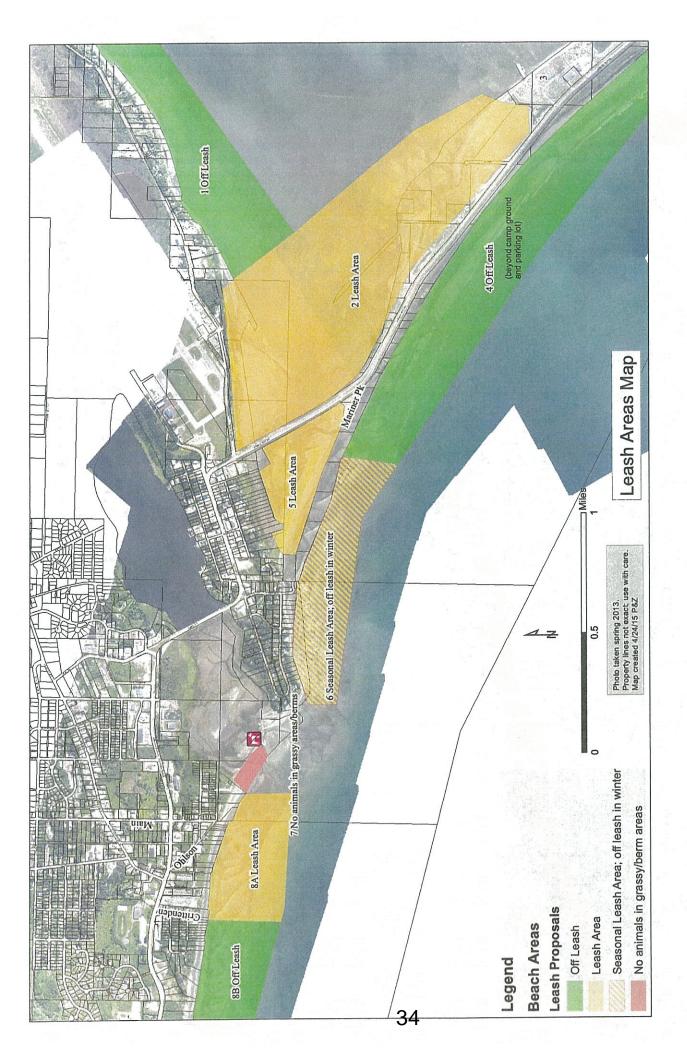
- Increase dog waste education
- Install dog waste bag dispensers at public buildings, trails and parks and encourage other agencies and businesses to do the same.
- Purchase 500 dog waste bag dispensers to give away; encourage local businesses to stock baggies supplies and dispensers.
- Educate locals on beach rules. Community outreach: primary user groups, schools
- Education on beach resources (why we have the rules and how they protect what we have)
- Delineate private property at Bishop's Beach Access
- Place rocks to prevent or mark where vehicles shouldn't go, east at Bishop's Beach
- Consider a park host. (Would need to be willing to testify in Court)
- Ban the burning of pallets on the beach
- Ban glass bottles (containers) on the beach

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Memorandum

TO:PARKS AND RECREATION ADVISORY COMMISSIONFROM:RENEE KRAUSE, CMC, DEPUTY CITY CLERK

DATE: MAY 15, 2015

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SUBJECT: REQUEST FOR REVIEW OF RECOMMENDATIONS MADE FOR AREA 8 A AND 8 B IN THE BEACH POLICY

Commissioner Roedl has requested the commission review the recommendations made on Area 8 A and Area 8 B during the meeting of April 16, 2015.

Following are those recommendations:

Commissioner Lillibridge advocated for prohibiting vehicles on the beach in the immediate area in front of the parking lot. There was a brief discussion on bringing a line of boulders down on the right to the end of private property and they already moved to place a line of boulders to the left which would take care of vehicles parking to the left.

LOWNEY/LILLIBRIDGE – MOVED THAT VEHICLES ARE ALLOWED BY PERMIT USE ONLY IN AREA 8A AND AREA 8B

Commissioner Lowney stated that she is making this motion based on the complaints from the residents and users of the beach. The commission stated all the reasons why they need to restrict and create controls now regarding the uses of the beach. Chair Steffy supported creating the separate recommendations on the different areas for Council to make the final decisions.

VOTE. YES. NON-OBJECTION. UNANIMOUS CONSENT.

Motion carried.

