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City of Homer Agenda

Parks, Art, Recreation & Culture Advisory Commission Regular Meeting

Thursday, April 15, 2021 at 5:30 PM

City Hall Cowles Council Chambers via Zoom Webinar

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CALL TO ORDER, 5:30 P.M.

AGENDA APPROVAL

PUBLIC COMMENTS UPON MATTERS ALREADY ON THE AGENDA The Public may comment on items that are not scheduled for Public Hearing. Please use the raise hand icon and the Clerk will un-mute your connection. Please state your name clearly and you will have 3 minutes.

VISITORS/PRESENTATIONS (10 minutes)

- A. Homer Council on the Arts, Scott Bartlett - Public Private Partnerships for Art Murals

RECONSIDERATION

CONSENT AGENDA All items on the consent agenda are considered routine and non-controversial by the Parks Art Recreation & Culture Advisory Commission and are approved in one motion. There will be no separate discussion of these items unless requested by a Commissioner or someone from the public, in which case the item will be moved to the regular agenda and considered in normal sequence.

- A. Minutes for the March 18, 2021 regular meeting

STAFF & COUNCIL REPORTS / COMMITTEE REPORTS (20 minute limit)

- A. Staff Report April - Parks Superintendent Steffy
- B. Staff Report - Public Works Director Keiser
- C. Staff Report - Recreation Manager Illg

PUBLIC HEARING

PENDING BUSINESS (15 minute limit)

- A. City of Homer Beach Policy Review and Update
 - Ordinance 21-23 Amending HCC 19.20.020 Personal Watercraft
 - Memorandum from Port Director/Harbormaster as backup
- B. Karen Hornaday Park Proposed Parking Plan Improvements
 - Memorandum from Public Works Director as backup
- C. Mariner Park Lagoon Dredging
 - Memorandum from Public Works Director as backup
- D. Mobile Food Vendors in City Parks
 - Memorandum from Public Works Director as backup

NEW BUSINESS (15-20 minute limit)

- A. Karen Hornaday Park - ADA Entrance Trail Grant Application
 - Memorandum from Special Projects & Communication Coordinator
- B. Pioneer Avenue Pocket Park Improvements
- C. Public Works Proposed Five Year Capital Improvement Plan Funding Program
- D. ADA Transition Plan for Parks and Trails
 - Memorandum from Public Works Director as backup
- E. Spring Beach/Park Walk Through
- F. Public Private Partnerships - Art Murals

INFORMATIONAL MATERIALS

- A. City Manager's Report for the April 12, 2021 City Council Meeting
- B. 2021 Annual Calendar & City Council Meeting Attendance

COMMENTS OF THE AUDIENCE (3 minute limit)

COMMENTS OF THE CITY STAFF

COMMENTS OF THE CITY COUNCILMEMBER (if present)

COMMENTS OF THE CHAIR

COMMENTS OF THE COMMISSION

ADJOURNMENT

Next Regular Meeting is Thursday, May 20, 2021, at 5:30 p.m. All meetings scheduled to be held via Zoom Webinar in the City Hall Cowles Council Chambers located at 491 E. Pioneer Avenue, Homer, Alaska.

Session 20-03, a Regular Meeting of the Parks, Art, Recreation and Culture Advisory Commission was called to order by Chair David Lewis at 5:40 p.m. on March 18, 2021 via Zoom Webinar from the City Hall Cowles Council Chambers located at 491 E. Pioneer Avenue, Homer, Alaska. Due to connections issues the meeting start time was delayed.

PRESENT: COMMISSIONERS ARCHIBALD, LEWIS, ROEDL, LOWNEY, HARRALD, GALBRAITH, FAIR

STUDENT REPRESENTATIVE: BLANTON-YOURKOWSKI

STAFF: PARKS SUPERINTENDENT STEFFY
COMMUNITY RECREATION MANAGER ILLG
DEPUTY CITY CLERK KRAUSE
PUBLIC WORKS DIRECTOR KEISER

AGENDA APPROVAL

Chair Lewis requested a motion to approve the agenda.

ARCHIBALD/LOWNEY MOVED TO APPROVE THE AGENDA.

There was no discussion.

VOTE. NON-OBJECTION. UNANIMOUS CONSENT.

Motion carried.

PUBLIC COMMENTS UPON MATTERS ALREADY ON THE AGENDA

Tom Zitzmann, city resident, attempted to comment on an item but due to technical issues the Commission was unable to hear him speak.

VISITORS/PRESENTATIONS

Karin Marks, city resident, presented her idea to create a pocket park on Pioneer Avenue between the Art Shop Gallery and the Pioneer Inn. She presented pictures of the current site that showed drainage issues and the utility boxes. She was advocating placement of benches and maybe a small shelter or gazebo.

Ms. Marks provided responses and discussion on these points:

- Effects of the frozen overflow to her property (Art Shop Gallery) and the sidewalk

- The parcel has been designated as a park and the Commission has been wanting to make improvements to this area and staff was actually going to look into the feasibility of installing a bench and covered sitting area where visitors and residents could sit and rest
- Incorporate into the upcoming wayfinding and streetscape plan
- Addressing the drainage problem and green infrastructure may not be the answer for this area

RECONSIDERATION

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- A. Minutes for the Special Meeting on January 21, 2021
- B. Minutes for the regular Meeting on February 18, 2021

Chair Lewis introduced the items listed on the Consent Agenda and requested a motion to approve.

HARRALD/ARCHIBALD MOVED TO APPROVE THE CONSENT AGENDA AS PRESENTED.

There was no further discussion.

VOTE. NON OBJECTION. UNANIMOUS CONSENT.

Motion carried.

STAFF & COUNCIL REPORT/COMMITTEE REPORTS

- A. Staff Report – Recreation Manager Illg

Chair Lewis introduced the item by reading of the title and invited Recreation Manager Illg to provide his report.

Recreation Manager Illg provided a brief highlight on the discussion held on the budget and Council appeared to be receptive to hiring additional help, which will be needed for COVID related mitigation when they are able to fully open as well as programming. He announced that he will be participating on the update to the SCORP.

Commissioner Harrauld expressed appreciation for the informative report that was provided. She then questioned the possible use of upcoming funding for mental health that could be used for expansion of community recreation and possibly a recreation center.

Recreation Manager Illg provided some of the details that he has been pointing these options out to the City Manager and Council members as well and then commented on the intent he believes the federal government is trying to prioritize with the COVID funding to communities.

Recreation Manager Illg encouraged Commissioner Harrauld to contact him on speaking points regarding that funding and use.

Recreation Manager Illg departed the meeting at 6:19 p.m. due to a family emergency.

B. Public Works Report – Public Works Director Keiser

Chair Lewis recognized Public Works Director Keiser and invited her to provide a report to the Commission.

Public Works Director Keiser reported on the following items:

- Preparing for the budget cycle and the April 5, 2021 scheduled worksession with City Council
 - o Identifying parks objectives - there are two objectives one is to serve as the soul of the city by enhancing Homer's relationships with nature, art and culture, through the creative development and cost effective maintenance of Homer's public parks.
 - o The second objective is equally as important, which is that parks supports economic development.
- Identifying sustainable funding and a long term CIP and proposing using some of the HART Trail Funding for the following:
 - ADA Parks Transition Plan
 - Adequate Staffing for year round services
 - Maintaining Parks Facilities
- Require to optimize cost effectiveness in terms of what they do for maintenance:
 - o By staff
 - o By third party contractors
 - o By volunteer labor
- Better leverage to support and encourage economic development

Public Works Director Keiser then spoke about the Road Assessment Report and explained how they developed the tables and how they were ranked and the methodology to rank the city's road. The process in improvements to the roads using the HART Roads Funding. This was

presented to the Planning Commission who expressed support for the plan. She noted that this would be presented to Council for their approval of the methodology.

Public Works Director Keiser facilitated discussion and responded to questions on the following points:

- Inclusion of sidewalks in the plan and Svedlund was included as high priority
- The road into Karen Hornaday Park was an actual road and the commission was misinformed in the past.
- Using the rubric for the scoring and a similar rubric scoring for trails
- Keeping adequate funding available for Special Assessment Districts
- Spending of the HART Road fund is to be at an acceptable and sustainable level

C. Parks Report - Parks Superintendent Steffy

Chair Lewis invited Parks Superintendent Steffy to provide his report.

Parks Superintendent Steffy apologized for not submitting a written report. He then provided a verbal report on the following:

- Participation in the vaccination clinics
- Budget preparation
- Special Event Permit process getting a revamp
- Working with various organizations to conduct their programs outdoors and the area that is being used for the Highland Games could be created into an amphitheater with seating on the hillside down into the field area.
- Pratt Museum wants to develop their trails into a park
- West Homer Trails Story Trail expansion and trying to work a small amphitheater into that project.
- Land Acknowledgement project with the art installation at Bishop's Beach the images have changed a bit since the first presentation. He recommended scheduling a meeting to review the area since it is larger and more hands on interaction.
- Shorebird Festival Planning – working with the Board and the Chamber, activities that were conducted at Islands and Ocean are being relocated to Bishop's Beach, Chamber is leading this however since they are moving many activities outside the Parks Department is getting more involved.
- Peony Festival is in planning dates are July 9-24, 2021 on March 23 at 7:30 p.m.
- Little League and High School Softball will be starting up and both are hoping for a normal year
- Plans are in place that if they are able to start the project in Karen Hornaday Park they are going to be scheduling it so that it does not greatly interfere with Little League
- Summer Bike Rentals
- Discussion with the Homer Council on the Arts regarding mural juries

- There are two new retaining walls in town, Main Street/Sterling Highway and Pioneer Avenue at the car wash
- Homer Council on the Arts would issue the Request for Proposals, review of submittals and selection process
- Recommendations would be presented to the Commission for questions
- Submittal to Council for Approval
- Staff would like to have this item on the April meeting agenda, Scott Bartlett with Council on the Arts will attend to address concerns and constraints
- Discuss the public process being facilitated by a third party
- Social Media Training conducted to expand the city social media presence, the Recreation Facebook Page will become the Parks and Recreation Facebook page and they will be establishing a city wide Instagram account
- Parks will be applying for a recreational trails program grant for the pedestrian trail associated with the Karen Hornaday Park road project.
- Participation on the Review Committee for the Wayfinding and Streetscape RFP

Park Superintendent Steffy facilitated additional discussion on the following:

- Plowing of the trail between the Ramp 3 and Ramp 5

PUBLIC HEARING

PENDING BUSINESS

- A. Beach Policy Review and Updates
 - Beach Policy with Amendments and revisions
 - Memorandum from PARCAC to Port & Harbor Advisory Commission
 - Draft Ordinance Prohibiting Motorized Watercraft

Chair Lewis introduced the item by reading of the title and then brought forward the issues that Mr. Zitzmann has brought before the Commission in previous years of trash, camping and most recently vehicles being driven in the tidal pools and areas that are harmful to the natural vegetation and wildlife.

Parks Superintendent Steffy noted that those issues have been concerns for a while and we do have a problem on who will provide the enforcement of the policy. He noted that previous remedies such as signage, outreach or city staff have been implemented. He would welcome a discussion on the mechanism on how the city can address these concerns.

Discussion was facilitated on the following issues:

- Enforcement on bonfires, vehicles, dirt bikes traveling in areas that should be restricted
- Negative behaviors need to be reported so that there is support for the revisions needed to the policy

- The policy needs to be something that can and will be enforced
- Bishop's Beach is receiving heavier use by a wide variety of persons causing more interactions.
- Homer is changing, whether is it wanted or not and it is the responsibility of the city to adapt to that change and apply new protocols to responsibly manage the resources that the city manages.
- The amendments that are currently noted in red were recommended from the worksession. The Commission will need to make motions to approve those changes.
- The language for the proposed ordinance from KBCS went to the City Attorney and the City Attorney did not think those stipulations held legal merit.
- The enforcement is limited to launching of personal watercraft.
- Clarification was made that the draft ordinance in the packet had been submitted to the City Manager and forwarded to the Port & Harbor Advisory Commission. This ordinance is limited to the launching of the personal watercraft.
- Specifically limiting the distance that personal watercraft can be used from shore.
- Concerns on language and description of watercraft since there are now motorized kayaks or canoes with motors.

ROEDL MOVED THAT MOTORIZED WATERCRAFT CAN ONLY BE LAUNCHED FROM LOAD AND LAUNCH RAMP IN THE HARBOR.

The motion died for lack of a second.

Parks Superintendent Steffy pointed out that he believed there was adopted legal language of personal watercraft and that there was a difference of whether you sat on it or sat in it, he provided the example of the electric motorized kayak.

Chair Lewis requested further clarification for lines 43-44 and noted that personal watercraft should be inserted and requested a motion to make that amendment.

HARRALD/LOWNEY MOVED TO INSERT THE WORD PERSONAL BEFORE THE WORD WATERCRAFT IN LINE 44 UNDER THE GOALS SECTION OF THE POLICY.

A brief discussion ensued on the proposed amendment to this section since it refers only to keeping vehicles out of the lagoon area. Staff pointed out that the Commission did not make any motions at the last meeting to amend the policy to add a section regarding personal watercraft that is still needed.

Further discussion concluded that they should add a statement under the Goals section regarding Personal Watercraft only being allowed to be launched, landed and retrieved from the Harbor and are prohibited from beach areas. It was also asked if this was not addressed in the Tariff or in another section of Homer City Code.

Commissioner Lowney requested that the information be brought to the Commission on the possible existing regulations and then requested the motion on the floor to be read again.

Commissioner Archibald provided an alternative suggestion for verbiage, “internal combustion driven vessel” stating that nomenclature would be more accurate.

Parks Superintendent Steffy commented that they will probably see by next season electric driven watercraft that are capable of raising safety concerns and if the Commission concerns are speed of operation and size of craft or if the concern is pollutants then the recommendation is sufficient.

Commissioner Roedl stated that battery operated watercraft are already available and then added that they will soon be dealing with electric bikes that can do 30 mph on the trails too.

VOTE. NON-OBJECTION. UNANIMOUS CONSENT.

Motion carried.

Deputy City Clerk Krause confirmed that she will research and have any information on existing regulations on motorized watercraft for the April meeting.

Commissioner Lowney recognized that there were additional amendments with questions in the policy and would like to address them.

Chair Lewis reviewed page 32 of the packet, lines 225-227 for the Commission.

Parks Superintendent Steffy facilitated a discussion on whether the intent is to remove the platform to remove the hazard and possible liability or is the intent for habitat remediation of that area.

Commissioner Lowney also noted that the paragraph also deals with placement of dredge spoils in the area.

Parks Superintendent Steffy responded that placement of dredge spoils opens up numerous questions and the requirement for permits and possible effects of placement of those materials into that ecosystem.

Further discussion ensued on just striking from Area 2, Item E, lines 225-227, removing the platform and acknowledging that the area is already designated as a park.

LOWNEY/HARRALD MOVED TO KEEP THE PORTION ON DESIGNATING THE AREA AS A PARK BUT STRIKING THE REMAINING PORTION OF THAT SECTION.

Further discussion on the fact that Louie's Lagoon is already a park so all that is really required is to clean up the area.

LOWNEY/ARCHIBALD MOVED TO AMEND THE MOTION TO STRIKE LINES 225-227, ITEM E AND DISPOSE OF THE PLATFORM.

There was no further discussion.

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

Motion carried.

There was no further discussion on the main motion as amended.

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

Motion carried.

Commissioner Lowney addressed Lines 231-235 which references the map on page 37.

Deputy City Clerk Krause will contact Deputy City Planner Engebretsen to get confirmation on the easement and bring it back for the April meeting.

Chair Lewis then proceeded to Line 253-258 and asked staff if this has been accomplished. Parks Superintendent Steffy facilitated a discussion on the tasks as outlined were accomplished and while they could be refined and improved this section could be deleted.

Commissioner Roedl commented on the airport beach access and spoke about adding additional space to allow parking spaces. He acknowledged that he did not have his packet in front of him and he was not sure where they were at in the policy.

Commissioner Lowney requested that Commissioner Roedl hold his request since they were talking about Mariner Park right at the moment.

Chair Lewis redirected the discussion to Section B under Area 4, Lines 253-258 and requested a motion to strike or amend since that has been completed.

LOWNEY/HARRALD MOVE TO STRIKE LINES 253-258 FROM THE BEACH POLICY HAS IT HAS BEEN COMPLETED.

There was no further discussion.

VOTE. NON-OBJECTION. UNANIMOUS CONSENT.

Motion carried.

Chair Lewis introduced the next amendment, adding a recommendation to dredging the opening to Mariner Lagoon on a biennial period and that funding be included in the Fiscal year budget. He further noted that this was requested by Public Works Director Keiser. He requested a motion.

LOWNEY/ARCHIBALD MOVED TO AMEND THE BEACH POLICY TO ADD ITEM B RECOMMEND DREDGING THE MARINER LAGOON OPENING ON A BIENNIAL PERIOD AND INCLUDE FUNDING IN THE FISCAL YEAR BUDGET.

There was no discussion.

VOTE. NON-OBJECTION. UNANIMOUS CONSENT.

Motion carried.

Commissioner Lowney noted the typographical error on line 261 stating that it should reflect Area 5, not Area S.

Chair Lewis directed the Commission to the next amendment, Lines 296-297 regarding the junk vehicles on the beach. He expressed that he did not have a knowledge of the vehicles and opened the floor to discussion.

Commissioner Harrald stated that the vehicles are just a little west, past West Hill Road on Bishop's Beach they are pretty torn apart and rusted out, buried under the sand, almost completely. She reported that maybe with some volunteers and ATV's that the vehicles could be pulled out of the sand but it did not hit her top 10 to do's for the community right now.

Commissioner Lowney suggested keeping it in the policy but not specific to Bishop's Beach.

LOWNEY/HARRALD MOVED TO INCORPORATE THE LANGUAGE REMOVE DERELICT VEHICLES FROM CITY BEACHES.

There was no discussion.

VOTE. NON-OBJECTION. UNANIMOUS CONSENT.

Motion carried.

Chair Lewis stated the next recommendation is to move the History section to beginning of the policy as an introduction.

LOWNEY/ARCHIBALD MOVED TO RELOCATE CONTENT OF LINES 300-320, HISTORY TO THE BEGINNING OF THE DOCUMENT AFTER LINES 24-32, PURPOSE AND INTENT.

There was no discussion.

VOTE. NON-OBJECTION. UNANIMOUS CONSENT.

Motion carried.

Commissioner Harrauld noted that line 164, on page 31 of the packet regarding firewood was overlooked.

Chair Lewis noted the recommendation was to strike the portion regarding the City providing firewood or amend it to allow firewood concessions or provide alternative options. He then requested input from Parks Superintendent Steffy.

Parks Superintendent Steffy facilitated a discussion on the attempts to provide and allow firewood concessions. He is still considering the options since he has to weigh in staff time that would be involved for some of the options considered. Mr. Steffy provided details on what was done previously in arranging supply of firewood with a third party contractor and the difficulties in that arrangement.

Chair Lewis noting the time and requested that the Commission continue their review and revisions at the April meeting.

There were no objections from the Commission.

NEW BUSINESS

- A. Memorandum from Public Works Director re: Karen Hornaday Park Proposed Parking Improvements

There was no discussion on this item by the Commission or Staff present.

- B. Memorandum from Public Works Director re: Allowing Mobile Food Vendors in City Parks

Chair Lewis introduced the item by reading of the title and open the floor for discussion.

Parks Superintendent Steffy requested that this item be postponed at this time due to other work being done on Special Event and Itinerant Merchant Permitting. The goal is not to have to construct concession stands in city parks.

Commissioner Harrauld commented on benefits to the community, small business and the city overall to allow food trucks into city parks.

C. Memorandum from Public Works Director re: Mariner Park Lagoon Dredging

There was no discussion on this item by the Commission or Staff present.

INFORMATIONAL MATERIALS

- A. City Manager's Report for February 22, 2021 City Council Meeting
- B. City Manager's Report for March 8, 2021 City Council Meeting
- C. 2021 Commissioner Annual Calendar and Attendance at City Council Meetings
- D. Roads Assessment Report Summer 2020

COMMENTS OF THE AUDIENCE

COMMENTS OF THE CITY STAFF

Parks Superintendent Steffy commented that he had so much to say but would not share most of it, he expressed his appreciation for the parks and public works staff and the city moving in amazing direction at this time in many ways. He commented on all the energy for parks and not just parks but how parks connects with everything in the community that he believes has not been recognized before. He stated that he is hungry, motivated and energized for the next two year budget cycle. Mr. Steffy expressed his appreciation for Public Works Director Keiser's support and acknowledged her one year anniversary with the city. He recalled her arrival the same week he relocated to the Mariner Shack to avoid the zombies.

Public Works Director Keiser reported that the April 12th City Council meeting was going to be a very important meeting as there would be several items regarding Parks on the agenda that included Karen Hornaday Park Sidewalk, road and financing plan which was in the packet.