Commissioner Archibald inquired about creating a parking area on the beach within the confines of Bishop's Beach Park. Staff recommended having a separate discussion on this idea because if Council does not approve closing the beach then there might be some issues created.

STEFFY/BRANN - MOVED TO ESTABLISH A LIMITED PERMITTING SYSTEM AND LET COUNCIL DETERMINE THE PERMITTED USES.

The commission entertained a lengthy discussion and the pros and cons of establishing a permitting system, how to implement it effectively, and what activities should be permitted. They also debated what would be supported by Chief Robl and City Council and how detailed it should be or leave that to the Council. There were several comments regarding withdrawing the reference to permits on all recommendations since the intent of the commission is to curb the vehicles on the beach for purely recreational purposes. After a lengthy discussion the motion was pulled from the floor. Chair Steffy remarked that it is understood that all restrictions do not apply to landowners and their guests. If there are vehicles on the beach it will be up to the Police Department how it will be enforced. This will also put a burden on the property owners to report to the Police when they see offenders down there.

A reminder that what caused problems last year and a suggestion that the private property owners need to get together and agree on how they want to manage these problems was suggested by Commissioner Brann.

There was a brief conversation on inviting the property owners to a discussion and needing definitive motions for the property owners to respond to at the next meeting, May 4th. Staff will mail invites to property owners to comment on the recommendations made and a Public Hearing will be conducted at the May 21st meeting. Comment was made on having a permit required in any areas. It was noted that private property owners have access no matter what, historical access, they can close it and it will present the potential for litigation for the city. Reiteration for clarification was made for Mariner Park regarding dogs on leash or off leash. Staff requested a clear motion prohibiting vehicles from the Areas 8A and 8B since they rescinded the permit system in any area. A previous motion included the vehicles allowed by permit only.

LOWNEY/LILLIBRIDGE - MOVED TO PROHIBIT VEHICLES IN AREAS AREA 8A AND 8B WITH THE EXCEPTION OF LANDOWNERS.

There was no discussion.

VOTE. YES. NON-OBJECTION. UNANIMOUS CONSENT.

Motion carried.

RECOMMENDATION: Informational in Nature. No Action Required.





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Memorandum

TO: PARKS AND RECREATION ADVISORY COMMISSION

FROM: RENEE KRAUSE, CMC, DEPUTY CITY CLERK

DATE: MAY 15, 2015

SUBJECT: RECOMMENDATION TO RENEW CITY OF HOMER MEMBERSHIP IN THE ALASKA RECREATION AND PARKS ASSOCIATION

Commissioner Steffy has requested the commission renew the City's membership in the Association.

A Motion to renew the membership and expend the \$150 from the Commission funds is required.

RECOMMENDATION:

Move to approve the renewal of the City of Homer membership as an "agency" and expend the \$150 for the renewal from Commission funds.

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Memorandum

TO: PARKS AND RECREATION ADVISORY COMMISSION

FROM: RENEE KRAUSE, CMC, DEPUTY CITY CLERK

DATE: MAY 15, 2015

SUBJECT: KAREN HORNADAY PARK PLAYGROUND MAINTENANCE

Commissioner Lowney has requested this item on the agenda.

Please see the attached email received from Deb Cox affiliated with HoPP

RECOMMENDATION: Informational in Nature. No Action Required.

| From: | Debra Lowney <dlowney@acsalaska.net></dlowney@acsalaska.net> | | | | |
|----------|--------------------------------------------------------------|--|--|--|--|
| Sent: | Sunday, April 26, 2015 12:40 PM | | | | |
| То: | Renee Krause | | | | |
| Subject: | Fwd: Trail Symposium and Trails Day! | | | | |

Renee,

Can we get this added to our agenda?

Deb

Sent from my iPad

Begin forwarded message:

From: Deborah Cox <<u>debdcox@icloud.com</u>> Date: April 26, 2015 at 10:20:23 AM AKDT To: matt steffy <<u>parallaxicity@gmail.com</u>>, Angie Otteson <<u>aotteson@cityofhomer-ak.gov</u>>, Deb Lowney <<u>dlowney@acsalaska.net</u>>, Miranda Weiss <<u>mirandaweiss@gmail.com</u>> Subject: Trail Symposium and Trails Day!

Hello to All,

Congratulations on the Trails Day Symposium! Fantastic!

I am thrilled about the efforts, and many great ideas to make this a wonderful walkable, bike-able town.