COMMENTS OF THE COMMISSION

Commissioner Roedl commented that it was a good meeting and he enjoyed working with everyone.

Commissioner Fair echoed Commissioner Roedl's sentiments.

Commissioner Harrald commented that they were in the golden age of parks right now with so much going on, that it is really very exciting. She expressed that they have a dream team in staff and that everything is falling into place and she expressed being excited for the direction that it was going.

Student Commissioner Blanton –Yourkowski commented that it was a great meeting.

Commissioner Lowney echoed Commissioner Harrald's sentiments.

Commissioner Archibald reported that Recreation Manager Illg will be involved with updating the SCORP and explained what the document was and the importance to the state and that it gets renewed every five years. He reported that without that document they would not get LWCF grant funding which is very important.

COMMENTS OF THE CHAIR

Chair Lewis commented that it was a very productive meeting, enjoy the weather and get out there for some skiing as the trails are great.

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business to come before the Commission the meeting adjourned at 8:05 p.m. The next regular meeting is scheduled on Thursday, April 15, 2021 at 5:30 p.m. at the City Hall Cowles Council Chambers located at 491 E. Pioneer Avenue, Homer, Alaska.

RENEE KRAUSE, MMC, DEPUTY CITY CLERK

Approved: _____



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Memorandum

TO: Parks, Arts, Recreation & Culture Advisory Committee

FROM: Mike Illg, Recreation Manager

DATE: April 15th, 2021

SUBJECT: Staff Report

Homer City Council Action:

March 22nd City Council Meeting

Resolution 21-020, A Resolution of the City Council Exempting Kachemak Moose Habitat, Inc. from City Property Tax; Declaring that the Organization Satisfies the Criteria of Kenai Peninsula Borough Code 5.12.100, Real Property Tax-Exemptions Community Purposes Property – Conditions, for Lot 4, Hodnik Subdivision, Kenai Peninsula Borough Parcel Number 17936032, Retroactive to January 1, 2021 and Authorizing the City Manager to Negotiate and Execute the Appropriate Documents. Aderhold. (Postponed from March 8th) Memorandum 21-050 from City Clerk as backup Mayor Castner announced there's a motion on the floor to adopt Resolution 21-020 that was postponed from March 8th and opened the floor for discussion.

ADERHOLD/LORD MOVED TO POSTPONE RESOLUTION 21-020 INDEFINITELY.

April 12th City Council Meeting (updated action shared at 4/15 PARCAC Meeting)

Ordinance 21-xx, An Ordinance of the City Council of Homer, Alaska Amending Homer City Code 19.20.020 General Rules, adding Launching, Landing or Retrieving of Motorized Watercraft is Prohibited from City Owned Beaches except for Official Business Use. City Manager/Port Director. Recommended dates Introduction April 12, 2021 Public Hearing and Second Reading April 26, 2021

Resolution 21-0xx, A Resolution of the City Council of Homer, Alaska Supporting the Efforts of the Fairbanks Area Surface Transportation Planning Organization and Revision to the Alaska Administrative Code to Improve Safety for Pedestrians and Bicyclists using the Transportation Network. Aderhold.

Resolution 21-0xx, A Resolution of the City Council of Homer, Alaska Awarding the Contract for the Wayfinding and Streetscape RFP to a Firm to be Named in an Amount to be Disclosed, and Authorizing the City Manager to Negotiate and Execute the Appropriate Documents. City Clerk.

Resolution 21-0xx, A Resolution of the City Council of Homer, Alaska Authorizing the City to Apply for a State of Alaska Recreational Trails Program Grant in an Amount up to \$150,000 for Funds to Construct an ADA Accessible Entrance Trail in Karen Hornaday Park and Expressing its Commitment to Provide a 10% Local Match to Grant Funds. City Manager.

Homer Community Recreation Update:

ALASKA SCORP

As a member of the first Alaska Statewide Advisory Group, I was able to participate in our first of many meetings on 4/5/21 to help shape the Statewide Comprehensive Outdoor Recreation Plan (SCORP) to make it a useful process and document for all of Alaska. Please view the documents for additional and initial information.

HERC Use Modifications

Due to the great efforts by the community to continue to keep our COVID cases low, the City Manager Dumouchel has approved additional recreational opportunities and lessen some restrictions in the HERC. We will now offer drop in pickleball M-W-F 6-8pm and TU and SUN 9-11am. The requirements of a symptom free protocol and the wearing of masks at all times remain in place. We also will allow multiple activities in the HERC so that both the gym and the activity room can be scheduled at the same time for activities. We will also continue the opportunity to allow community members to reserve gym space to ensure participants still have the opportunity to play with their selected participants/bubble and who may not be keen on playing during the drop in days/times. We no longer require the list of names 24 in advance but rather will rely upon the sign sheet if we need to contact trace.

Programming

We are excited to bring back previous programming activities in the HERC. We are now offering Tai Chi, (Thursdays 3:45-5:45pm), Indoor Board Gaming every other Sunday (Next one April 17th 3:45-8pm) and a new class exercise class called Stretching & Restoring (Saturdays, 9:30-10:30am). We are also looking at the possibility of indoor basketball and volleyball very soon.

Budget

The Community Recreation Division within the Administration Department will be again requesting one full time employee (FTE) for FY22 and FY23 to assist with overall operations addressing supervision, liability concerns, safety concerns and overall improvement with the comprehensive program that takes place in 4 different physical locations at once. The ability to offer programs post COVID will require the additional supervision and expectations of safety/communication through detailed mitigation plans requirements once we re-open back into the schools and expand into the HERC. I would appreciate support for this request.

Safe & Healthy Kids Fair

The event is scheduled to take place on Saturday, May 15th and I am working on a mitigation plan with South Peninsula Hospital to submit to the school district for final approval. This will be a COVID Safe outdoor event pending approval of the mitigation plan that will be submitted soon. This community wide collaborative event takes place under the umbrella and coordination of the Community Recreation program and we are very pleased to bring this event back that will include informational booths, bicycle rodeo, bike raffle, sporting games, etc. City of Homer Parks, Library, Fire and Police departments are typically involved with this awesome event as well.

Use of School Facilities

The use of the local school facilities (indoor use for recreational/educational programs) still remain to be unavailable until further notice. A friendly reminder that value of still having access to the HERC for minimal programmatic opportunities.

Possible Outdoor Programs

We are continuing discussions and preliminary mitigation plans for outdoor recreation programs at Homer High (ex. Pick up soccer, youth flag football, etc). We will observe how the HHS spring sports is able to operate and utilize similar methods with the hope the school district will allow additional non school district activities on the school grounds.

Vaccination PODS

The vaccination PODS continue to run smoothly with a significant amount of time, energy and effort from city staff in assisting South Peninsula Hospital. The events have shifted to Homer High School and school staff has been very helpful and supportive towards the events so far. The next scheduled events will take place on April 17 and May 8th with other possible pop events in other locations in the community that are to be determined.

STATEWIDE OUTDOOR RECREATION “TREES”: OVERARCHING THEMES/GOALS/STRATEGIES

A starting reference for discussion, based on review of existing plans & policies

1. FUNDING THE FUTURE OF OUTDOOR RECREATION IN ALASKA

- Expand funding options for O.R. infrastructure construction, maintenance, and management
- Improve revenue generation, match and partnerships at federal, state and local scales
- Solutions to the “Alaska Disconnect” – policies linking growth in O.R. demand to growth in revenue

2. HEALTH, WELLNESS, EQUITY, QUALITY OF LIFE IN ALASKA

- Everyone in Alaska will enjoy equitable, accessible, safer O.R. opportunities as an integral part of daily life; diversity of outdoor recreation users grows statewide
- Active collaboration with health care and community service organizations to increase physical activity
- Coordinate with health care providers for “Prescriptions to Parks”
- Access to a diverse range of O.R. experiences, with a focus on the “missing middle” of the OR spectrum
- Integration of culture, heritage, and the arts into O.R. experiences

3. STEWARDSHIP & CONSERVATION FOR A SUSTAINABLE FUTURE

- Design and construction of O.R. facilities to minimize environmental impact (and operations costs)
- Actively plan for sustainable growth through management; provide for an overall pattern of O.R. that expands opportunities and sustains Alaska’s world class natural and cultural resource values

4. ECONOMY & WORKFORCE DEVELOPMENT IMPROVED THROUGH OUTDOOR RECREATION

- Building the best outdoor economy in the world; boosting local economies, creating jobs
 - More year-round/winter opportunities, with a resulting increase in year-round, living wage jobs
 - Stronger “gateway communities”; walkable, concentrated, mixed use, connected to O.R.
 - Workforce development – the Alaska version of CCC
- Expand marketing, to better present the full diversity of OR *experiences* available in Alaska
- Attractive, livable Alaska communities to attract and retain residents, businesses, a quality workforce
- New investment strategies, including more public/private partnerships; streamlined permitting
- Emphasis on O.R. investments that are good for visitors *and* residents

5. TECHNOLOGY TO ENHANCE, ENGAGE, AND ENRICH OUTDOOR RECREATION

- New ways to share information about O.R. facilities, activities, current conditions, user experiences
- New ways of measuring O.R. use and trends
- Go paperless - electronic fee stations, online permitting, apps for reservations, interpretation, orientation

6. IMPROVED COMMUNICATIONS WITH PARTNERS AND RESIDENTS

- Collaboration among business, stewardship, healthcare, culture and education stakeholders who believe in the collective value of a thriving outdoor recreation industry
- Better information on O.R. opportunities; solutions for the lack of knowledge about where to go

7. VISION & LEADERSHIP FOR A STRONG OUTDOOR RECREATION SECTOR IN ALASKA

- Expand understanding of the broad benefits of O.R. by residents, decision makers, stakeholders; recognition that outdoor recreation infrastructure is essential infrastructure
- Identification and focus on specific categories of most needed O.R. investments, regionally & statewide
- Greater support for small businesses, rural development, grassroots non-profits, local O.R. organizations
- A new Office of Outdoor Recreation

Reference materials

Every opportunity should be taken to build from existing and ongoing planning work. Below is a starting list of reference materials that provide the initial background on statewide issues.

1. NORTH TO THE FUTURE – ALASKA’S EXISTING SCORP - 2016-2021

Survey results: highest scoring management needs, facility needs, and outdoor recreation needs:

- **Management needs:** Maintenance and access to existing facilities
- **Facility needs:** Restrooms and trail improvements
- **Barriers to using outdoor recreation sites:** Accessibility for people and lack of knowledge about where to go
- **Outdoor Recreation Needs:** Facility and trail maintenance

Making Sense of the Facility Inventory Survey Data

- Trails are a major factor in outdoor recreation.
- ADA facilities are lacking.
- There is a lack of winter recreation options.
- A need for more opportunities for youth

Goals & Strategies

Goal 1: Increase Participation in Outdoor Recreation

- A. Introduce new users to our parks and green spaces
- B. Improve/increase accessibility to outdoor recreation facilities and areas
- C. Coordinate with health care providers for “Prescriptions to Parks”

Goal 2: Maintain Sustainable Outdoor Recreation Infrastructure

- A. Design, build, and refurbish infrastructure using sustainable materials
- B. Promote a safe and healthy environment for recreation

Goal 3: Ensure Future Funding and Support for Outdoor Recreation

- A. Educate decision-makers on the economic benefits of funding outdoor recreation
- B. Support re-authorization of LWCF
- C. Partner with local groups for grassroots support

2. STATEWIDE COMPREHENSIVE ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT STRATEGY (CEDS)

<http://northernopportunity.com/wp-content/uploads/2017/10/Final-Statewide-CEDS.pdf>

One specific goal from the Statewide CEDS: “*Increase in total number of visitors to state by five percent annually, demonstrated increase in rural communities’ visitation, increase cruise ship visits by ten percent, increase shoulder season and winter visitation by five percent.*”

- **Business Development:** Cultivate a resilient business climate that supports growth and expansion of existing and emerging industries.
- **Finance and Investment:** Maximize the productive use of capital for Alaska business expansion.
- **Economic Development Infrastructure:** Build the transportation, energy, and technological foundations for economic growth.
- **Entrepreneurship and Innovation:** Position Alaska to thrive in a technologically advanced global economy.
- **Economic Development Capacity Building:** Strengthen the ability of Alaska organizations to execute economic development initiatives that create jobs and investment.

- **Quality of Life:** Improve the attractiveness and livability of Alaska communities to attract and retain a quality workforce and set the foundations for economic well-being.

3. REGIONAL COMPREHENSIVE ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT STRATEGIES (CEDS)

<https://www.commerce.alaska.gov/web/dcra/ARDORs/DevelopmentStrategies.aspx> Regional CEDS include:

- Anchorage Economic Development Corporation
- Bering Strait Development Council
- Copper Valley Development Association
- Fairbanks Northstar Borough Economic Development Commission
- Kenai Peninsula Economic Development District
- Northwest Arctic Borough Economic Development Commission
- Prince William Sound Economic Development District
- Southeast Conference
- Southwest Alaska Municipal Conference (SWAMC)

4. ALASKA TRAILS INITIATIVE'S STATEWIDE INVESTMENT STRATEGY Spring 2020

<https://www.alaska-trails.org/trails-investment-strategy> Excerpt from the [Policy Recommendations Chapter](#).

- 1. Invest strategically for greatest impact (take greater advantage of the potential economic benefits of outdoor recreation)**
 - Increase marketing & infrastructure to grow Fall/Winter/Spring activities; grow more living-wage jobs
 - Outdoor adventure for the “missing middle”; huts, trail signs and maps, comfort
 - World class “long trails”
 - Gateway towns
 - “Must See” high volume outdoor recreation destinations
 - Bigger pie –for all sectors: independents, cruise, residents
- 2. Spread the benefits - all regions, all kinds of Trail-based activities**
- 3. Stabilize and expand resources for trails & outdoor recreation**
 - Maximum use & leverage of Federal Outdoor Recreation funds
 - Agency Funding for Operations and Maintenance
 - Pending Bills in Congress
 - Solving the “Alaska Disconnect”
 - Develop partnerships to build and maintain trails
- 4. Streamline authorizations for use of public land –regulatory relief**
- 5. Improve marketing and user Information (take more advantage of what we have)**
- 6. Political Power and Leadership**
 - Establish a state Office of outdoor Recreation
 - Bring in new partners
- 7. Relentlessly make the case for all the benefits of trails**
 - Improve quality of data on trends, use, benefits; focused on economic impact
 - Include in & out of state activities and spending
- 8. Include outdoor recreation in "working landscapes"**
- 9. Actively guide growth through management; be good stewards of Alaska**

5. ALASKA TRAVEL INDUSTRY ASSOCIATION – POLICY RECOMMENDATIONS

<http://www.alaskatia.org/wp-content/uploads/ATIA-Tourism-Policy-Statements-20191113-Update.pdf>

- Outdoor recreation – ATIA believes outdoor recreational opportunities play a vital role in attracting visitors to Alaska, and outdoor recreational activities – including, year-round motorized and non-motorized activities – are a growing economic driver within Alaska’s in- and out-of-state visitor industry. ATIA supports public and private investment in trails and other outdoor recreation infrastructure designed to increase safe access and enjoyment of Alaska’s diverse regions and ecosystems.
- Healthy and Sustainable Alaska Tourism Industry
- Increased funding for Alaska’s public lands
- Recognizing the importance of Arts, Culture, Heritage
- Winter tourism development
- Science and research-based policy making
- Development on public lands minimizes competition with private sector
- Streamlined permitting
- Arctic tourism
- Targeted taxes
- Marine highway system

6. ALASKA STATEWIDE ACTIVE TRANSPORTATION PLAN MASTER PLAN 2019 - A VISION FOR MAKING ALASKA’S COMMUNITIES SAFE ACTIVE ACCESSIBLE

http://dot.alaska.gov/stwdplng/areaplans/modal_system/docs/AK-Statewide-Active-Transportation-Plan.pdf

- Vision: People in Alaska will enjoy equitable, accessible, safer walking and bicycling opportunities as an integral part of daily life.
- Goal Area One: Safety
- Goal Area Two: Health
- Goal Area Three: Maintenance/System Preservation
- Goal Area Four: Connectivity
- Goal Area Five: Economic Development

7. ALASKA OUTDOOR ALLIANCE

<https://www.alaskaoutdooralliance.org/>

- Building the best outdoor economy in the world boosting local economies, creating jobs
- Growing awareness of the value of outdoor recreation as an economic powerhouse and a vital thread of the Alaskan way of life.
- Greater public investment in expanding outdoor recreation, access and stewardship of our public lands.
- Collaboration among business, stewardship, healthcare, culture and education stakeholders who believe in the collective value of a thriving outdoor recreation industry.

OTHERS COMING SOON

- Healthy Alaskans 2020: Strategies, Actions and Key Partners
http://hss.state.ak.us/ha2020/assets/HA2020_Strategies_Actions.pdf
- Alaska Statewide Transportation Improvement Program (STIP)
[Alaska DOT&PF STIP](#)

City of Homer
Beach Policy
March 13, 2017



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1. Purpose and Intent

This document is an update to the Beach Policy Task Force Final Recommendations, adopted June 25th 2001 and the Parks, Art, Recreation and Culture Commission recommendations in 2007 and 2016. Since 2001, the City of Homer has annexed more land and beaches, and implemented parts of the original plan. The purpose of this document is to update the Beach Policy and make recommendations for future actions. The intent of the Beach Policy is to keep Homer's beaches safe and enjoyable for all users, and preserve natural environment. **Recommend updating this section.**

2. History

The original Beach Policy Task Force was established in 2000 and completed the beach policy in 2001. The City adopted it on June 25, 2001. In 2003, Ordinance 03-27, the city was awarded a \$75,000 Coastal Impact Assessment grant to fund beach access restriction improvements, regulatory signage, a GIS coastal erosion and beach habitat information mapping project and funds for the 2004 United States Geological Survey sediment transport study camera operation.

The Task Force made further recommendations in 2005, in Memorandum 2005-78, and concluded their work. In 2007, the City Council added advising on public beaches to the duties of Parks and Recreation Advisory Commission (Ordinance 2007-01(A)). The Commission formed a Beach Committee to update the Beach Policy, which resulted in this document.

In fall of 2014 the Parks and Recreation Advisory Commission was directed by Council to review and recommend revisions to the Beach Policy. The Commission worked on the policy the first six months of 2015 and made recommendations via Memorandum 15-102. Council adopted Ordinance 16-05 (S-2)(A-2) on February 23, 2016. Ordinance 16-13 then made minor amendments. The Beach Policy was amended to reflect these revisions through Resolution 16- 029(S-2). (Resolution 17-021).

Goals

Education

Educate beach users by providing signage and beach information at convenient locations.

Prevention

Limit conflicts between motorized users and pedestrians by encouraging courtesy and common sense.

Protect sensitive beach habitat and wildlife from inappropriate use of beaches - e.g., keep motorized vehicles out of lagoon areas and **personal watercraft off beaches**.

Enforcement

Ensure adequate staffing on holiday weekends. Ensure regulatory signage is installed where needed so laws can be enforced. **Installation of gates to prevent or limit access to sensitive areas.**

3. Definitions

a. "Berm" means a natural, linear mound or series of mounds in a beach area composed of sand, gravel, or both, generally paralleling the water at or landward of the elevation of mean high water.

b. "Storm berm" - means a berm formed by the upper reach of storm wave surges or the highest tides. Storm berms generally include an accumulation of seaweed, driftwood, and other water-borne materials. A beach area may have more than one storm berm.

Example: Grassy areas of Mariner Lagoon and Beluga Slough where highest tides and storm deposit logs and driftwood. Tall grasses and other plants grow there most of the time, and only at the highest tides and largest storms are logs thrown up on this area of the beach.

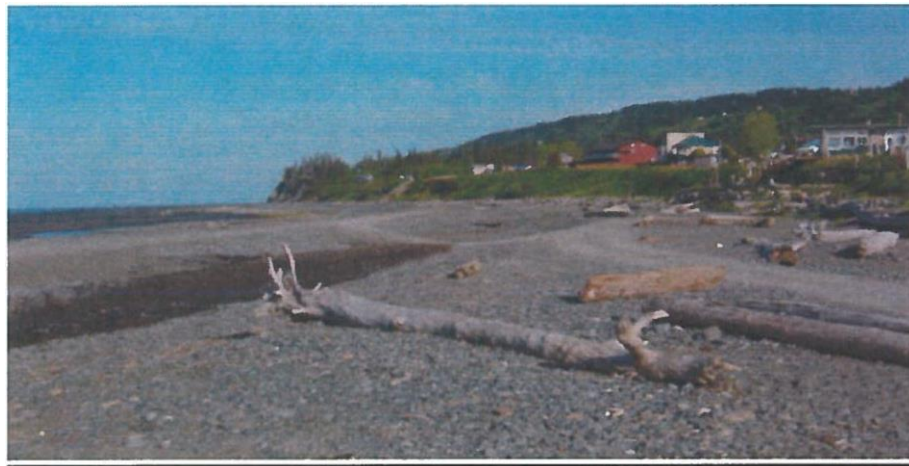
c. "Submerged land" means land covered by tidal water from the elevation of mean low water seaward to the corporate boundary of the city.

d. "Tideland" means land that is periodically covered by tidal water between the elevation of mean high water and mean low water.

e. "Beach area" means all of the following, whether publicly or privately owned: submerged land, tideland, and the zone of sand, gravel and other unconsolidated materials that extends landward from the elevation of mean high water to the place where there is a marked change in material or physiographic form.

f. "Motor vehicle" means a device in, upon, or by which a person or property may be transported or drawn upon or immediately over land, that is self-propelled except by human or animal power.

g. **"Personal watercraft" means a**



4. General Recommendations for all ~~Hörner~~Homer Beaches

A. Identify and improve beach access points. Heavy impacts are created by a large number of people accessing the beach at a small number of places. By finding, improving and publishing all public beach access points, ~~we~~ this will diffuse the impacts and provide a more enjoyable experience to all.

1. Improve Access via: Main Street, Ocean Dr., Spit, Kachemak Dr.
2. Provide signage at all public access points.

- a. Specifically, signage shall be maintained at Bishop's ~~b~~Beach ~~p~~Park, Ocean Drive Loop, the parking areas on the east side of the Homer Spit, on the Airport Beach Access Road, and Kachemak Drive.

- b. Appendix A documents other public access points and the pros and cons of their development. The appendix should be expanded to include Homer Spit public access points, particularly on the east side of the spit.

B. Install and maintain signage as needed. Signage should be positive and informative to encourage courtesy to pedestrians, appropriate pet control and clean up, and indicate where vehicles are permitted. Interpretive signage about the berm building process, shore zone wildlife habitat, etc. should be developed and installed. Ensure signs are installed to meet the needs of law enforcement.

1. Work with USFW on a uniform interpretative signage plan that can be used in all City beach parks. Adjust signage language over time to meet changing needs. Include the project in the annual budget.

2. Budget at least \$500 a year for sign repair, updating, and replacement.

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138 **C. Be aware of seaward property boundaries when making municipal decisions.**

139 Although many people believe property lines stop at a water boundary, it has become
140 apparent this is not always the case in Kachemak Bay. Normal property lines next to the
141 ocean are established at mean high tide, and slow erosion does change boundaries. The
142 1964 earthquake caused the sinking of the Spit and Homer area. The sea flowed over the
143 lowered land. This sudden change is called avulsion and legally does not change land
144 boundaries. However, avulsion does have to be proven which can be difficult without
145 adequate historical records. Usually in Alaska, the area below mean high tide is owned by
146 the State of Alaska, and this is true in a few spots in Homer. But generally speaking, the City
147 owns the tidelands below mean high tide.

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149 **D. Encourage better enforcement of applicable existing state and local laws.**

150 Examples of applicable laws include: HCC 19.08 Campgrounds, HCC 7.16 Vehicles in Beach
151 Areas; HCC 18.28.200 Waste or injury to land, and Alaska State Traffic Regulations regarding:
152 DWI, Reckless Driving, Negligent Driving, Basic Speed, and Littering.

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154 1. Encourage more evening enforcement in City campgrounds and encourage/post
155 quiet hours.
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157 2. Encourage more enforcement of city driving laws in eCity beach parking areas
158 and on west Bishop's Beach where driving is permitted.
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160 3. Ensure adequate City signage is installed so that violators of city laws on City
161 beaches may be ticketed
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163 **E. Develop and distribute brochures with a coordinated public relations**
164 **campaign.** It is important to enlist the public in the campaign to keep our beaches
165 enjoyable for all, to limit the human damage to fragile areas and to minimize friction
166 between user groups. ~~We~~ The City requires ~~need~~ everyone's help.

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168 1. Prior to major holiday weekends, advertise beach rules and etiquette in the local
169 newspapers. Consider a public services announcement on local radio stations.
170 Budget at least \$500 annually for this advertising.
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172 2. Provide beach maps and brochures on beach etiquette at eCity campground facilities.
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174 **F. Perform an annual assessment of beach health and developing impacts.**

- 175 1. Provide City Council with copies of the annual CoastWalk Report, from the Center
176 for Alaskan Coastal Studies. Host on City Website.
177 2. On a biannual basis, take photographs of sensitive areas or places and keep a
178 photo record of changes. This could be hosted on the City website.
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180 **G. Driftwood from berm areas should not be removed.** Testimony by scientists
181 emphasized the importance of the natural berm building process to protect the spit,

lagoon and slough. The berms also provide important wildlife habitat. It was found that driftwood plays an important role in building and stabilizing berms. Thus, it is hoped that providing an alternate source of campfire wood for campers serves the important function of protecting the berms. Driftwood was also described as an important esthetic enhancement to the beach and a material resource.

1. **Prohibit the burning of driftwood** from berm areas and direct City Administration to investigate providing firewood to beach users or allowing firewood concessions in city campgrounds. *(This was done, not successful, look into or provide alternative options)*

H. Find ways of supporting beach cleanup.

1. Support the efforts of spring cleanup day to include Homer beaches. The City should actively continue to support the efforts of volunteers by providing trash bags for the event and dumpsters or trash removal at locations such as Bishop's Beach.
2. Support the efforts of the Center for Alaskan Coastal Studies for their annual CoastWalk and beach trash removal. Support may be in the form of providing trash bags, dumpster service at beach parks, and city funding for newspaper advertising for CoastWalk educational and beach cleanup activities.

I. Keep cars from encroaching onto beach berms and beaches in city campgrounds, parks, and along the Homer Spit Road. Define parking lots so they do not spread onto the beach.

4. Recommendations by Area (Following the beach line, East to West)

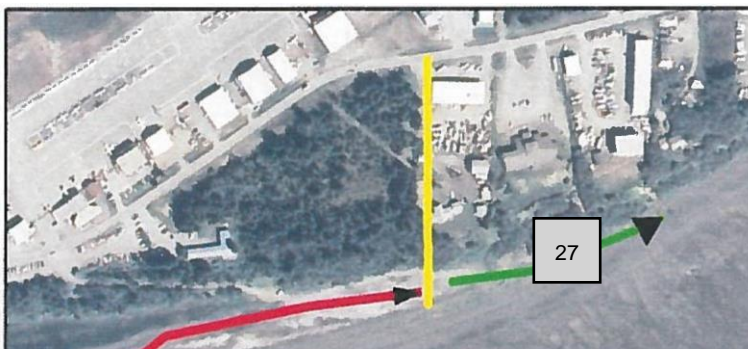
Area 1 - Miller's Landing to just east of the Airport Access Road.

A. Miller's Landing. Create a public viewing spot in the Beach Access Road Right of Way off of Kachemak Drive, by posting a sign stating the location of the public access. In the future, as use warrants, create a small parking area, and use boulders to discourage trespassing on adjacent properties.

B. Airport Access Road. Support state efforts to place signage or interpretive displays.

C. Vehicle use at the bottom of airport beach access road on the beach is not allowed. Referred to HCC 7.16.020 for exceptions.

D. Vehicles are allowed on the beach east of the vacated easement formerly known as Shirlene Circle (refer to map), under the terms of HCC 7.16



Vehicles are not allowed on the beach at the bottom of the airport beach access road. Vehicles are allowed east of that area, but there is no public vehicle access point to get to that

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part of the beach. Land owners or those with land owner permission may access the beach from private vehicle access points. Once on the beach, nothing in City laws or policy condones trespassing on adjacent private lands.

Area 2 - Airport Beach Access Road to North End of Berm outside of Louie's Lagoon and Louie's Lagoon.

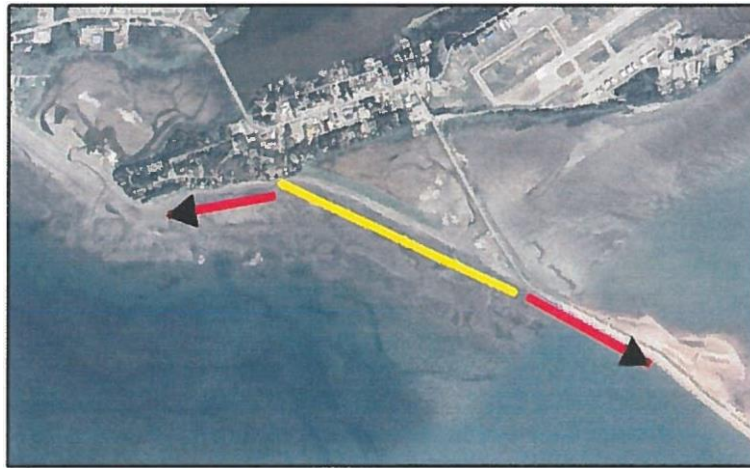
- A. Due to expert testimony, it was agreed by the BPTF that limiting vehicle use in this area was necessary to protect the fragile habitats from Mud Bay to Louie's Lagoon.
- B. Vehicles are prohibited in this entire area - outside of access driveways and parking.
- C. Maintain signage identifying public pedestrian access points and vehicle parking areas.
- D. Complete Conservation zoning for all public lands in this area. Much of Area 2 has a conservation easement and zoning.
- ~~E. Designate the platform area as a park and initiate cleanup of surface debris in Louie's Lagoon. A layer of dredge spoils to cover debris and more grass around the platform is also recommended. Investigate potential as a bird viewing platform.~~
- F. **Long term goal:** Acquire a pedestrian easement as shown on the map, for access to the outer beach without going through the mudflats. The current section line easement goes across the mud flat in the bird sanctuary. A new easement would provide better access to the beach and protection for the sanctuary. See attached map. **Please make a motion as recommended by staff.**
- G. Preserve subsistence fishing access through the northern portion of the English Bay property, which traditionally has included pedestrian and vehicle access.

Area 3-From Louie's Lagoon-South to end of Homer Spit and then North to the South end of Mariner Park.

- A. Encourage the elimination of unsightly waste on properties near the beach by working with landowners.

Area 4 - From the south end of Mariner Park to the East End of the Seawall

- A. Vehicles are allowed between the south end of Mariner Park beach and the east end of the seawall from October 1 through March 31st solely for the purpose of gathering sand and coal. The beach is closed to vehicles at all times for any other purpose.



Red= No vehicles
Yellow = Vehicles only
under the terms of HCC
7.16, paraphrased in C,
above.

- The area in front of the sea wall west to the Beluga Slough outfall is closed to vehicles.
- B. Define limits to Mariner Park campground by utilizing logs, rocks or other means to restrain vehicles from entering the lagoon while creating a beach access point that can be gated seasonally to control vehicle access to the beach. This would also help protect the berm in the park, which sees heavy seasonal use from campers. Create a phased cost estimate and include the project in the annual budget in the near future.

Area S - Mariner Park Lagoon including the storm berm

- A. Vehicles are not allowed in this area.
- B. Recommend Dredging of Mariner Slough on a biennial year period and include funding in the Fiscal year budget cycle.**

Please review this recommendation in light of the failed attempt at dredging the opening this year. See New Business item.

Area 6 East End of Seawall to Bishop's Beach Park

- A. Vehicles are not allowed in this area.
- B. Maintain the gate and rocks at Bishop's Beach Park to physically block access to vehicles
- C. Support USFSW efforts to protect berm and promote rye grass and driftwood buildup.
- D. Support USFSW work to develop a plan to maintain the ecological integrity of their educational reserve, including possible conservation zoning.
- E. Improve and identify with signage the Ocean Drive Loop beach and Beluga Slough access.

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305 **Area 7 - Bishop's Beach Park access, west to Homer city limits.** This is a heavily used area,
306 and has the greatest potential for conflicts between user groups.

307

308 A. Increase parking at Bishop's Beach Park and in the area. Increase wayfinding
309 signage directing people to nearby public parking (e.g., Chamber of Commerce,
310 Island and Ocean Visitor Center) may be needed.

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312 B. This area is open to vehicles, following the laws under HCC 7.16.



Vehicles are allowed west from Bishop's Beach Park access, and prohibited to the east.

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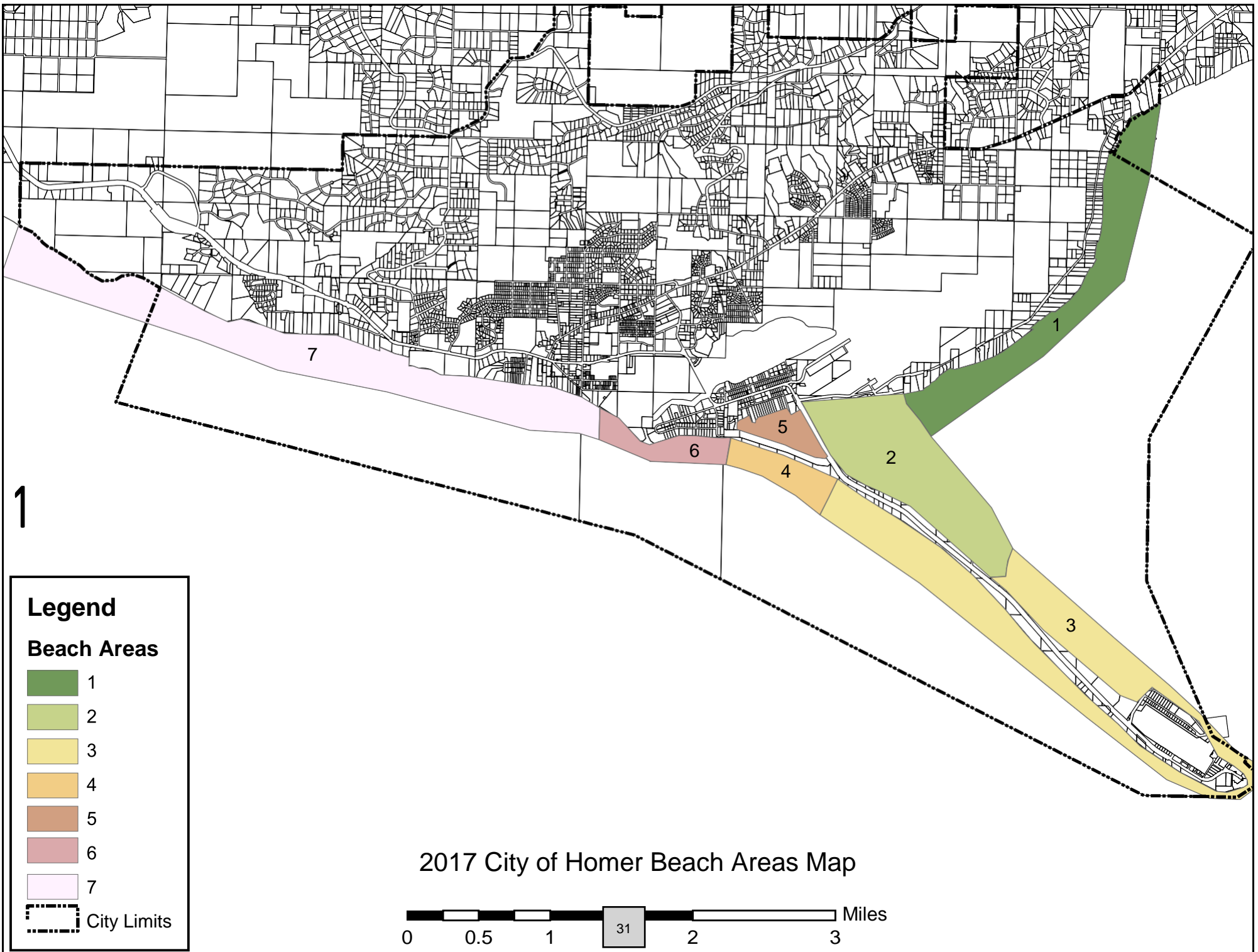
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315 A. **Improve erosion control** and access at Crittenden Drive and at Main Street. Use
316 seeding, of native grasses and other low impact techniques to control erosion in the
317 right of way at the end of Main Street.

318 ~~Install~~ **Install** a stairway so pedestrians may access the beach safely and without
319 treading on the eroding bluff face. **Is there still interest in building a stairway to**
320 **access the beach from this point?**

321

322 B. Work with property owners and interested volunteers to remove the remaining junk
323 cars from the beach near the bottom of West Hill. **derelict vehicles from city**
324 **beaches.**



Proposed Easement and Pedestrian Access to Outer Beach Area

Outer Beach

Proposed easement

TIDE ST.

Kevin Bell
Arena

Legend

 City Lands

0 250 500 Feet

Appendix A: Beach Access Notes

Public access points

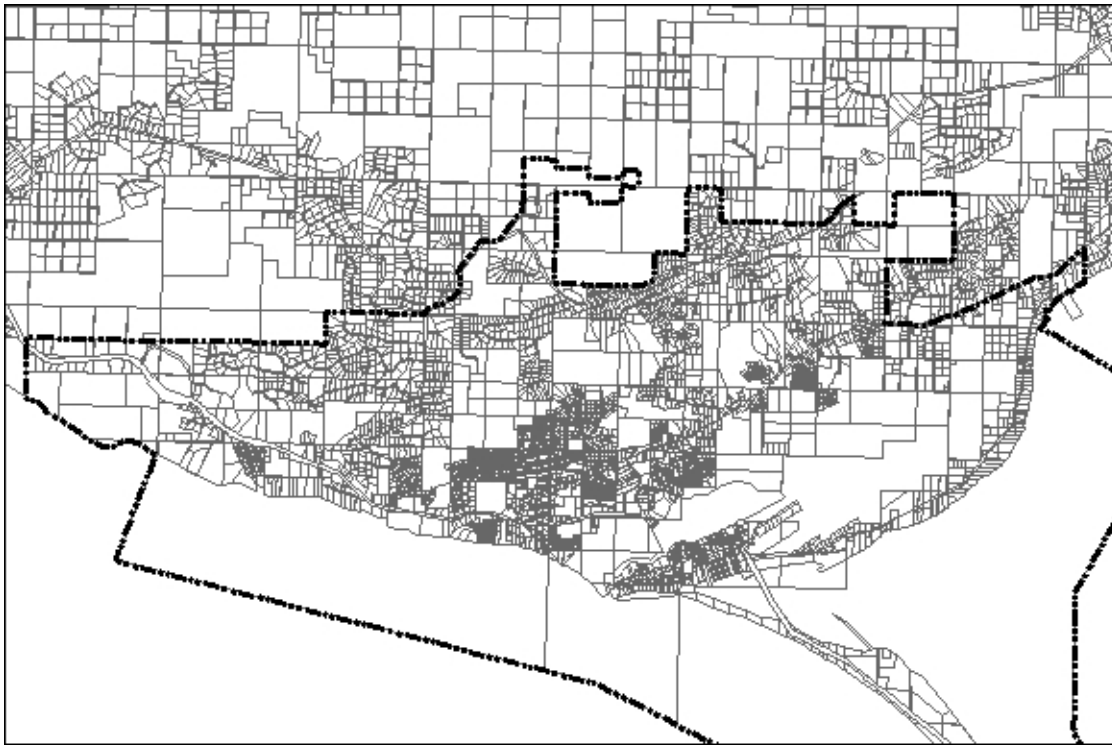
	Pros	Cons	Comments
Miller's Landing Beach Road	Nice picnic spot Difficult trek down to the beach	No defined parking area	
Airport Access Road			State owned land. Gate and key system installed in 2016.
Spit			
Mariner Park	Large parking area for campers and day users	Occasionally motor vehicles drive around in the lagoon.	Need more enforcement here Need more education here/kiosk
Lake Street		Constructed road ends at the Seawall. It will be expensive and difficult to create beach access that will withstand the wave energy at this point. Most of the land below is private property.	There may be other better pedestrian access points that are currently not public, along Ocean Drive Loop
Oscar Munson/Bell		Some public access points must cross the seawall, and most of the beach area is private property.	Neighborhood Access Point
Bishop's Beach	Flat beach access, public parking	High user conflicts	
Main Street	Section line easement access	Highly erosive, very steep trail	
Crittenden	Right of way access	No parking. Tends to be a party spot.	City constructed trail in conjunction with Crittenden/Waddell Road Improvements. There is also an adjacent private access from Ocean Shores Motel. Landowner allows neighborhood use of his trail to the beach.