That said, I am wondering if there are any thoughts on an annual day or days for upkeep and maintenance at KHP Playground. The Trails Symposium took the place of Parks Day this year and there is always maintenance and upkeep necessary annually at the playground(s) around town. The town would hate to see the newest KHP playground fall into a state of disrepair like the last one did.

One major area of annual need is the *replacement of wood chips*. Particularly under swings and slides. The holes get quite large under these spots. I am unsure of what wood chips remain, Miranda? Or do we need to order? I know we had an order when the net climber was installed one year ago, and there can be a long wait time.

Also, I don't believe the bolts on the big slide have been replaced yet (Angie!?). I spoke with Angie several times about this last summer, and the city has bolts to use. If I should order more, let me know. It would be a near tragedy to have that slide loosen up and break or fall apart. Not replaceable after that. It took so much work to install, and about broke the back of one of our Captains during the build

week! (Forgive me if this has been done since the last time I was there a recently - going in about a half hour too!)

For the past two years Church on The Rock has organized a work party. Miranda and I, and HOPP are always on board to help take care of this wonderful park.

Big thanks to all for all that you do.

Sincerely, Deb Cox 299-1516 debdcox@mac.com

PARKS AND RECREATION ADVISORY COMMISSION ANNUAL CALENDAR FOR THE 2015 MEETING SCHEDULE

| MEETING DATE | SCHEDULED EVENTS OR AGENDA ITEM | | | | | | |
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| □MARCH 19, 2015 | LAND ALLOCATION PLAN REVIEW & RECOMMENDATIONS TO COUNCIL UPDATE ON PARK & RECREATION SYMPOSIUM – HOMERON THE MOVE | | | | | | |
| □APRIL 16, 2015 | SELECT SPRING PARK &/ OR BEACH WALK THROUGH FINAL REPORT ON PARK & RECREATION SYMPOSIUM – HOMERON THE MOVE | | | | | | |
| MAY 4, 2015 SPECIAL | TENTATIVE PUBLIC HEARING ON DRAFT RECOMMENDATIONS TO UPDATE BEACH POLICY | | | | | | |
| □MAY 21, 2015 | WORKSESSION SPRING PARK AND/OR BEACHES WALK THROUGH FINAL REVIEW, PUBLIC HEARING AND RECOMMENDATION TO COUNCIL ON PROPOSED CHANGES TO THE BEACH POLICY | | | | | | |
| □JUNE 18, 2015 | INITIAL BUDGET REVIEW – WHAT DOES THE COMMISSION WANT FOR 2016? THANK YOU ADVERTISEMENT FOR THE FIRST HALF OF THE YEAR REVIEW CAPITAL IMPROVEMENT PLAN | | | | | | |
| □JULY 16, 2015 | NO MEETING SCHEDULED | | | | | | |
| □AUGUST 20, 2015 | BUDGET REVIEW & RECOMMENDATIONS STRATEGIC PLANNING | | | | | | |
| □SEPTEMBER 17, 2015 | FALL PARK WALK THROUGH AND BEACH WALK; ELECTIONS; SELECT KHP CLEAN UP DAY BUDGET DISCUSSION | | | | | | |
| OCTOBER 15, 2015 | KAREN HORNADAY PARK CLEAN-UP REVIEW AND APPROVE THE 2016 MEETING SCHEDULE THANK YOU ADVERTISEMENT FOR 2 ND HALF OF THE YEAR | | | | | | |
| □NOVEMBER 19, 2015 | STRATEGIC PLAN REVIEW & PLANNING | | | | | | |
| DECEMBER 2015 | NO MEETING SCHEDULED HAPPY HOLIDAYS! | | | | | | |

PARKS AND RECREATION ADVISORY COMMISSION ANNUAL CALENDAR FOR THE 2015 MEETING SCHEDULE

2015 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. <u>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.</u> However, if your schedule permits please feel free to attend both meetings. Remember you cannot be heard if you do not speak.

Commissioner Archibald January 12, 26 2015 February 9, 23 2015 Commissioner Archibald, Commissioner Steffy March 9, 23 2015 Commissioner Brann, Commissioner Steffy April 13, 27 2015 Commissioner Lowney, Commissioner Lillibridge May 11, 26 (Tues) Commissioner Steffy, Commissioner Archibald June 8, 22 2015 July 20 2015 Commissioner Roedl August 10, 24 2015 September 14, 28 2015 October 12, 26 2015 November 23, 2015 December 14, 2015

The following Meeting Dates for City Council for 2015 is as follows:

Please review and if you will be unable to make the meeting you are <u>tentatively</u> scheduled for please discuss.