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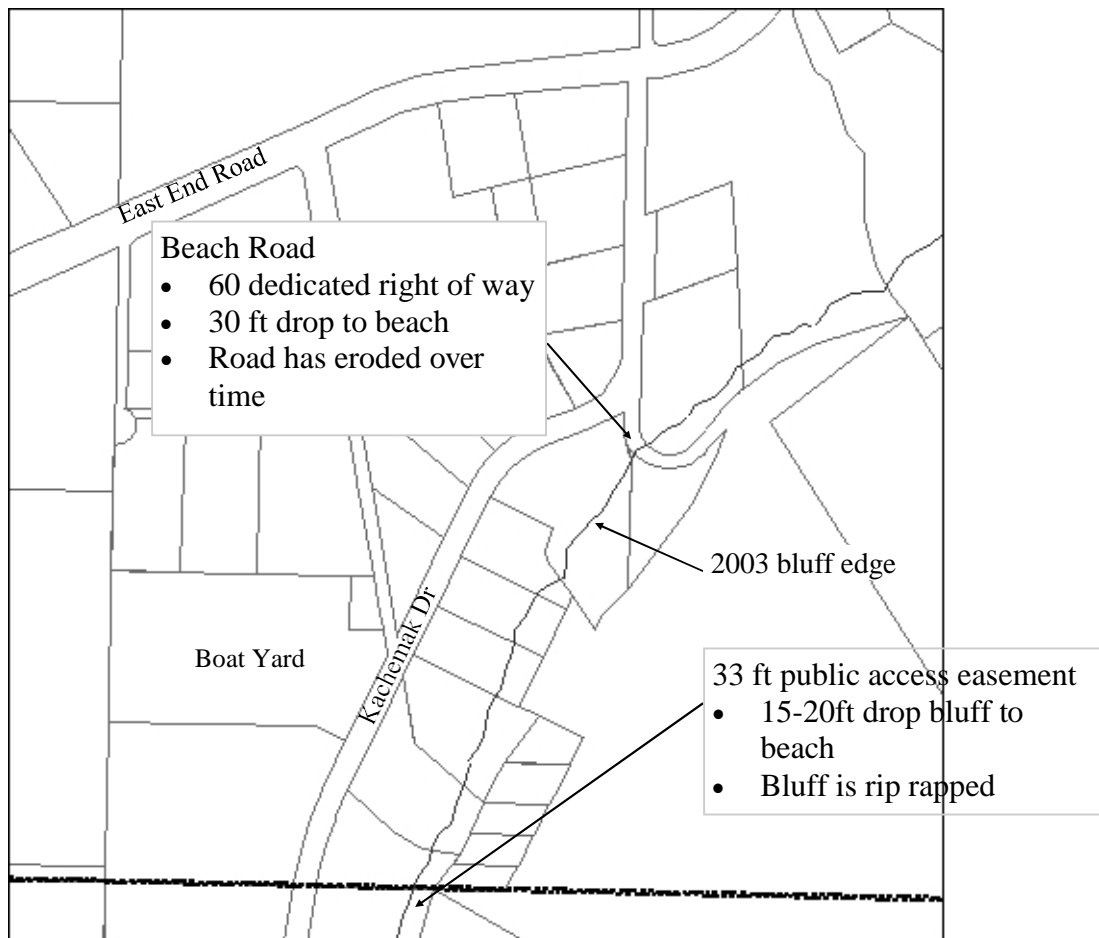
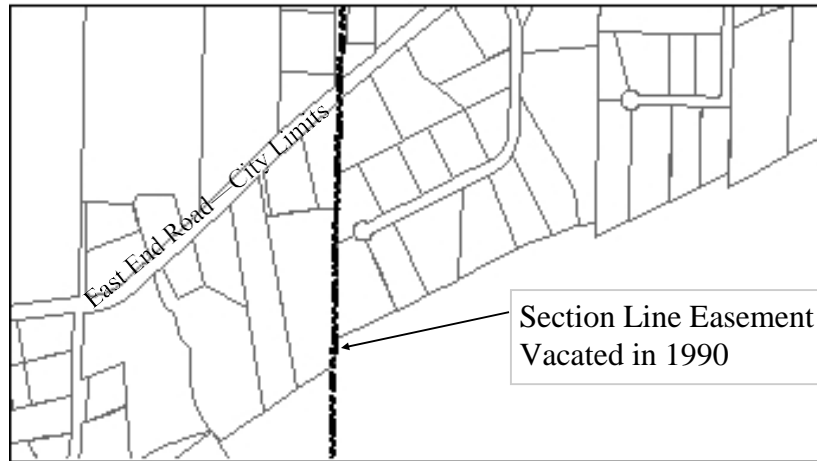
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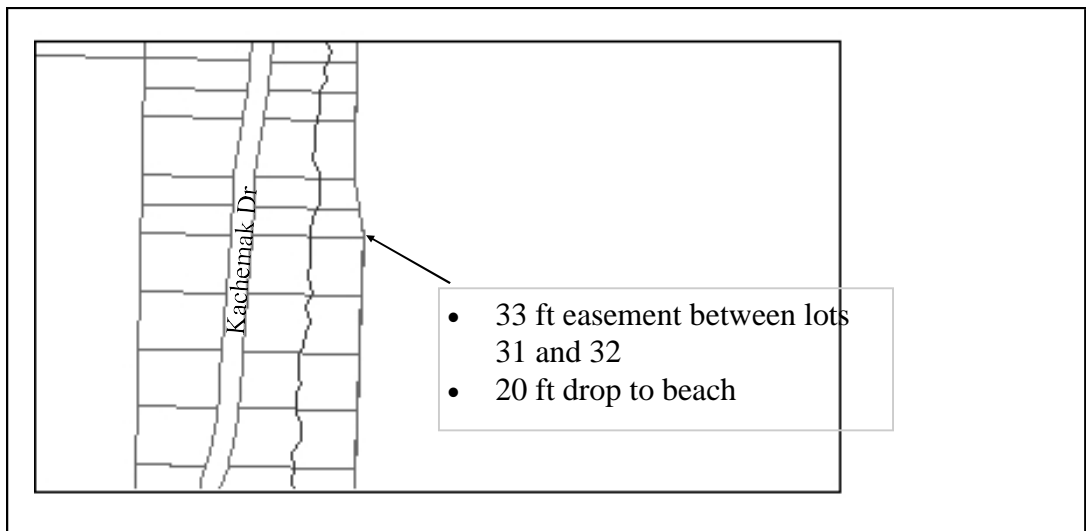
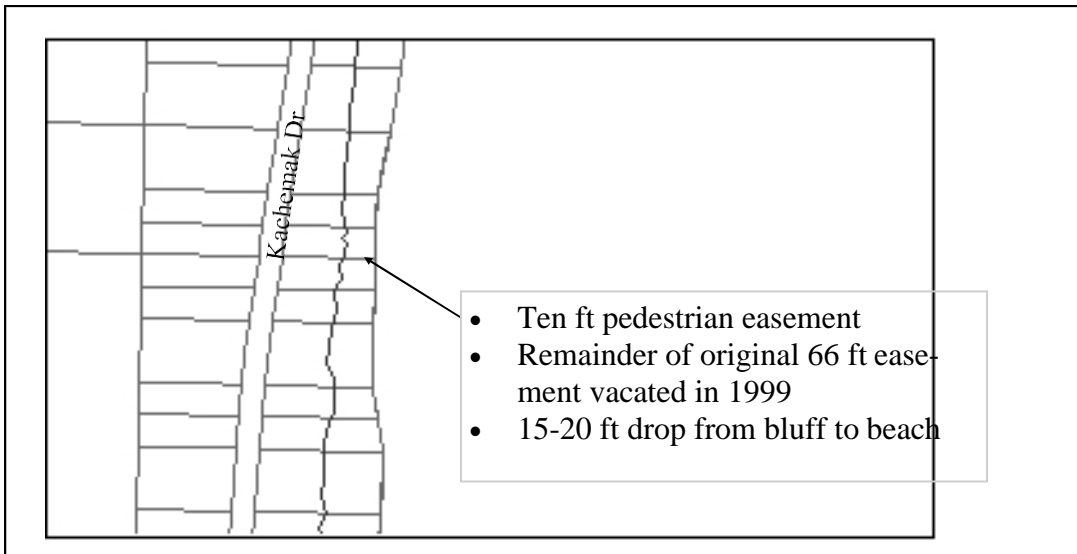
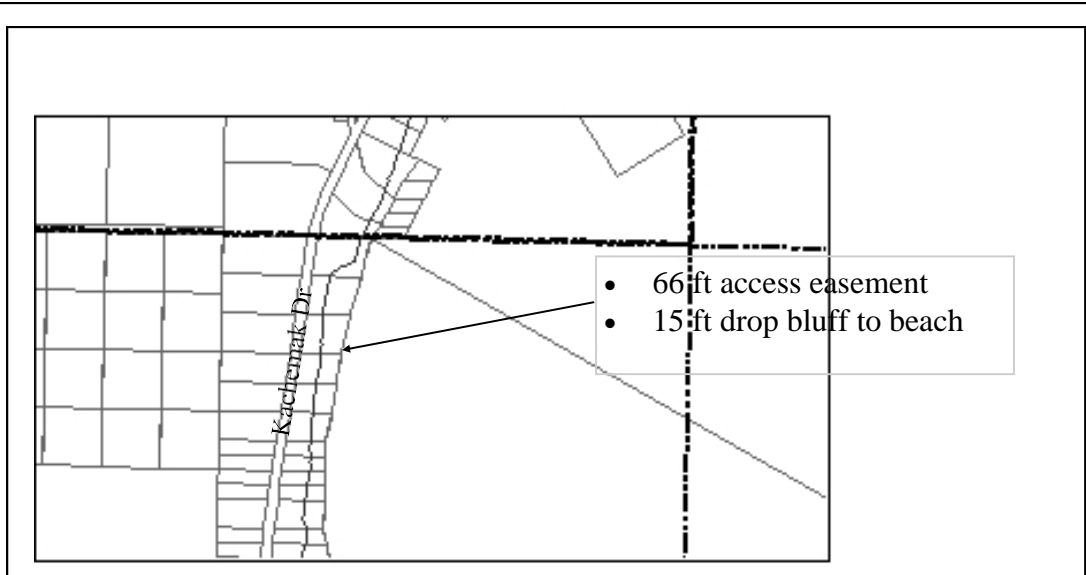
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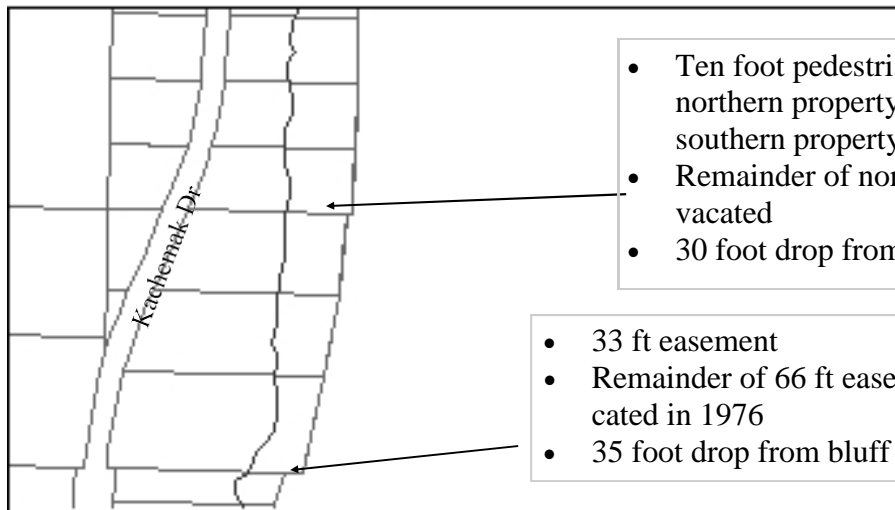
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Prepared by the City of Homer Planning and Zoning Office.
Erosion data from KBRR 2004 coastal erosion study. Easement
data from plat research, and from 1982 Homer and Vicinity
orthotopographic map by Walker and Associates.







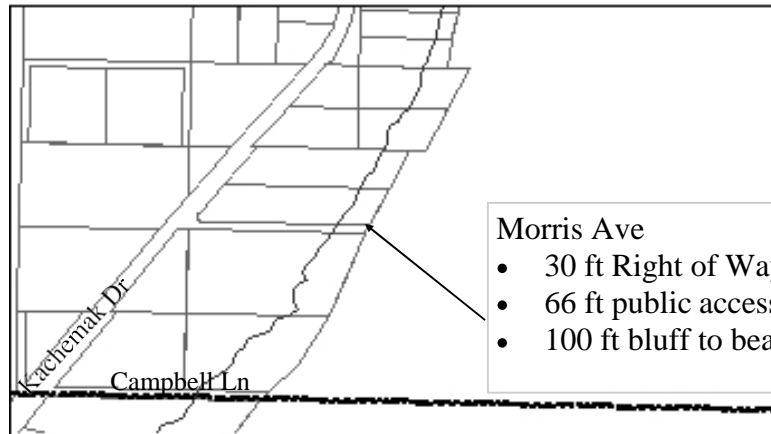
- Ten foot pedestrian easement on northern property, 33ft easement on southern property.
- Remainder of northern 33 ft easement vacated
- 30 foot drop from bluff to beach

- 33 ft easement
- Remainder of 66 ft easement vacated in 1976
- 35 foot drop from bluff to beach

- 33 ft access easement
- 65 foot drop from bluff to beach

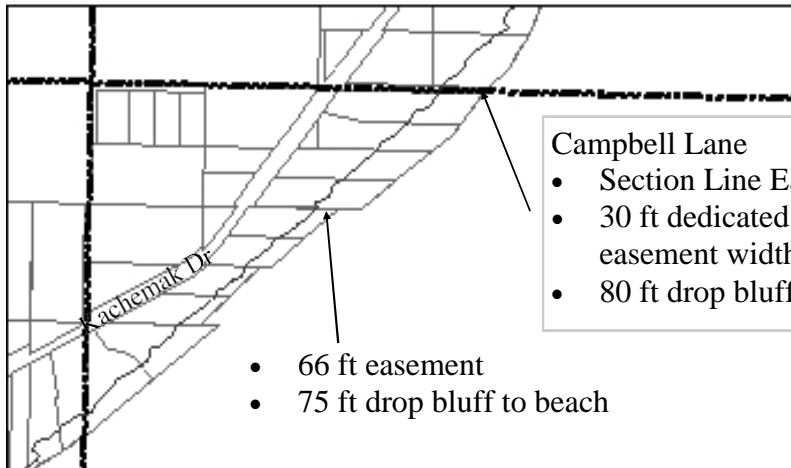


- 33ft access easement
- 75 foot drop from bluff to beach



Morris Ave

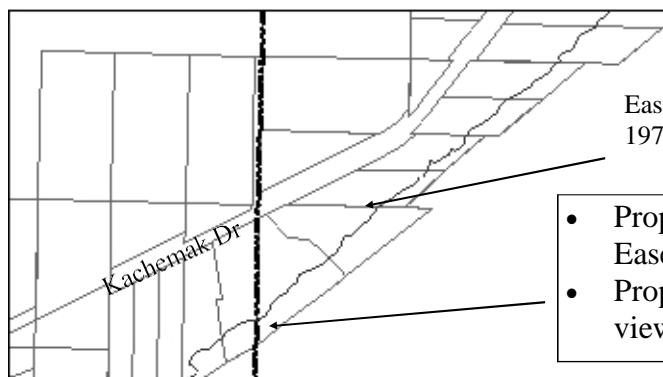
- 30 ft Right of Way
- 66 ft public access
- 100 ft bluff to beach drop



Campbell Lane

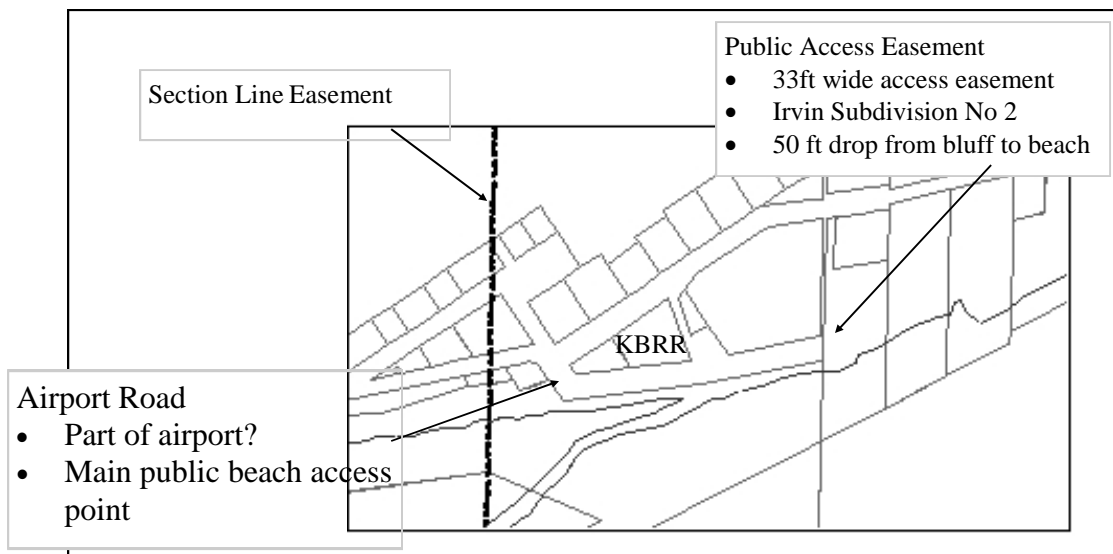
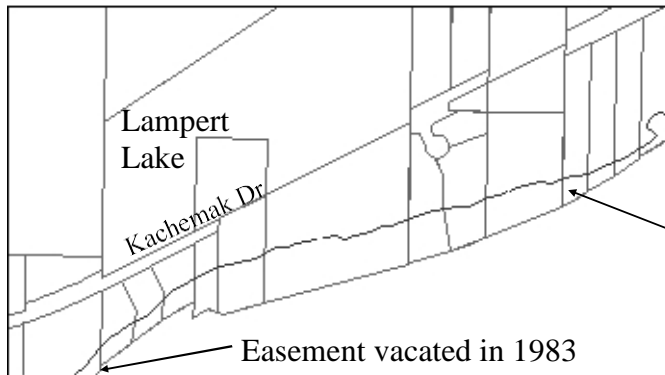
- Section Line Easement
- 30 ft dedicated Right of Way, 66 ft total easement width
- 80 ft drop bluff to beach

- 66 ft easement
- 75 ft drop bluff to beach



Easement vacated in 1979

- Proposed Section Line Easement Vacation 2007.
- Proposed public access viewpoint.





Lake Street

- Dedicated 60 ft Right of Way
- Sea wall crosses the Right of Way

Section Line Easement

- 66 ft wide
- 30 ft drop from bluff to beach

Oscar Munson Subdivision

Victoria Place

- 50 foot Right of Way
- Not constructed

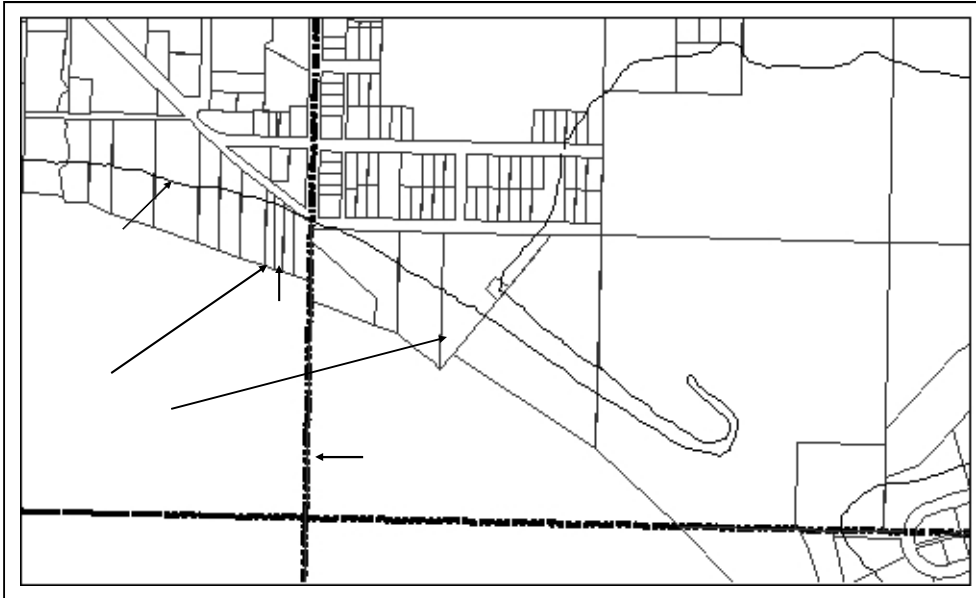
Section Line Easement/Right of Way

- 30 ft Right of Way, 33 ft section line
- Exact width of possible public access not know, but probably about 60 ft



Parson Lane

- 30 ft Right of Way
- About a 30 ft drop from street level to the beach
- Seawall runs along the bluff



Ohlson Lane Property

- 15-20 ft drop from street level to the beach
- City of Homer owns one lot; the state owns another

Section Line Easement

- Main Street is on a section line easement
- 15-20 ft drop from street level to the beach

Bishops Beach

- One of the few easy access point to the beach

This is an area of moderate long term erosion, averaging about 2 and a half feet per year.