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

Jack Gist Permit No. 25279

State of Alaska Department of Transportation and Public Facilities

Recreational and Cultural Interest Area (RCIA) #25279 Sign Permit

This permit allows a RICA to install and maintain a sign which contains the name and directional information of their RCIA within a State owned highway Right of Way.

| Applicant: Mailing Address: | City of Homer/Pl 491 E. Pioneer Ave Homer, AK 99603 | | ıg | | | |
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| Contact Name: | Dotti Harness-Fost | er | | | | |
| E-mail Address: | dharness@ci.home | r.ak.us | | | | |
| Phone: | (907) 235-8121 x2 | 239 | Fax: (907) 235-3118 | | | |
| | PERMIT EXPI | RATION: Dece | mber 31, 2019 | | | |
| Location of the Proposed s the business): | ign installation (includ | les highway nan | ne, milepost or any other information to locate | | | |
| Two RCIA Signs – Home | -East End Road, MP 1 | .9 | | | | |
| A single-post D7-105, Perforated Steel Post (PST) sign assembly, within the East End Road right of way, approximately 300 feet east from the centerline of Adams Drive approach, adjacent to the westbound vehicle travel lane. | | | | | | |
| way, approximately | - A single-post D7-105, Perforated Steel Post (PST) sign assembly, within the East End Road right of way, approximately 300 feet west from the centerline of existing Adams Drive approach, adjacent to the eastbound vehicle travel lane. | | | | | |
| Highway Speed Limit: 45 | | | | | | |
| Intersection type: | roads | [•] Tee | [] Other | | | |
| Mileage from highway to o | destination: | Number of Mo | torist served last year: | | | |
| .03 | | 100 | | | | |

APPROVED SIGN INFORMATION

| Requested | JACK GIST |
|--------------|-------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|
| sign legend: | PARK |
| | RIGHT/LEFT ARROW (D7-105) |
| | First two lines are reserved for the name of the RCIA. The third line is reserved for the |
| | direction (i.e., next right/left, x miles, etc.) |
| Icons: | RS-096 – Baseball |
| Other Icon: | |

Sign Mockup (may not exactly resemble real sign)



Permittee upon signing this permit acknowledges and agrees to the following provisions:

The Permittee shall maintain the necessary licenses for the RCIA activity.

Permit is issued for a period not to exceed five years. Permittee may renew the permit by following the application procedure. A renewed permit expires five years following the date of the current permit. Permittee shall arrange, at their expense, for a sign contractor to remove the sign before the permit expires unless, before the expiration date, the Permittee receives a renewed permit for the sign.

This Permit is not a property right but a temporary authorization, revocable by the State upon violation of any Permit terms or conditions, or for other reasons. All reasonable attorney's fees and costs associated with legal or enforcement actions related to the terms and conditions of this permit will be borne by the permittee.

All cost and liability which relate to the sign(s) or their maintenance shall be at the sole expense of the Permittee.

The Permittee shall adjust or relocate the sign(s) without cost or liability to the State if, at any time, or from time to time, the use or safety of the highway within which the sign(s) exist requires that they be adjusted or relocated.

Sign shall be installed in accordance with the standard RCIA sign detail drawing.

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A sign shop drawing must be submitted for approval prior to sign installation. The sign shop drawing must include: (1) dimensions of all horizontal and vertical characters and spaces, (2) overall dimensions, (3) sign material and sheeting material type, (4) panel thickness, (5) legend and letter series, (6) whether the sign will be framed, (7) sign post type, and (8) foundation type.

Sign(s) approved by this permit shall be constructed and maintained by the Permittee in such a manner that the highway, and all its appurtenances or facilities including, but not limited to, all drainage facilities, pipes, culverts, and ditches and their safety shall not be impaired in any way by the construction or maintenance.

All signs installed in State rights of way shall be fabricated, located and installed in conformance with the Alaska Traffic Manual (ATM), Alaska Sign Design Manual (ASDS), and standard drawings and specifications. Our Traffic & Safety section shall approve all variable message signs (i.e. street name signs) prior to installation.