Crittenden Dr

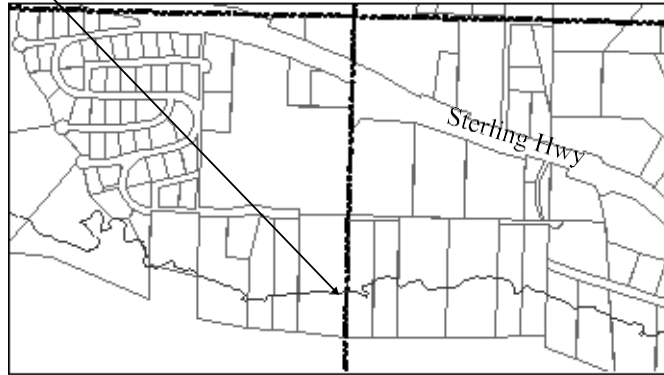
- 60 ft Right of Way
- New trail is steep and is eroding.
- 60 ft drop from Hidden Way to the beach



- Section Line Easement
- 120 ft drop from bluff to beach



- Section Line Easement
- 230 ft+ drop from bluff to beach

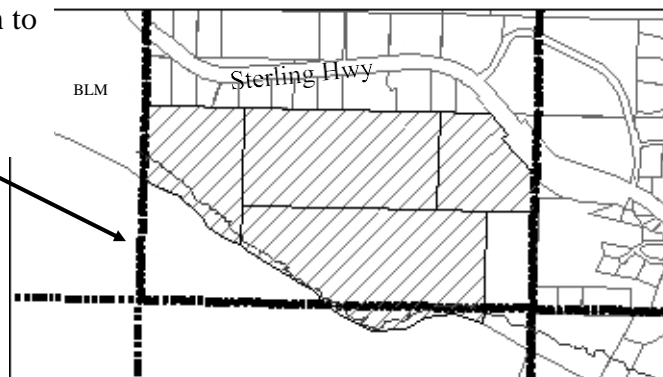


Leber Street

- 30 Right of Way Leber St
- Section Line Easement
- 25 foot drop from upland to beach.



- Section Line Easement, north-south along city limit boundary
- 60 foot bluff from beach to upland plateau
- EVOS and other public lands shown



From: [Julie Engebretsen](#)
To: [Renee Krause](#)
Subject: RE: Easement on the Spit
Date: Tuesday, March 30, 2021 12:19:11 PM

F. Long term goal: Acquire a pedestrian easement as shown on the map, for access to the outer beach without going through the mudflats. The current section line easement goes across the mud flat in the bird sanctuary. A new easement would provide better access to the beach and protection for the sanctuary. See attached map.

Answer: No, we do not have an easement. Considerations: A good portion of this route is a sizable berm, and does not meet any of our trail standards and is unlikely to. Additionally, the trail would essentially end at parcel 18102019, which has a very comprehensive conservation easement. Trail construction would not be permissible (staff has research with the Kachemak Heritage Land Trust).

I recommend either striking Area 2 Goal F, OR, modifying the goal to reviewing and recommending a pedestrian route to the outer beach. (it may, or may not be desirable to create a formal trail, and would not be possible on the parcel mentioned above).

From: Renee Krause <RKrause@ci.homer.ak.us>
Sent: Tuesday, March 30, 2021 11:57 AM
To: Julie Engebretsen <JEngebretsen@ci.homer.ak.us>
Subject: Easement on the Spit
Importance: High

Hi there
At the last PARCAC meeting the commission had questions on the following regarding the beach policy:
Page 6, top of page the proposed easement and pedestrian access to the outer beach
- Has this been acquired if so when and should it still be a goal

Renee Krause

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Please note that any and all emails are subject to public records requests. Information on Alaska's

Public records Laws can be found in AS 40.25 and in Homer City Code 2.84.

Anchorage Municipal Code sections 25.10.010, 25.70.045, and 25.70.060 define motor vehicles and describe where and under what conditions motor vehicles can be used on water bodies located within the Municipality. If there are any discrepancies between the summary information below and Anchorage Municipal Code, the Code controls.

Motorized vehicles, including remote controlled, model or miniature boats, cars and airplanes are PROHIBITED on all municipal water bodies, with very few exceptions. These exceptions are for a limited number of uses and are allowed on only a few water bodies, as follows:

On the Following Water Bodies:

1. Campbell Creek
2. Chester Creek
3. Fish Creek
4. Rabbit Creek
5. Ship Creek (excluding the public boat ramp area and downstream thereof)
6. Bentzen Lake
7. Birch Lake
8. Connors Lake
9. DeLong Lake
10. Edmonds Lake
11. Goose Lake
12. Hood Lake
13. Jewel Lake
14. Lower Fire Lake
15. Mirror Lake
16. Otis Lake
17. Sand Lake
18. Spenard Lake
19. Sundi Lake

These Uses are Allowed (Except as may be Prohibited by Federal or State law):

1. Airplane operation, if designated for such use by the Director (or in case of an emergency).
2. Participation in a motorized event or use which is the subject of a facility use permit issued pursuant to Chapter 25.10.
3. Boats using an electric motor.
4. Remote-controlled model boats, cars and similar models (subject to noise limitations in the health code, chapter 15.70).

In addition, boats equipped with outboard motors of 50 horsepower or less, which must be operated at a no-wake speed when within 100 feet of a dock or shoreline on Sand Lake and Lower Fire Lake, during the hours of 4:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m. Monday through Friday and noon to 8:00 p.m. on Saturdays, Sundays and holidays.

On all other water bodies, the above uses are or may be PROHIBITED unless you have a special permit issued to you by the Parks and Recreation Department. Refer to the code or contact the Department for details on restrictions and permitting.

**CITY OF HOMER
HOMER, ALASKA**

City Manager/Harbormaster

ORDINANCE 21-23

AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF HOMER, ALASKA
AMENDING HOMER CITY CODE 19.20.020 GENERAL RULES,
ADDING LAUNCHING, LANDING OR RETRIEVING OF MOTORIZED
WATERCRAFT IS PROHIBITED FROM CITY OWNED BEACHES
EXCEPT FOR OFFICIAL BUSINESS USE.

WHEREAS, On January 9, 2021, the State of Alaska Department of Fish and Game
repealed the prohibition for the use of Personal Watercraft in the Kachemak Bay and Fox River
Flats Critical Habitat Area; and

WHEREAS, Much of the tourism economy of Homer is associated with ecologically rich
resources of Kachemak Bay, which include the Critical Habitat Area and the Western
Hemispheric Shorebird Reserve Network Site; and

WHEREAS, The Parks, Art, Recreation & Culture and Port & Harbor Advisory
Commissions have discussed the use and impact of personal watercraft to the areas of the
harbor and city owned beaches at multiple meetings; and

WHEREAS, It is in the best interest of the City of Homer to limit where motorized
watercraft may be launched, landed or retrieved from tidal waters within city limits; and

WHEREAS, Limiting the launching, landing and or retrieving of motorized watercraft to
specific areas will insure public safety and protect sensitive habitat and wildlife.

NOW, THEREFORE, The City of Homer Ordains:

Section 1. Homer City Code Section 19.20.020 General Rules. Is hereby amended as
follows:

- a. No person may deface, disfigure, damage, tamper with, or displace or remove any
building, structure, table, bench, fireplace, sign, notice, vegetation, or placard in a park.
- b. No person may cut, pick or damage trees, flowers or other vegetation in a park.
- c. No person may camp in a park except in an area and at a time designated for that
purpose by the City Manager.
- d. No person may light, build, use or maintain an open fire or portable camp stove in a
park except in a receptacle or area designated for that use. No person may leave an
open fire or operating portable camp stove unattended. No person may use a
flammable liquid other than charcoal lighting fluid to start or accelerate a fire.

e. No person may operate, or stop, stand or park, a motorized vehicle in a park except:
1. In an area designed for the use, and in a manner permitted by the designation; or
2. Construction, enforcement, maintenance or emergency vehicles operated by the State, the Kenai Peninsula Borough, the City or their respective contractors.

f. Where the operation of motor vehicles is permitted in a park, motor vehicles shall be operated in accordance with posted speed limits, in a prudent and safe manner, and at a speed not exceeding 10 miles per hour in parking areas.

g. A person having control or supervision of an animal that excretes feces in a park shall immediately collect and properly dispose of the feces.

h. No person may dump, deposit, or leave any bottles, broken glass, ashes, paper, boxes, cans, dirt, rubbish, waste, garbage or refuse, or other trash, or water, sewage or effluent from sinks, portable toilets or other plumbing fixtures, directly upon the surface of land or water in a park.

i. Dumpsters provided at park facilities are intended for park use only.

j. No person may launch, load or retrieve a motorized watercraft from city owned beaches except for official business use or with harbormaster approval.

Section 2. This ordinance is of a permanent and general character and shall be included in Homer City Code.

ENACTED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF HOMER, ALASKA, this ____ day of _____, 2021.

CITY OF HOMER

KEN CASTNER, MAYOR

ATTEST:

MELISSA JACOBSEN, MMC, CITY CLERK

YES:

NO:

ABSTAIN:

ABSENT:

First Reading:

Public Hearing:

Second Reading:

Effective Date:



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Memorandum 21-062

TO: HOMER CITY COUNCIL & MAYOR CASTNER
THRU: ROB DUMOUCHEL, CITY MANAGER
FROM: BRYAN HAWKINS, HARBORMASTER
DATE: APRIL 1, 2021
SUBJECT: AMEND HCC 19.20.020 TO ADDRESS PERSONAL WATERCRAFT

With the repeal of the Personal Water Craft (PWC) ban by the State, PWCs are currently allowed in Kachemak Bay as of January 9, 2021. This change in State policy triggered public interest and questions on what that might mean for the City of Homer.

At City Council's January 11th meeting, City Council passed and adopted Resolution 21-008 to provide comment on the Alaska Department of Natural Resources Division of Parks and Outdoor Recreation (DPOR)'s Management Plan for the Kachemak Bay State Park in regards to how they address PWC, and held discussion on what the introduction of PWCs might mean for the City. Based on the discussion held at that meeting, the City Manager initiated gathering staff and public committee input on how the City could address PWCs within City-jurisdiction waters, and to bring it back to Council at a future meeting.

The Port and Harbor Advisory Commission addressed Resolution 21-008 and PWCs in Kachemak Bay at their January 27th regular meeting, making policy implementation recommendations to the City Manager and staff. At their March 24th regular meeting, the commission reviewed Parks, Art, Recreation & Culture Advisory Commission's draft ordinance and approved the suggested changes to HCC 19.20.020 with their own revision. The final addition, as written, reads:

j. No person may launch, load, or retrieve a motorized watercraft from city owned beaches except for official business use or with Harbormaster approval.

Meeting minutes are attached to reflect the discussion held and motions made.

PARCAC, PHC, and staff now ask the City Manager to bring their recommendations and the draft ordinance before Council for review and approval.

Recommendation

Approval and adoption of Ordinance 21-23.

Attached: PHC January 27, 2021 Meeting Minutes Excerpt
PHC March 24, 2021 Meeting Minutes Excerpt
Memo from PARCAC to PHC Re Recommendations on use of Personal Watercraft



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Memorandum

TO: PARCAC
FROM: Janette Keiser, Director of Public Works
DATE: March 4, 2021
SUBJECT: Karen Hornaday Park Renovation

Issue: At its June 2009 meeting, the Homer City Council adopted Resolution 09-59, a Master Plan for the redevelopment/restoration of the Karen A. Hornaday Hillside Park (Master Plan). Since then, very little has been done to implement this Master Plan. The purpose of this memo is to lay out an implementation strategy for moving forward with the Master Plan. Public Works will be presenting this strategy to the Planning Commission and the EDC at their next meetings. Also, we will be presenting it to the City Council at its April 12 meeting and asking for some appropriations that will allow us to move forward.

Background: The Master Plan was developed by a team, including: the City of Homer Planning Commission. It involved hours of work and collaboration with a wide variety of local stakeholders, including the Little League, the Friends of Woodard Creek, the Alaska State Parks and Outdoor Recreation Division and many others. The purpose of the Master Plan was to “*establish a vision for a standard of quality...to project an image of the park [as] a special place.*” Specific objectives included addressing traffic, parking, pedestrian safety, capitalizing on outstanding views, embracing the stewardship of Woodard Creek, improving maintenance efficiency and “*installing pride in the park*”. The Master Plan was to provide a long range view (7-10 years) for uses and activities at the Park. It was intended to serve as a “*roadmap for the City to protect and enhance the park’s natural values, provide appropriate recreation facilities and manage the land and facilities for the safety and enjoyment of the community.*”

The Park suffered from deferred maintenance and ill-advised decisions about the dumping of off-site excavation next to Woodard Creek at the time the Master Plan was developed. These issues triggered the development of the Master Plan! However, since its adoption, little has been done to implement most of the recommendations that were set forth in the Master Plan and thus, the bad conditions have become worse. This Park has the capacity to serve as an economic engine and the recreational heart of the City, if we treat it as such. The time for procrastination is over. We need to take action now and we have begun to do so.

The Master Plan laid out 3 concepts: Concept A, Concept B and Concept B-2, with Concept B-2 being the most feasible for a variety of reasons. It shows a new access road routed more to the east so that all the parking would be on the west side of the road. This improves pedestrian safety because you

don't have people running across the road to get to the playground and ball fields. I wondered if it was still possible to use Concept B-2, considering the possible changes in topography that may have occurred since 2009. We commissioned Steve Smith, Geovera Inc., a local survey firm to do a field survey and ascertain whether Concept B-2 could be accommodated over the existing conditions. We found, that with some adjustment, it could!

Concept B-2 calls for a new restroom in a different location. This was fine with us because the existing restroom had been condemned due to its seriously deteriorating condition. We deployed the Public Works Crew to demolish it and take its remains to the local landfill. The Kenai Borough graciously waived tipping fees for the demolition waste. The concrete slab remains, but we will take this out in the spring. This will leave an open slate for renovation. The question is: How do we pay for this?

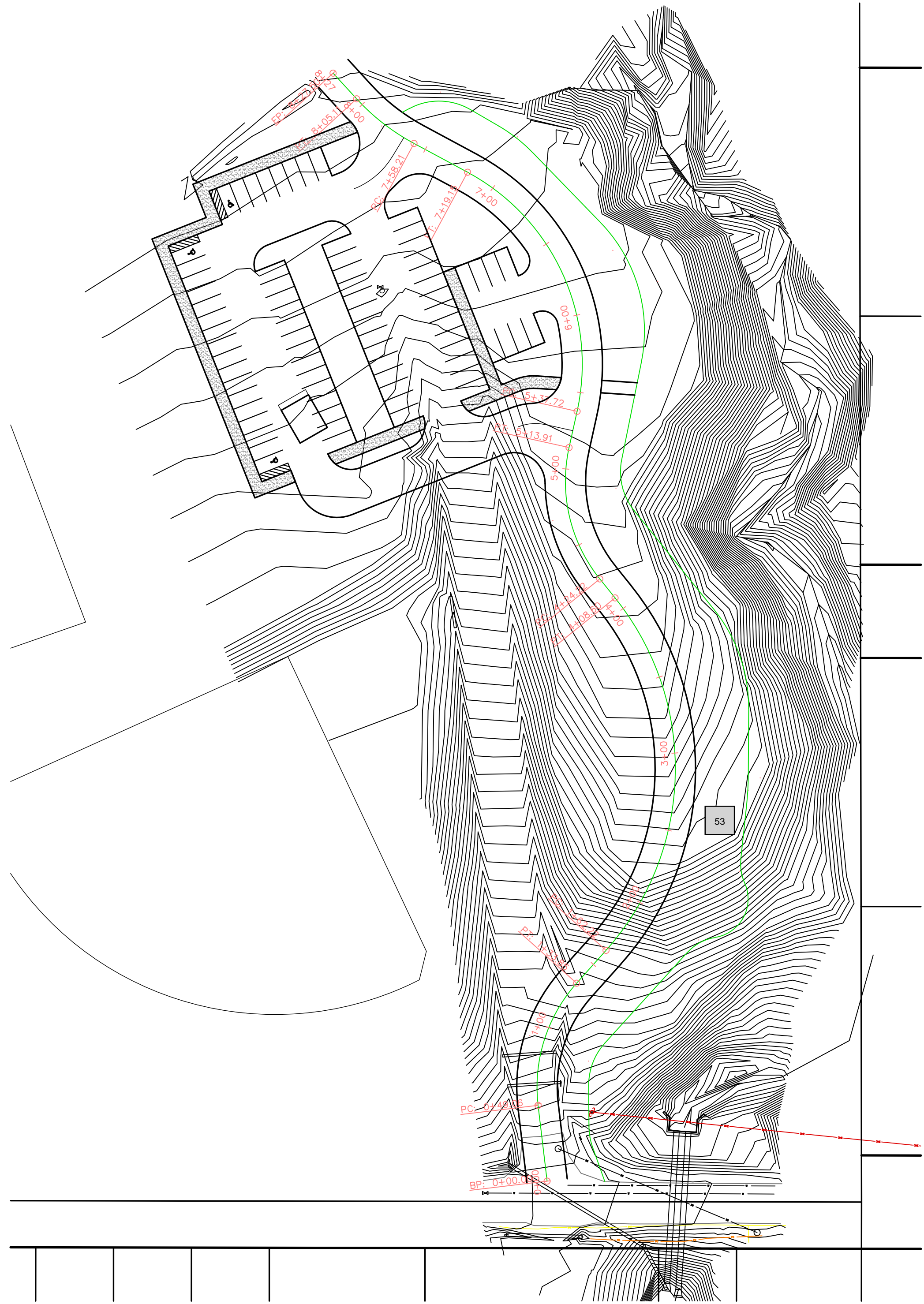
Following is a plan for financing the development of Concept B-2:

New Access Road	HART Road Fund
New Pedestrian Path paralleling road	HART Trails Fund
Reconfigured Parking Area	Parks CARMA Fund
New Restroom	HAWSP Fund
Water line for new Restroom	Water CARMA Fund
Sewer line for new Restroom	Sewer CARMA Fund

We are in the process of developing cost estimates for these elements. My main purpose was to introduce the idea of a multi-pronged approach to financing the development. When we present this plan to the City Council, we will be asking for specific appropriations for these elements.

Conclusion:

Funding the renovation of the Karen Hornaday Park with a multi-pronged approach is a viable strategy. This strategy would allow the City to enjoy the fruits of a 12+ year old Master Plan, which would make the Park the Homer centerpiece it was meant to be.





Bleachers built into earth berm

Master Development Plan

CONCEPT - B2

Revised 03/12/09 BE



Memorandum

TO: Parks, Art, Recreation & Culture Advisory Commission
FROM: Janette Keiser, Director of Public Works
DATE: March 4, 2021
SUBJECT: Mariner Lagoon “Dredging”

Issue: The Mariner Park Lagoon becomes landlocked as naturally deposited sand/gravel build a “storm berm” on the western side of the Lagoon. This prevents tidal water from washing into the Lagoon and degrades it as habitat for many types of birds. Public Works will be asking for funding to “dredge” a portion of the storm berm, to allow some water to enter. However, the Lagoon will not be fully restored to the mudflat it once was. This memorandum explains the history of the Lagoon so you can better understand and explain the rationale behind this policy, particularly considering the upcoming Shorebird Festival.

Background:

Before the Spit Road was built, Mud Bay Flats at the base of the Spit included the area on the west side of the Spit, now known as Mariner Park Lagoon. It was a rich biological area, which supported a wide variety of organisms and birdlife. When the permanent Spit Road was built in the 1940’s, storms and tidal action deposited sand/gravel into a “storm berm”, which built up on the far western shore. These natural processes largely cut off the western area from the sea. Consequently, the western area developed into an intertidal lagoon, only periodically flushed by a narrow channel in the storm berm. Left alone, the channel becomes completely blocked. This interruption in tidal flushing caused the rich biotic communities associated with the mud flat environment to be degraded considerably.

In May of 2000 Dames and Moore, Inc. produced an environmental assessment of the Mariner Park Lagoon. The purpose was to develop alternatives for restoring or rehabilitating the site in terms of improving shorebird feeding habitat without disrupting sediment transport along the shore. The assessment evaluated the physical and biological environment, as well as the social environment; that is, the impact of people on the Lagoon and *vice versa*. Comprehensive field studies were conducted in conjunction with literature reviews, local history research and examination of historical imagery and maps. Extensive public outreach was also conducted.

During the investigation, the FAA, and other parties expressed concern about restoring the Lagoon; it lies directly in the flight path of the Homer Airport. The concern was that if the Lagoon were fully restored, it would attract larger birds, which would become a flight hazard.