If any of the conditions of this permit are violated, the State reserves the right to require the removal of the RCIA sign. A notice of violation must provide the Permittee with at least 20 days from the date of the notice to remedy the violation. If Permittee fails to remedy a violation, the Department will: (1) remove the sign; (2) cancel the permit if it has not already expired; (3) bill the Permittee for the Department's expenses; (4) within 15 days of the date of removal send a written notice of action to the Permittee; the notice of action must describe the action and the reason for the action; (5) return the sign to the Permittee no later than 15 days after the Permittee pays the Department for its expenses as billed.

The Permittee will obtain all necessary Federal, State, and Municipal permits and licenses required by law, pay all taxes and special assessments lawfully imposed upon the permitted area, and pay other fees and charges assessed under applicable law.

If Permittee damages any improvements within the State owned right of way, Permittee will be responsible to return them to their previous condition. The Department's Maintenance and Operations Section will inspect and approve the restored improvements. Improvements may include but are not limited to: pavement structures, sidewalks, curb and gutter, pathways, driveways, signs, traffic markings, guardrail, delineators, highway lighting systems, traffic signal systems, drainage structures and mailboxes.

Permittee shall indemnify, defend and hold harmless the State, and its officers, employees, and contractors, from any and all claims or actions resulting from injury, death, loss, or damage sustained by any person or personal property resulting directly or indirectly from Permittee's placement of the sign.

Upon receipt of a sign permit, Permittee shall arrange, at their expense, for a sign contractor to manufacture, install, and maintain the sign as specified in the permit. A person may not install, maintain, or remove a RCIA sign unless the person is named on the Department's list of approved sign contractors. The Department will maintain the list of approved sign contractors. The list consists of those persons known to the Department to have experience in working in public rights of way with active traffic and knowledge of the traffic control requirements necessary for safe operation on an active highway. Before installing, maintaining, or removing a RCIA sign, a sign contractor shall submit a written request for permission to work in the right of way to the Department. The request must include a traffic control plan. The Department will approve the request if the Department, in the Department's discretion, determines that the request is consistent with safe operation on an

active highway. In approving the request, the Department will, in the Department's discretion, impose other requirements that are necessary to ensure safe operation.

The Permittee shall not place additional improvements within the right of way, and if, at any time in the future, the permitted sign(s) are destroyed, removed or rebuilt for any reason whatsoever, they shall not again be placed within the right of way unless authorized by another permit. The Permittee shall not install other illegal business signs adjacent to or within the right of way. If additional signs are installed, they will be removed immediately without notice.

If the activity associated with this RCIA permit is closed, or is expected to be closed, for more than one month, Permittee shall arrange, at their expense, for a sign contractor to remove the sign or cover it with a plate, not later than 7 days after the date of closure. If the activity advertised by this sign permit closes permanently or no longer meets the conditions under which the permit was issued, Permittee shall: (1) immediately arrange for a sign contractor to remove the sign not later than 7 days after the closure or change; and (2) not later than 14 days after the closure or change in conditions, send a written notice to the Department describing the closure or change.

If the Permittee transfers the activity associated with this permit to another person or organization, the new owner must notify the Department in writing within 10 days of the transfer. The Department will cancel the original permit and issue, without charge, a comparable permit to the new owner if the Department determines that the material circumstances of the original permit have not changed. The replacement permit expires on the same date that the original permit was expected to expire.

This Permit is subject to any applicable federal law, regulations, or policy and procedure memorandum of the Federal Highway Administration (FHWA).

Permittee upon signing this permit acknowledges and agrees to the following conditions:

- Sign installed a minimum of 15 feet from traveled way.
- Bottom of sign must be a minimum of 8 feet above crown of road.

Attachments included as part of this permit are:

- Detailed site layout drawing showing:
- Proposed RCIA sign location 300 feet minimum from Adams Drive approach.
- Location and access into recreational area.
- All roads by name and other pertinent landmarks.

I, Dotti Harness-Foster, acknowledge that I am acting on behalf of the above named organization with the full authority to do so. I further acknowledge and accept that City of Homer/Planning & Zoning shall comply with all the provisions and conditions that the Department of Transportation and Public Facilities has included as a condition of issuing this permit.

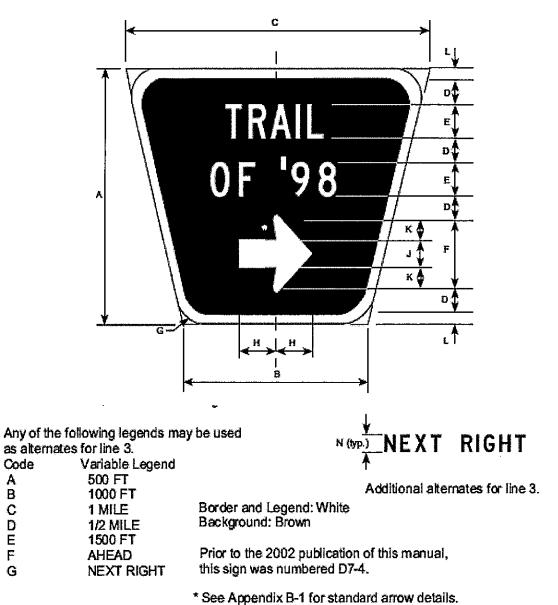
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DOT&PF Signature

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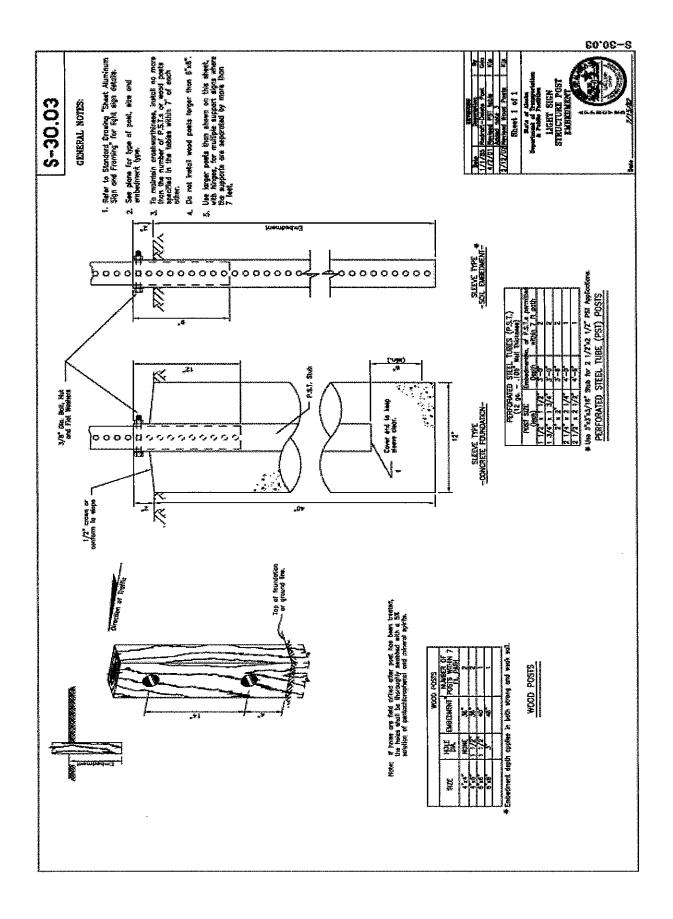


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| Road Dimensions (inches) | | | | | | | | | | | | |
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| Conventional | 36 | 29 | 48 | 3.5 | 5C | 10 | 3.0 | 4.06 | 4 | 3 | 1 | 4C |
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ALASKA SIGN DESIGN SPECIFICATIONS

4/8/02



| Handpainted by Dan Coe | Quote | | | |
|----------------------------------------------------------|---------------|-----------------|--|--|
| Signs • Design • Furnishings • Fine Art | DATE: | 4/9/2015 | | |
| dcoes11@gmail.com | | | | |
| 36765 Spruce Circle Road | | | | |
| Anchor Point, AK 99556 | | | | |
| (907) 435-7299 | aJAND | PAINT | | |
| ATTENTION: | 2 | Charles CO | | |
| Renee Krause | 200 | | | |
| City of Homer | Fund 1 | - Advart | | |
| Homer, AK 99603 | AL SUPE | C.H. | | |
| DESCRIPTION | | AMOUNT | | |
| "End of the Road Park" sign 3'x2' painted 1-side 3/4"MDO | | \$375 | | |
| Post and installation (5.5"x5.5") | | \$175 | | |
| "WKFL Park" sign 3'x2' painted 1-side 3/4"MDO | | \$375 | | |
| Post and installation (5.5"x5.5") | | \$175 | | |
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| OTHER COMMENTS | | | | |
| | PAID | \$0.00 | | |
| | TAX | | | |
| | TOTAL | \$1,100.00 | | |
| | Make all chee | cks payable to: | | |
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