Dames and Moore offered multiple alternatives, of which Alternative 1 was adopted by the City, primarily because it does not fully restore the Lagoon and thus, minimizes the risk of becoming an attractive nuisance to birds. This alternative involves periodic “dredging” of the storm berm to allow some tidal action to flow into the lower parts of the Lagoon. It also allows for the area to be preserved from development, such as an expansion of Mariner Park, through conservation easements. This alternative was not intended to restore Mariner Lagoon to its pre-road mud flat condition, but was intended to prevent the area from drying out completely. The storm berm needs to be “dredged” every 3-4 years.

Conclusion:

The opening in the “storm berm” is almost closed, making it time to “dredge” the area again. Public Works will be requesting an appropriation from the City Council for this work. The estimated cost is \$3000-\$5000.

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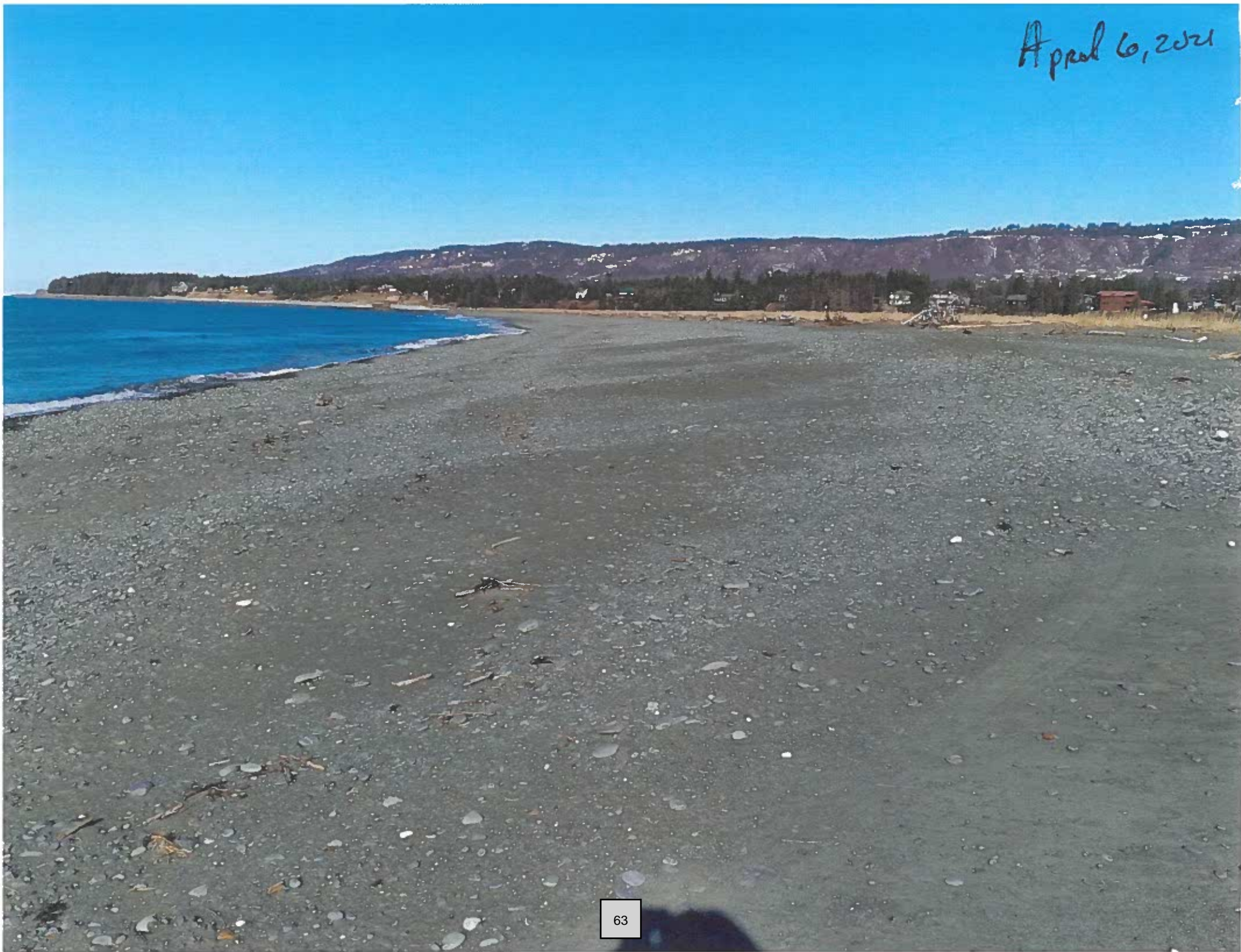
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Memorandum

TO: City Council
THROUGH: Rob Dumouchel, City Manager
FROM: Jan Keiser, PE, JD, Director of Public Works
DATE: February 25, 2021
SUBJECT: Food Trucks at designated City Parks

Issue: The current provision in the Homer City Code about the operation of mobile restaurants in City parks is ambiguous. The purpose of this memorandum is to propose clarifying language.

Background: The current Homer City Code language says:

“No person may operate a mobile restaurant inside the boundaries of a municipal park or campground unless such operation is permitted under ordinance, regulation or other lawful authority.” HCC 8.11.070(c)

We don't know what this means and thus, we're unsure about whether we can allow mobile restaurants to operate in City parks or not. There are instances (1) when it would be very appropriate and desirable to have food service at a City park and (2) where, for a variety of reasons, a food truck would be the best way of providing such service. For example, the Little League Softball program will start up at Karen Hornaday Park on May 22. In past years, the Little League sponsors/fans set up a BBQ/picnic at a park pavilion and served potluck style refreshments to ball players, parents and fans. This year, they don't want to do this because of Covid 19 concerns. It would be safer and more convenient if Little League could partner with a local food truck to sell refreshments. Similar situations will arise at Jack Gist Park when baseball season starts.

There would be economic benefits as well – the City would collect sales tax on food sales and it's possible arrangements could be established whereby the sponsoring organization, such as the Little League, could partner with the food truck, to aid in fund raising. Further, the City needs to provide new restrooms at Karen Hornaday Park and Jack Gist Park. These facilities will not be cheap, but they would be even more expensive if they had to include concession areas. Allowing food trucks at these parks would reduce the pressure for the more expensive installations and create an opportunity for local entrepreneurs.

There are currently no food concession facilities or services at City parks and no brick & mortar food service establishments in the nearby vicinity of any of City's parks. Thus, there is little competition between the

food trucks servicing the parks and permanent establishments. We would like the clear ability to permit food trucks to operate inside designated City parks when it is appropriate and safe to do so.

Recommendations:

We recommend the City Council amend HCC 8.11.070(c) to read as follows:

A mobile restaurant may be operated inside the boundary of a municipal park or campground so long as such operation, in addition to being licensed as provided in this chapter, receives a Mobile Food Service Permit from the Parks Department and operates in compliance with such Permit.

**CITY OF HOMER
HOMER, ALASKA**

City Manager/
Public Works Director

ORDINANCE 21-xx

AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF HOMER, ALASKA,
AMENDING THE HOMER CITY CODE 8.11.070 TO ALLOW
OPERATION OF MOBILE RESTAURANTS IN CITY PARKS UNDER
DESIGNATED CIRCUMSTANCES.

WHEREAS, Current Homer City Code states:

“No person may operate a mobile restaurant inside the boundaries of a municipal park or campground unless such operation is permitted under ordinance, regulation or other lawful authority”; and

WHEREAS, This language is ambiguous, making it challenging to know whether the operation of mobile restaurants are allowed in City parks or not; and

WHEREAS, There are times when it would be appropriate and desirable to have food service at City parks and where a mobile restaurant would be a viable way of providing such service; and

WHEREAS, It would be beneficial to allow mobile restaurants to operate inside designated City parks when it is appropriate and safe to do so; and

WHEREAS, There are currently no food concession facilities or services at City parks and no brick/mortar food service businesses near most City’s parks, meaning there would be little competition between mobile restaurants at parks and permanent establishments; and

WHEREAS, Allowing mobile restaurants to operate in City parks would provide economic benefits through sales tax on food sales, possible fund raising partnerships, and creating opportunities for local entrepreneurs; and

WHEREAS, Allowing mobile restaurants to operate at City parks mean there would be less pressure on the City to build expensive concession facilities at such parks.

NOW, THEREFORE, the City Council of Homer ordains:

Section 1. Homer City Code shall be amended to delete the existing language in HCC 8.11.070(c) and to substitute the following language:

A mobile restaurant may be operated inside the boundary of a municipal park or campground so long as such operation, in addition to being licensed as provided in this chapter, receives a Mobile Food Service Permit from the Parks Department and operates in compliance with such Permit.

ENACTED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF HOMER, ALASKA, this ____ day of _____, 2021.

CITY OF HOMER

KEN CASTNER, MAYOR

ATTEST:

MELISSA JACOBSEN, MMC, CITY CLERK

YES:

NO:

ABSTAIN:

ABSENT:

First Reading:

Public Hearing:

Second Reading:

Effective Date:



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Memorandum

TO: Parks, Art, Recreation and Culture Commission

FROM: Jenny Carroll, Special Projects & Communications Coordinator

THROUGH: Rob Dumouchel, City Manager

DATE: April 2, 2021

SUBJECT: Recreational Trails Program grant application for ADA entrance trail in Karen Hornaday Park

City staff is prepared to apply for up to \$150,000 in Recreational Trails Program (RTP) grant funding to construct an ADA accessible trail in Karen Hornaday Park. The trail, which has a design and cost estimate, will run parallel to and adjacent to a redesigned park entrance road and a new parking configuration, and will be of similar design as the Poopdeck Platt Trail.

This improvement addresses Karen Hornaday Park pedestrian safety and accessibility concerns which are prioritized in the City's Capital Improvement Plan and the ADA Transition Plan. Notice of the City's intent to apply for the funds to construct the project has been posted at the park and is attached to this memorandum. If successful, the grant will require a 10% local match which will be requested from the HART Trails Fund through a grant acceptance Ordinance.

The grant application requires a support resolution from City Council as well as letters of support from community members and organizations. The attached draft Resolution will be presented to City Council at their April 12, 2021 meeting.

RECOMMENDATION

Consider this proposal and resolution and make a recommendation to Council in support and provide a letter of support for the project from the Commission to include in the RTP grant application packet before April 30, 2021.



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Memorandum

TO: PARKS, ART, RECREATION AND CULTURE ADVISORY COMMISSION
FROM: RENEE KRAUSE, MMC, DEPUTY CITY CLERK
DATE: APRIL 8, 2021
SUBJECT: IMPROVEMENTS TO THE POCKET PARK ON PIONEER AVENUE

Background:

This item has come before the Commission on numerous occasions throughout the years and each time they have expressed a desire to add some amenities to that area.

At the March meeting Karin Marks, city resident and owner of the Art Shop Gallery presented to the Commission a request to make improvements to the location citing the benefits to residents and visitors that an improved pocket park with some minor amenities would be in developing a more pedestrian friendly and usable area.

This area is already designated as a pocket park in the Land Allocation Plan.

Previous discussions have covered that there is a drainage ditch, utility boxes and slope of the property limit what can be done.

Staff recommends entertaining discussion on what steps are needed to make the area usable and what amenities could be provided to make the area a pleasing restful stopping point for the public and including funding towards those goals.

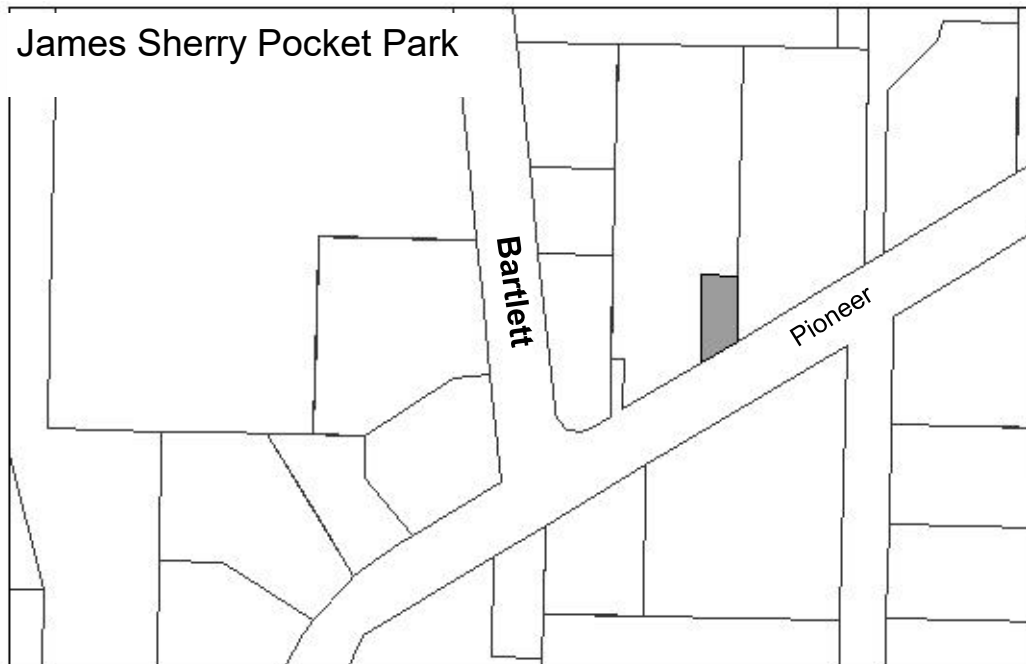
Recommendation

Make motions for improvements that are budgetary in nature.



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or conclusions drawn therefrom.*



Designated Use: Retain for use as public park or parking

Acquisition History: Ord 83-01 (KPB)

Area: 0.06 acres or 2,766 sq ft

Parcel Number: 17514235

2019 Assessed Value: \$26,000

Legal Description: T 6S R 13W SEC 19 SEWARD MERIDIAN HM 2007124 BUNNELLS SUB NO 21 LOT 37F-1

Zoning: Central Business District

Wetlands: Ditch across property

Infrastructure: Water and Sewer, paved sidewalk

Notes:

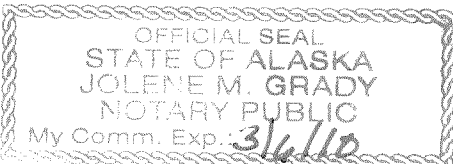
HEA/phone company utility infrastructure on lot—big green boxes.

Finance Dept. Code:

Ownership Certificate

We hereby certify that we are the owners of the real property shown and described hereon and that we hereby adopt this plan of subdivision and by our free consent dedicate all rights-of-way to public use and grant all easements to the use shown.

Notary's Acknowledgement
Subscribed and sworn to me before me this 24th day of November, 2007



for Richard Fetterhoff and Amy Fetterhoff

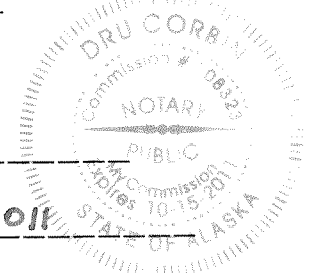
Jolene M. Grady
Notary Public for Alaska

My Commission Expires 3/6/10

Richard Fetterhoff 11/24/07
Owner of Former Lots 37-A, 37-B, 37-C, 37-D, and 37-E
Richard Fetterhoff DATE Amy Fetterhoff DATE
PO Box 1430
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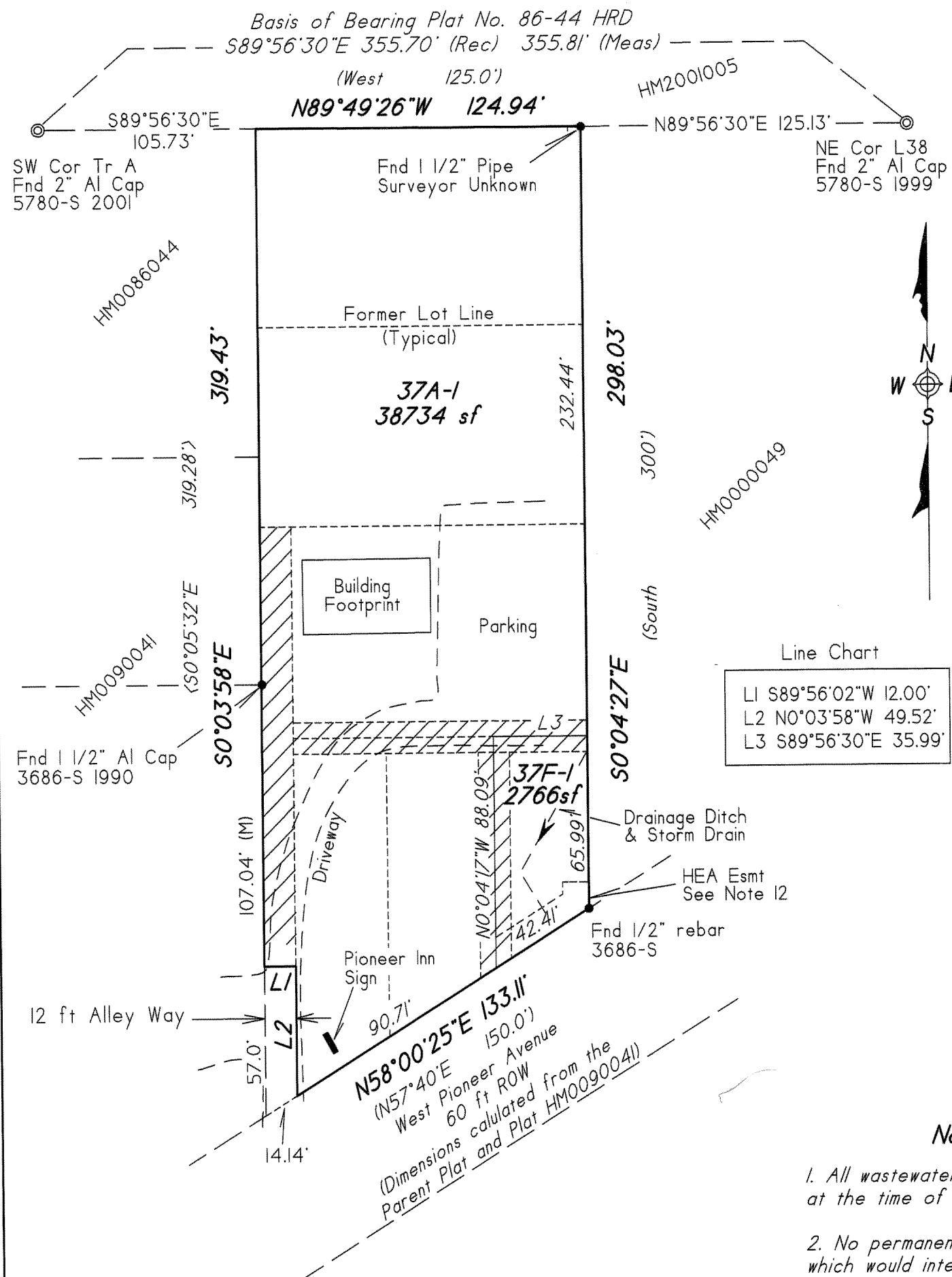
Notary's Acknowledgement
Subscribed and sworn to me before me this 21st day of November, 2007



for Walt Wrede

Walt Wrede
Notary Public for Alaska
My Commission Expires 10-15-2011

Walt Wrede 11/21/07
Owner of former Lot 37-F
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by Walt Wrede, City Manager DATE
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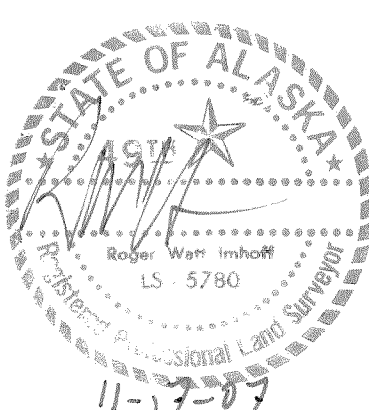


Line Chart

L1	S89°56'02"W 12.00'
L2	N0°03'58"W 49.52'
L3	S89°56'30"E 35.99'

Legend

- 12 ft wide Alley Way Vacated by this plat
- () Dimension of Record Plat No. 49-258
- < > Dimension of Record Plat No. 86-44



Notes

- All wastewater disposal systems shall comply with existing applicable laws at the time of construction.
- No permanent structures shall be constructed or placed within an easement which would interfere with the ability of a utility to use the easement.
- WASTEWATER DISPOSAL: Plans for wastewater that meet regulatory requirements are on file at the State of Alaska Department of Environmental Conservation.
- No access to State maintained ROW is permitted without prior written approval from the State of Alaska Dept of Transportation.
- Set 2" Aluminum cap on 5/8" diameter x 33" long steel rebar this survey at all lot corners unless otherwise specified.
- All lots within this subdivision are subject to City of Homer Zoning Regulations. Refer to the Parent Plats and the Homer City Code for all current setback and site development restrictions. Owners should check with the City of Homer prior to development activities.
- Existing UG Powerline is centerline of a 15 ft. wide electrical distribution line easement.
- Dimensions from the Parent Plat do not close mathematically.
- The KPB Planning Commission approved the vacation of alleyways as shown hereon at its meeting of November 13, 2007.
- This plat grants a 15 ft wide utility easement along all rights-of-way. Note the Pioneer Inn Sign predates this easement and is not considered an encroachment.
- At its meeting on October 8, 2007, the KPB Planning Commission granted an exception to KPB 20.20.190 Minimum Lot Size for Lot 37F-I.
- HEA underground electric line right-of-way easement per Bk 160 page 488. HRD and HEA utility easement per Serial No. 204-5308. HRD.

Surveyor's Certificate

I hereby certify that I am a Registered Land Surveyor and that this plat represents a survey made by me or under my direct supervision and the monuments shown hereon actually exist as described and that the dimensions and other details are correct to the best of my knowledge.

11-17-07 RW Imhoff
Date Roger W. Imhoff LS 5780

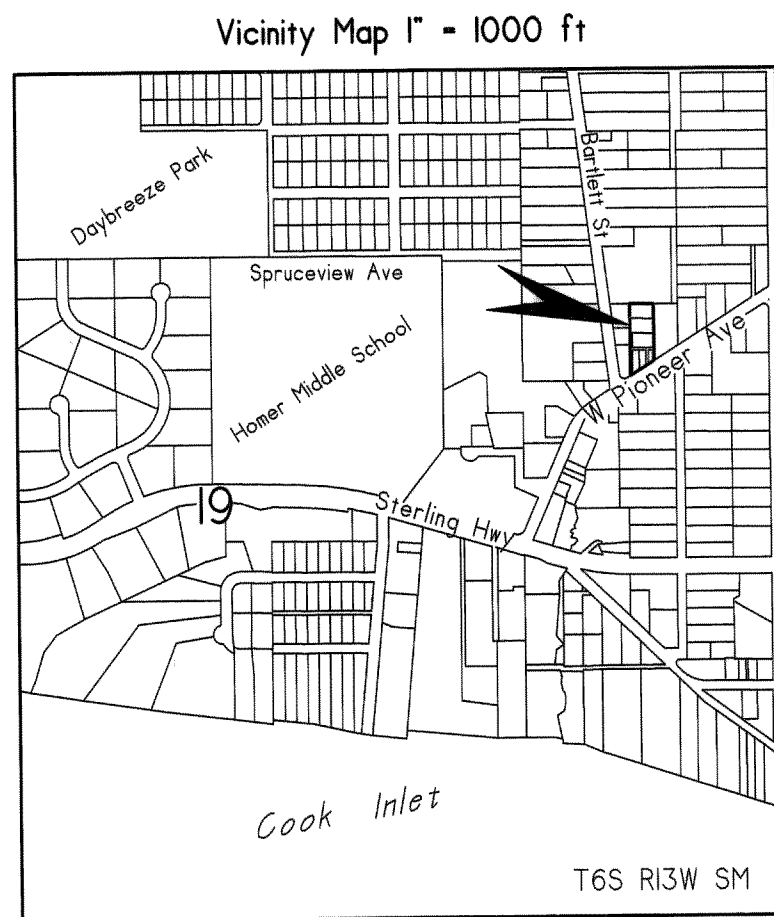
Plat Approval

This plat was approved by the Kenai Peninsula Borough Planning Commission at the meeting of

October 8, 2007

KENAI PENINSULA BOROUGH

By: Max J. Best
Authorized Official



Bunnell's Subdivision No. 21

Being a vacation of the interior lot lines of Lots 37A-37E and a vacation of portions of the Alley Way of James G. Sherry's subdivision of Lot 37 Bunnell Subdivision as shown on Plat No. 49-258 HRD as contained in Book S-I Page 258 HRD

Located within the NE 1/4 Section 19, T6S, R13W, SM, in the City of Homer within the Kenai Peninsula Borough Third Judicial District, Alaska

Contains 0.953 Acres, more or less

<i>Client</i> <i>Fetterhoff & City of Homer</i> <i>Homer AK 99603</i>		<i>Surveyor:</i> <i>Roger W. Imhoff, RLS</i> <i>PO Box 2588</i> <i>Homer Ak 99603</i>
<i>Drawn: RWI</i>	<i>Date October 2007</i>	<i>FB 2007-5</i>
<i>Scale 1" = 50 ft</i>	<i>File James Sherry.vcd</i>	<i>KPB File No. 2007-272</i>



Memorandum

TO: Parks, Art, Recreation & Culture Advisory Commission

FROM: Janette Keiser, PE, Director of Public Works

DATE: April 2, 2021

SUBJECT: Parks & Trails Element of the Public Works' proposed 5-Year Capital Improvement Plan

I. The Issue: The City Council has asked for longer-term capital planning. Public Works has developed a proposed 5-year Capital Improvement Plan, which includes Parks & Trails.

II. Background:

The City's capital planning process has not been systematic over the years. Homer has commissioned the development of multiple planning documents over the years, which include recommendations for capital projects for various elements of Homer's infrastructure – the ADA Transition Plan, the Water/Sewer Master Plan, the Non-Motorized Trails & Transportation Plan, the Drainage Management Plan, the Karen Hornaday Park Master Plan and numerous others. Some of the projects identified in these plans have been funded on an *ad hoc* basis; that is, as some project raises to the top of a priority list in some given year. However, there's been no means to collect high priority projects into one planning document. The purpose of the 5-Year Capital Improvement Plan serves that purpose. It shows how the funds can be used over time, to address issues.

Q – Why a 5-year Plan? **A** – Five years is a reasonable period of time to look into the future. It's long enough that it requires some mindful forecasting, but short enough to avoid sheer speculation. There is precedence for a 5-year time frame; for example, federally-funded transportation programs are required to use a 5-year look-ahead.

Q – What is included? **A** – The proposed 5-year CIP includes all aspects of Public Works operations – Roads, Sidewalks, Trails, Parks, Drainage works, Building Maintenance, ADA Compliance, Water & Sewer.

Q – How is the proposed plan based on? **A** – Generally, for each project, there is corresponding documentation in a topic-specific planning document. For example, ADA elements are based on the City's ADA Transition Plan. See attached memorandum from Owen Meyer, which describes how he compiled the projects in the ADA element.

Q – Does approval of the proposed plan mean the projects are automatically approved for all five years? **A** – No. We are not seeking appropriation for the entire five years of projects, at this time. The intent is that the City Council would approve the overall strategies behind the 5-year Plan, so the process/policies become institutionalized as part of the budget process. As part of the current budget cycle, we will be seeking appropriation for projects for the immediate budget cycle; that is, Years 1 and 2. Ex: In the case of the ADA element, \$100,000 has been allocated to the ADA CARMA account and from this, \$34,560 has been allocated by ordinance to pave ADA parking spaces on the Spit. Port/Harbor will be asking for an additional \$14,040 at the April 12 Council meeting.

III. Recommendation

We offer Parks & Trails in the 5-Year Public Works Capital Improvement Plan for review and comment. We recommend the Commission adjust it as they deem prudent and necessary and then, support its introduction to the City Council.



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Memorandum

TO: ADA Compliance Committee

FROM: Owen Meyer, Asset Management Coordinator

DATE: 4/2/2021

SUBJECT: Cost Estimates for the ADA Transition Plan

Issue: The 2019 ADA transition plan needed further refining to (1) get a more exact idea of what order all of the items should be implemented in and (2) estimate the cost of each item. I developed a more comprehensive system of prioritization and cost estimates for purposes of budgetary planning.

Method: To build the prioritization system, I started with the existing metrics within the ADA transition plan. The two metrics already in the 2019 ADA transition plan were the (a) priority ranking and the (b) cost/impact ranking. The “priority ranking” was a metric built into the 2010 ADA standards which designated which types of facilities should be brought into compliance first. The “cost/impact ranking” was a metric developed by Public Works to give a rough estimate of how much money and effort would be required for each item. I added a “usage ranking”, which ranked each facility by high, moderate and low usage. Usage rankings were assigned based on my experience living in Homer and observing each of the facilities. Also, I categorized all of the items into groups of similar task type to optimize workflow.

Cost estimates were created for each item. Costs were divided between labor and materials. Labor costs come from the fact that building maintenance has insufficient staff to perform all of their normal duties and complete the tasks on the ADA transition plan in a timely manner. Thus, our plan would be to hire a temporary employee who could be devoted to these tasks, paid at about \$20/hour. Materials prices were sometimes based on prices posted online and sometimes, off data in the RS Means’ Building Construction Cost Data Manual, an industry-standard cost estimating tool. For projects that probably require the use of a 3rd party contractor, costs were based off of bid tabulations from past contracts for similar work.

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Legend Green		Funding has already been appropriatead		Peach	Hypothetical result if HART Trails Fund could be used to support Parks.		
Roads							
Road share of Ocean Drive SAD	\$ 52,606					HART Road - Year 1 already appropriated	
Fleet Replacement - Roads share	\$ 416,000	\$ 184,999	\$ 31,666	\$ 459,166	\$ 408,333	HART Road - Year 1 already funded by Ord 21-06	
Small Works Road Repair Program	\$ 105,000	\$ 70,000	\$ 10,000	\$ 20,000	\$ 20,000	HART- Roads - Year 1 already funded by Ord 20-33	
CMMS - Fleet Share		\$ 20,000				HART Road	
Grind & Pave Program		\$ 177,895	\$ 70,784	\$ 200,000	\$ 240,000	HART Road	
Road Base Reconstruction Program		\$ 240,000	\$ 240,000	\$ 240,000	\$ 240,000	HART Road	
Fuel Island Replacement - Design		\$ 20,000				PW CARMA	
Fuel Island Replacement - Construction			\$ 190,000			PW CARMA - \$90,000 already appropriated	
Total - Roads	\$ 573,606	\$ 712,894	\$ 542,450	\$ 919,166	\$ 908,333		\$ 3,656,449
Sidewalks							
Main Street Sidewalk - Design	\$ 110,700					HART Road - Year 1 Already funded by Ord 20-32 & Ord 21-12	
Main Street Sidewalk - Construction		\$ 1,100,000				HART Road	
Ben Walters Way Sidewalk - Design & Survey			\$ 100,000				
Ben Walters Way Sidewalk - construction				\$ 1,500,000		HART Road	
Svedlund to Sr. Citizens Center Sidewalk - design & construction					\$ 500,000	HART Road	
Total - Sidewalks	\$ 110,700	\$ 1,100,000	\$ 100,000	\$ 1,500,000	\$ 500,000		\$ 3,310,700
Trails							
Small Works Trails Maintenance	\$ 36,000	\$ 10,000	\$ 10,000	\$ 10,000	\$ 10,000	HART Trails - Year 1 already funded by Ord 20-36	
Poopdeck Trail ADA ramp	\$ 45,000					HART Trails - Year 1 already funded by Ord 20-54	
Karen Hornaday Park - new pedestrian access trail - construction		\$ 150,000				applying for grant funding; use HART Trails for required match	
Old Nelson Trail - design, survey & permitting			\$ 40,000			HART Trails	
Old Nelson Trail - construction				\$ 180,000		HART Trails	

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Fairview Ave Trail - east - design, survey & construction			\$ 30,000			HART Trails	
Fairview Ave Trail - west - design, survey & permitting					\$ 40,000	HART Trails	
Fairview Ave Trail - west - construction							
Beluga Boardwalk Extension - design, survey & permitting					\$ 50,000	HART Trails	
Total - Trails	\$ 81,000	\$ 160,000	\$ 80,000	\$ 190,000	\$ 100,000		\$ 611,000
Parks							
Fleet Replacement - Parks share		\$ 60,000	\$ 60,000	\$ 50,000			
Automatic Pay Kiosks	\$ 85,000					CARES Act - sole source countract approved by Reso 20-108	
Woodard Creek trail	\$ 7,025					Donation - appropriated by Ord 20-90	
Karen Hornaday Park - Road Realignment	\$ 15,000	\$ 120,000				Year 1 already appropriated by Acct 160-0777-5261. Balance to come from HART Road	
Karen Hornaday Park - Restroom Replacement		\$ 300,000				HAWSP	
Karen Hornaday Park - Water & Sewer Line replacement		\$ 25,000				HAWSP	
Karen Hornaday Park - Parking Area		\$ 75,000				Parks Fund	
Pioneer Ave Pocket Park			\$ 5,000			Parks Fund	
Bartlett Street Pocket Park			\$ 10,000			Parks Fund	
Parks ADA Transition Plan		\$ 50,000				Parks Fund	
Parks ADA Implementation			\$ 20,000	\$ 20,000	\$ 20,000	Parks Fund	
Bishop's Beach Restroom Replacement - Design		\$ 25,000				HAWSP	
Nick Dudiak Fishing Lagoon Accessible Ramp & Retaining Wall - design		\$ 5,000				Parks Fund & ADA Fund	
Bishop's Beach Restroom Replacement - Construction			\$ 400,000			HAWSP	
Fishing Hole Restroom Replacement				\$ 350,000		HAWSP	
Nick Dudiak Fishing Lagoon Accessible Ramp & Retaining Wall - Construction				\$ 55,000		Parks Fund & ADA Fund	
Ben Walters Restroom Renovations					\$ 75,000	HAWSP	
Jack Gist Park Improvements - Drainage					\$ 60,000	HART Road	

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Picnic Table Replacement Program		\$ 3,000	\$ 3,000	\$ 3,000	\$ 3,000	Parks Fund	
KHP Ballfield Renovation Program		\$ 10,000	\$ 10,000	\$ 10,000	\$ 10,000	Parks Fund	
Implentation for Wayfinding Program		\$ 20,000	\$ 20,000	\$ 10,000	\$ 10,000	Parks Fund	
Total - Parks	\$ 107,025	\$ 693,000	\$ 528,000	\$ 498,000	\$ 178,000		\$ 2,004,025
Total Cost of Parks + Trails	\$ 188,025	\$ 853,000	\$ 608,000	\$ 688,000	\$ 278,000		
Additional needed from Parks Fund for costs, which can't covered by another fund	\$ -	\$ 233,000	\$ 208,000	\$ 348,000	\$ 113,000		
\$ 674,618	\$ 831,639	\$ 755,639	\$ 704,660	\$ 513,681	\$ 552,702		
Drainage							
Small Works Drainage Program	\$ 110,000	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 25,000	\$ 25,000	HART- Roads - Years 1-3 already funded by Ord 20-34	
Horizon Court Landslide Repair	\$ 20,000					HART Road - Already funded by Ord 20-61(A)(S)	
Woodard Creek Culvert- Construction	\$ 463,353					HART- Roads - already appropriated by Ord 21-08	
Mt. Augustine Drainage Improvements - Construction	\$ 97,000	\$ 75,000				HART- Roads - Year 1 already funded by Ord 20-85	
Update to Drainage Master Plan	\$ 90,000					HART Roads - Already funded by Ord 20-31.	
Total - Drainage	\$ 780,353	\$ 75,000	\$ -	\$ 25,000	\$ 25,000		\$ 905,353
Building Maintenance							
HERC Strategic Plan		\$ 50,000				TBD	
Repairs to sidewalk entrance at Airport Terminal		\$ 20,000					
Address PW Campus Inundation Zone issues		\$ 50,000	\$ 5,000,000	\$ 5,000,000	\$ 2,000,000	TBD	
Ionization Units in City Buildings		\$ 50,000				Other departments CARMA accounts	
Fleet Replacement - Building Maint		\$ 50,000	\$ 50,000.00				
Total - Building Maintenance		\$ 220,000	\$ 5,050,000	\$ 5,000,000	\$ 2,000,000		\$ 12,270,000
ADA Compliance							
Signage		\$ 10,000				ADA Compliance Fund	
Address primary access issues		\$ 15,000				ADA Compliance Fund	
Airport Restoom		\$ 30,000				ADA Compliance Fund	
Parking Lot Paving		\$ 40,000	\$ 50,000	\$ 75,000		ADA Compliance Fund	
Parks ADA Transition Plan		\$ 30,000				ADA Compliance Fund	
Parks ADA Transition Plan Implementation			\$ 30,000	\$ 30,000	\$ 30,000	ADA Compliance Fund	
Total - ADA Compliance		\$ 125,000	\$ 80,000	\$ 105,000	\$ 30,000		\$ 340,000
Water							
Water Share of Ocean Drive SAD	52,606					Water CARMA	

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Reserve for Water SAD				\$ 400,000	\$ 400,000	Financed by HAWSP & ADEC. City Share could be funded by HAWSP.	
Water share of Fleet Replacement		\$ 184,999.0	\$ 46,666	\$ 41,666	\$ 83,333	Water CARMA	
Water share of Financial Management Services	\$ 17,500					Water CARMA - already funded by Ord 21-03	
LED lights at water treatment plant	\$ 16,546					Water CARMA- already funded by Ord 20-92	
CMMS - water share		\$ 20,000				Water CARMA	
Disinfection By-Products Mitigation	\$ 210,000					Water CARMA - already funded by Ord 20-56	
Tasmania Court Water - SAD - Construction	\$ 234,105					Financed by HAWSP & ADEC - already appropriated by Ord 20-68 City Share to be funded by HAWSP. Grant available.	
Tasmania Court Water - Betterment to serve future water storage tank	\$ 88,569					Financed by HAWSP & ADEC - already appropriated by Ord 21-11. Grant available	
Alder Lane Water - SAD - Construction	\$ 253,193					Financed by HAWSP & ADEC - already appropriated by Ord 20-83. City Share to be funded by HAWSP. ADEC Grant available	
Replace flow meters at Main & Danview PR stations & East Rd Monitor		\$ 15,000				Water CARMA	
East Trunk - FPI Mag Flow Meter		\$ 9,000				Water CARMA	
WTP HVAC Control System Upgrade		\$ 55,955				Water CARMA	
Ground Water Research		\$ 100,000	\$ 50,000			Water CARMA	
MIOX Chlorine Generator Cell		\$ 30,000				Water CARMA	
Update Water Master Plan			\$ 30,000			HAWSP	
Charles Street Water - design		\$ 50,000				Would be financed by HAWSP & ADEC. City Share could be funded by HAWSP. Grant funding is available	
Charles Street Water - construction			\$ 509,000			Would be financed by HAWSP & ADEC. City Share could be funded by HAWSP.	
East Hill Rd Water Betterments			\$ 49,000			Water CARMA	
Shellfish Tank 12" Distribution Line -design & construction (betterment to Tasmania Court Water SAD)		\$ 88,569				Water CARMA - already funded by Ord	

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Shellfish Water Storage Tank - construction				\$ 1,700,000		Water CARMA & HAWSP	
Raw Water Transmission Line Replacement - Design	\$ 215,000					Water CARMA. Already funded by Ord 20-56	
Raw Water Transmission Line Replacement - Construction		\$ 1,470,000				Waiting for FEMA Grant	
Replace Compressors at WTP when construct new raw water transmission line		\$ 50,000				Water CARMA	
Tesoro Vault - increase from 6" to 10"		\$ 100,000				Water CARMA - Already funded by - Ord 20-56	
PRV Replacement - West Truck Water Line		\$ 25,000				Water CARMA - Already funded by Ord 20-56	
Total - Water	\$ 1,087,519	\$ 2,198,523	\$ 684,666	\$ 2,141,666	\$ 483,333		\$ 6,595,707
Sewer							
Sewer Share of Ocean Drive SAD	\$ 52,606					Sewer CARMA	
Fleet Replacement - Sewer		\$ 184,999	\$ 46,666	\$ 41,666	\$ 83,000	Sewer CARMA	
Reserve for Sewer SAD				\$ 400,000	\$ 400,000	Would be Financed by HAWSP & ADEC. City Share could be funded by HAWSP.	
LED lights at sewer plant	\$ 35,844					Sewer CARMA - already funded by Ord 20-92 and Ord 21-10	
Sewer share of Financial Management Services	\$ 17,500					Sewer CARMA - Already funded by Ord 21-03	
Digester Blowers		\$ 189,000				Sewer CARMA - Already funded by Ord 20-57	
CMMS - Sewer share		\$ 20,000				Sewer CARMA	
Tasmania Court Sewer - SAD - Design & Construction		\$ 230,272				Financed by HAWSP & ADEC. City Share to be funded by HAWSP.	
Upgrade SCADA for 7 sewer lift stations		\$ 210,000				Sewer CARMA - Already funded by Ord 20-57.	
Influent station back-up pump		\$ 16,136				Sewer CARMA	
Sewer Inspection Camera		\$ 57,200				Sewer CARMA	
WWTP Pond - Liner		\$ 25,000				Sewer CARMA	
Safety Hoist for Lift Stations & other underground work		\$ 10,282				Sewer CARMA	
Beluga Lift Station - preliminary design	\$ 19,573					Sewer CARMA. Already funded by Ord. 21-01	
Beluga Lift Station - construction		\$ 2,000,000				Sewer CARMA	

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Charles Street Sewer - design		\$ 55,000				Would be financed by HAWSP & ADEC. City Share could be funded by HAWSP.	
Charles Street Sewer - construction			\$ 600,000			Sewer CARMA	
Update Sewer Master Plan			\$ 30,000			HAWSP	
East Hill Rd Sewer Betterments			\$ 49,000			Sewer CARMA	
Shaft Compressors		\$ 85,000				Sewer CARMA - already funded by Ord 20-57	
Total - Sewer	\$ 125,523	\$ 3,082,889	\$ 725,666	\$ 441,666	\$ 483,000		\$ 4,858,744



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Memorandum

TO: Parks, Art, Recreation & Culture Advisory Commission

FROM: Janette Keiser, Public Works Director

DATE: April 7, 2021

SUBJECT: ADA Transition Plan for Parks Facilities

Issue:

We asked the University of Washington Center for Education in Rehabilitation – Accessible Design and Innovative Inclusion Center for a proposal to prepare an ADA Transition Plan for Homer's Parks facilities. The purpose of this memo is to inform you about that proposal and discuss next steps.

Background:

A few years ago, the City's ADA Compliance Committee, with support from the Center, develop an ADA Transition Plan for designated City buildings and facilities. The product was an encyclopedia of renovations/repairs/replacements that were needed around the City's buildings, to comply with the ADA's accessibility standards. Ever since we received the product, the City's building maintenance crew has been gradually implementing the recommendations set forth in the ADA Transition Plan.

The assessment did not include parks' facilities and it is time to address that. We asked the NW Center, who provided assistance with the initial ADA Transition Plan for a proposal to create a similar product for parks. We received their proposal, which has a price tag of just over \$128,000, of which about \$49,000 is for travel expenses, to bring the assessment team from Seattle to Homer, multiple times. We do not recommend taking this route, for several reasons.

- First, this is a lot of money, and in particular, a lot of money for travel expenses. The City's Procurement Manual requires that an expenditure of this size be advertised as a public procurement.
- Second, the first ADA transition Plan pointed out numerous deficiencies that should never have happened. They should have been caught in the design process. Now, we are left with problems that are impractical to solve. We need to develop/utilize local resources to help us avoid the same mistakes on future projects.
- Third, the ADA CARMA Fund has \$100,000 in it, of which \$48,000 is already committed to pave some ADA parking spots on the Spit around the Harbor.

We need a supplemental appropriation for the Parks' Transition Plan. It will take time to take this through Council. I have put a sum of money for the Park's ADA Transition Plan in our proposed Public Works 5-Year Capital Improvement Plan as well as an annual sum for implementation, once we get the Plan.

I've learned we have local resources, on the ADA Compliance Committee, for example, which can do a self-assessment of our Parks facilities. We will be discussing a plan for this at the ADA Compliance Committee meeting and keep the commission updated.

Recommendation:

That PARCAC (1) endorse the ADA Compliance element of the Public Works 5-Year Capital Improvement Plan and (2) appoint Commissioners to participate with the ADA Compliance Committee to develop an ADA Transition Plan for Parks, as a program for this unfolds.



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Memorandum

TO: Mayor Castner and Homer City Council
FROM: Rob Dumouchel, City Manager
DATE: April 8, 2021
SUBJECT: City Manager's Report for April 12, 2021 Council Meeting

FY22/23 Budget

The Council met for work sessions on March 31st and April 5th to continue discussing various budget topics which included the Police Department, Volunteer Fire Department, Port & Harbor Enterprise, Public Works, Admin Fees, Fleet and Reserves. The conversations have been valuable for staff as we work to produce the budget which will be introduced in the coming months. The session on the 5th is the last “off-cycle” work session we’re intending to host, but there are plans to add discussions about reporting and the fee schedule to future agendas. I started budget reviews with Directors on April 6th, about a week ahead of schedule.

Japan Sister City Film Video Contest

Homer and Teshio, Japan have enjoyed a Sister City relationship since 1984. Over the years, the relationship has been nurtured by occasional delegation visits between the Cities. This year, the Anchorage Consular Office of Japan offered a Japan-Alaska Friendship Video Campaign to help strengthen sister city connections.

On their own time, Homer Parks employees Matt Steffy and Stevie Drescher co-produced “Sisters & Sea Messages” <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=hNl4TsqLH5k>, which won second place honors from among the eleven videos submitted to the campaign. First place went to Obihiro City, Japan’s production of “Moving with Seward Towards a Brighter Future.”



This value of the Sisters & Sea Messages video (a first-time film production by two friends) has spread beyond rekindling a relationship that spans the ocean – it has led to a permanent cultural installation and a valuable technology donation to a local youth organization. The Howard's have offered to donate the 16" glass float featured in the video for display at a City location, and the prize awarded by the Consular Office of Japan for winning top Alaska honors, an Oculus Quest 2 virtual reality system, will be donated to the Kachemak Bay Family Planning Clinic's Rec Room giving youth there access to many educational, artistic, puzzle solving, and social programs available today. Congratulations to Matt and Stevie and thank you for your creative work.

HVFD CARES Equipment

In 2020, Council approved use of CARES Act funds to purchase some emergency medical response equipment for the Volunteer Fire Department. The Lucas CPR machines and power load patient lift systems have been received and staff has been training on their use. The Lucas CPR machines provide consistent quality CPR for those in cardiac arrest and allows responders to perform quality CPR without exposing EMTs to the risk of COVID airborne/droplet particles. The photo below shows the power load patient lift system which allows HVFD's responders to load a patient up to 600 pounds without additional help to lift the cot. This equipment reduces injury risk to responders and patients.



Kayak Rescue – A Successful Multi-Department/Agency Response

On Monday, April 5th at 11am a 911 emergency call went out to Police Dispatch regarding an overturned kayaker in Mud Bay, approximately two miles northwest of the Harbor. The Homer Police Department, Homer Volunteer Fire Department, Homer Port & Harbor Department, and Alaska State Parks worked together to successfully respond to the incident. Aiding dispatch was the Harbormaster who had a long distance view of the kayakers via the Harbor's camera system. Alaska State Parks landing craft Phoresy was first on the scene and was able to locate and retrieve the distressed and hypothermic kayaker from the water. The kayaker was safely transported to the Homer Spit Marine terminal and delivered to an EMS crew who provided care and transport to the hospital. The Harbor tug, crewed by Deputy Harbormaster Matt Clarke and Harbor Officer

Ricky Borland, provided assistance to the second kayaker who was still in their kayak but unable to paddle back to shore. The Harbor tug also retrieved the kayak of the individual rescued by the Phoresy.

Luckily everyone walked away from this incident. A quick call to 911, a trained and dedicated staff, and the proper use of a PFD saved the day in this situation. I encourage the public to please ensure they understand the weather conditions and personal limits when launching any kind of motorized or non-motorized craft into the ocean. It is a wonderful recreational resource, but it is also very dangerous.

Vessel North Pacific Update

In my report for the March 8th Council Meeting, I provided an update on efforts to move the North Pacific and remove weight and equipment from the vessel (Council passed resolution 21-021 allowing for surplus sale of salvaged equipment). The update below provided by Harbormaster Hawkins picks up with inspections of the vessel's hull:

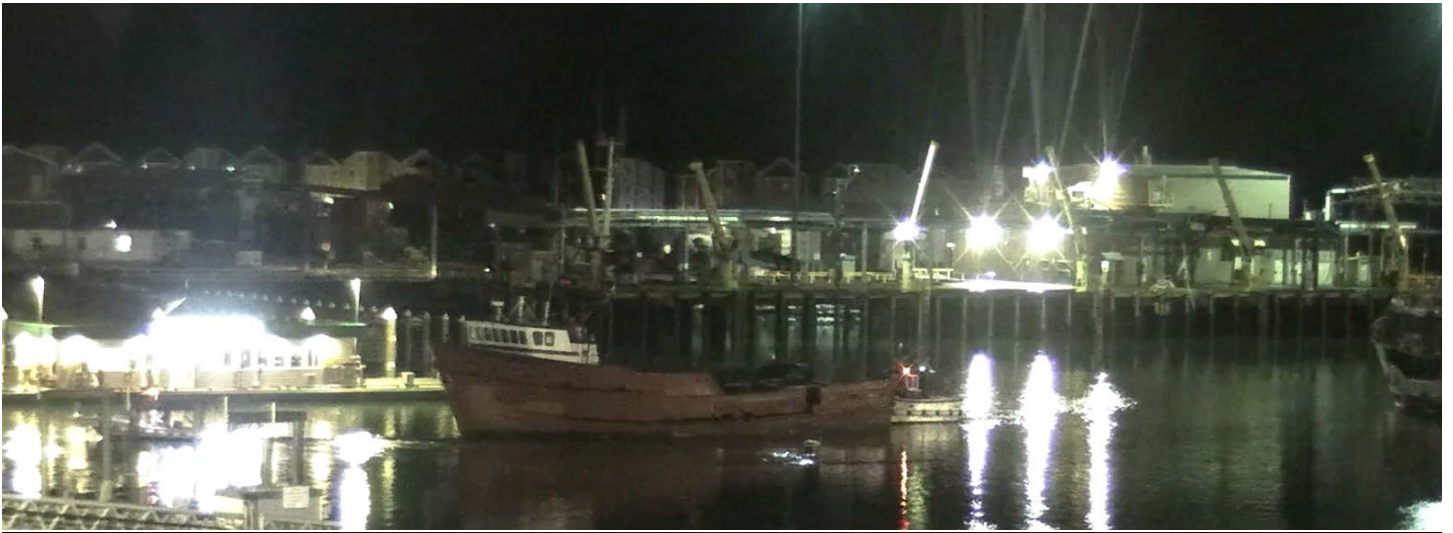
We hired Vision SubSea to use their ROV to look over the hull. We were concerned that there could be damage to the hull that would damage (pop) an airbag. Unfortunately due to the growth on the hull, the ROV did not allow us to see what we needed to see and we needed a new plan.

Hull inspection #2 we moved the boat onto the Steel grid so that we could do an out of water inspection. You may have heard that the tide waits for no man, it also is a major cause of sleep deprivation to those who have to work them. We put her on the grid at 2pm on March 12th, met back at the boat at 8pm low water for the inspection, and then met back at the 2am high water on the 13th to take her back off the grid and once again tie up to B transit. She passed the inspection and the contractors were now comfortable with moving to the next phase.

Deputy Harbormaster Matt Clarke and I met with Fortune Seas owner and Ian Pitzman and his port Captain Tyson Alward on Tuesday the 30th at 0315 at the Fish Dock with the Harbor Tug and Skiff. We made the tug up to the North Pacific for what I hope is the last time and game planed on deck for moving the North Pacific to the beach landing. I would run the tug and Matt the Skiff and we had Ian on the bow of the NP with a handheld helping give distances off and directions. Book high was scheduled for 0413 and our intentions were to run the boat up onto the beach at the peak of that 22' tide. Our timing was good and we arrived off shore of the beach landing about 25 minutes ahead of the tide. Tyson and harbor officer Sean McGrorty set up range markers using their vehicle lights on shore to give us something to aim at as it was hours until daylight. At about 0410 from approximately 400 yards offshore we turned the North Pacific towards the beach landing and pushed with full power at Tyson and Sean until the vessel grounded to a full stop.

Matt ferried a large mooring line from the bow of the NP to the beach using the skiff where Tyson attached it to a large concrete block and securing the boat to the beach at the highest tide of the series.

Fast forward to April 6th and the Fortune Seas Marine crews are moving the boat up the beach using air bags. Our plan is to put her in the vacant lot across outer dock road until July when Alaska Scrap will break her down into scrap and dispose of the waste material. There are still a lot of steps in the process before we can put this one behind us, but so far so good.



Special Event Code Update Project

In my report to Council for their meeting on February 22nd, I indicated an interest in reviewing the special event code (HCC § 19.02) as it did not seem to be a good fit for the types and scale of events held in Homer. Councilmembers Venuti and Hansen-Cavasos volunteered to join an interdepartmental team of staff members that I have assembled to investigate this issue. We were able to meet with both Councilmembers the week of April 5th and identified opportunities for improvement to a number of topics within City code which have a nexus to special events (mobile food vendors, itinerant merchants, fireworks, and parking). In the coming months, we will be bringing forward some proposals which will hopefully make Homer an easy City to work with to develop fun and safe events that can be enjoyed by both residents and visitors.

Now Hiring Temporary Employees for the Summer Season

The City is currently hiring for a number of temporary positions that include gigs with the Library, Harbor, and Parks crews. Interested applicants are encouraged to visit <https://cityofhomerak.applicantpro.com/jobs/> to learn more and apply online. We are also recruiting for full-time police officers and a part-time library technician.

COVID-Related Updates

COVID Risk Status

On March 30th I moved the City from the “Orange” to “Yellow” level on our COVID risk framework. This allowed the Library and the HERC to expand their availability to the public. The Library is now open for visits without an appointment, but is still maintaining restricted hours. Community Recreation programs in the HERC are being modified to allow drop-in use during certain times. For the most up to date information, I recommend checking the website: <https://www.cityofhomer-ak.gov/recreation/herc-open-activities-drop-and-reservations-available-starting-april-1>.

Council Chambers

The Council Chambers are close to being complete. All wiring is in place and the dais is being closed up, the monitors are in place, speakers installed, old microphones have been rebuilt (we reverted to use of the old mics for now due to supply chain constraints), and usage of the Chambers hinges on the receipt and programming of a second camera unit. In the meantime, our Yellow risk status has allowed more in-person meetings for staff and we have used the space to meet. The photo below shows staff discussing identified gaps in our non-motorized transportation network.



Enclosures:

1. April Employee Anniversaries
2. Homer Police Department Annual Statistical Report for 2020
3. Homer Foundation Grant Report



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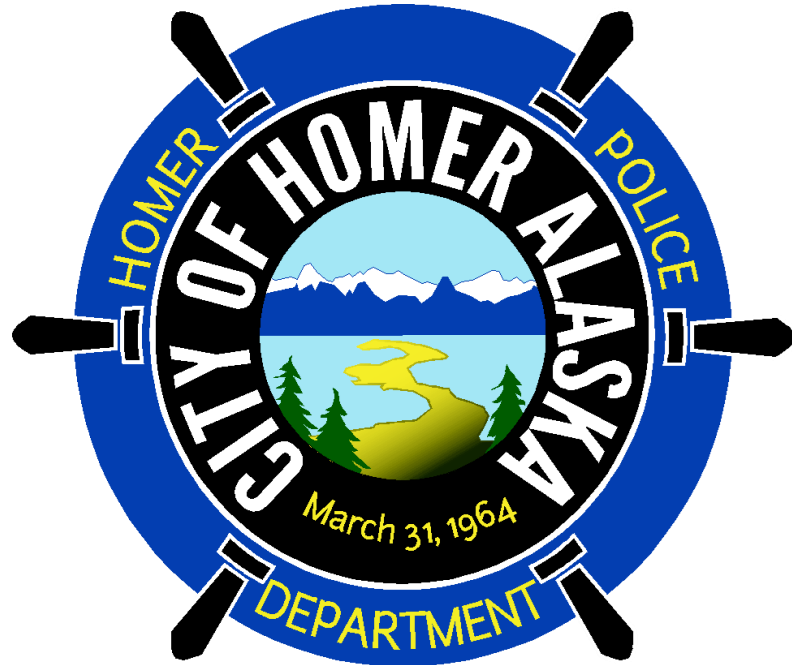
Memorandum

TO: MAYOR CASTNER AND CITY COUNCIL
FROM: Andrea Browning
DATE: April 12, 2021
SUBJECT: April Employee Anniversaries

I would like to take the time to thank the following employees for the dedication, commitment and service they have provided the City and taxpayers of Homer over the years.

Joe Young	Public Works	14	Years
Rick Pitta	Police	12	Years
Travis Brown	Planning	9	Years
Erica Hollis	Port	9	Years
Jean Hughes	Public Works	7	Years
Jaclyn Arndt	Fire	5	Years
Dave Berry	Library	2	Years
Ricky Borland	Port	2	Years
Aaron Yeaton	Public Works	2	Years

HOMER POLICE DEPARTMENT



2020 ANNUAL STATISTICAL REPORT

Homer Police Department

Purpose of the Report:

- To report to the citizens of Homer the yearly activity of the police department.
- To reflect upon the current criminal activity and compare it to the past.
- To identify trends and changes in criminal activity. Many factors influence these numbers including population changes, economics, reporting procedures, allocation of department personnel, and law revisions. These factors should be kept in mind while reviewing this report.

Permission is given to freely copy and use this information. Every effort is made to insure these numbers are as accurate as possible. Any numbers found in error are corrected in the following report.

Organization of the Report:

This report contains statistics of offenses and incidents defined by the FBI in the Uniform of Crime Report (UCR) as well as the statistics of offenses and incidents defined by the State of Alaska and the Homer Police Department.

UCR is a national crime reporting system administrated by the FBI. This program provides a nationwide view of crime based on the monthly submission of statistics by law enforcement agencies. UCR facilitates the comparison of the crime trends between Homer and other cities in the nation.

Source of Data:

The numbers were extracted from the 2020 Incident and Arrest Logs, monthly reports and past yearly reports kept by the Homer Police Department.

Homer Police Department Goals

- Actively and aggressively investigate all criminal activity that occurs within the City of Homer.
- Work with the community to address citizen concerns and create a positive and safe environment for growth and public prosperity.
- Promote and maintain crime prevention activities with an emphasis on citizen involvement, public awareness and education.
- Maintain a highly trained, professional police force that is prepared to respond to all emergencies and provide a rapid and safe resolution to all calls for service.

Homer Police Department Mission Statement

To protect the public from criminal wrong doing, keep the peace and maintain order, assist in the orderly flow of traffic, serve the public in times of emergency and enforce the law of the land.

Copies of this document may be obtained from:

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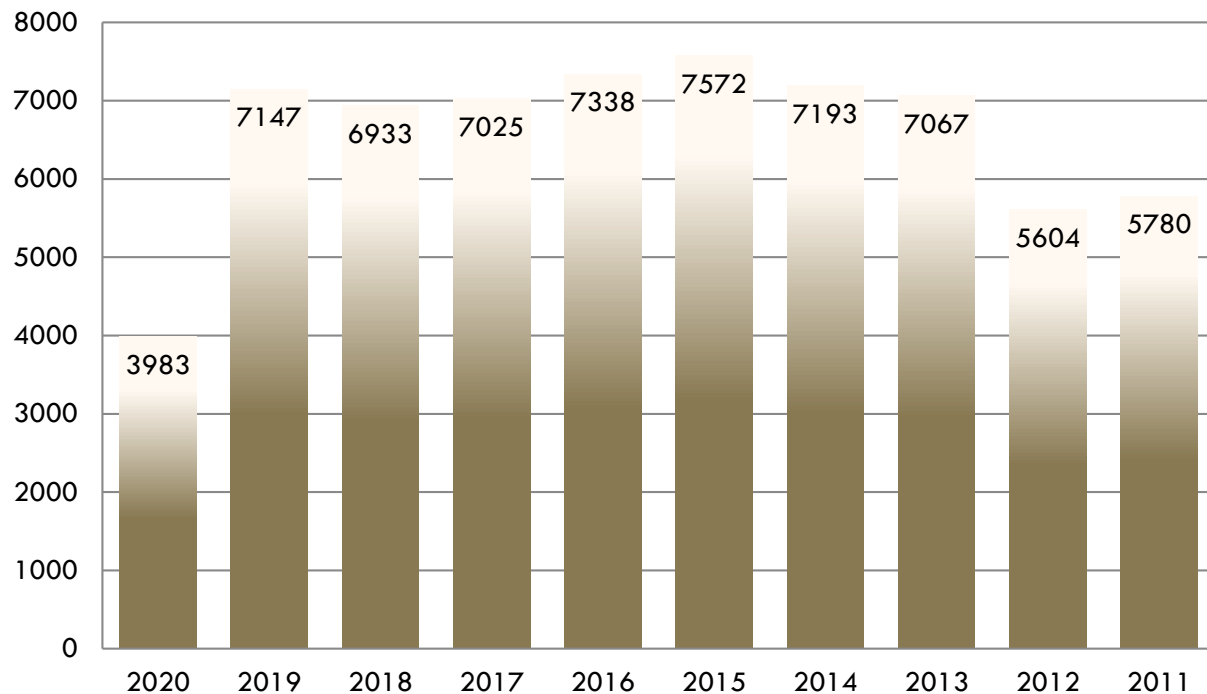
REPORTED INCIDENTS BY CATEGORY

CALL CODE	2020	CALL CODE	2020
911 Hang Up	328	HAZMAT	0
Abandoned Vehicle	60	Human Trafficking	0
Accident – non Vehicle	0	Kidnap	1
Aircraft	4	Liquor Laws	1
Alarm	100	Litter / Illegal Dumping	11
Animal Call	102	Lost / Found Property	219
Arson	0	Miscellaneous	69
Assault	40	Missing Person	3
Agency Assist	172	Murder	0
Assist Medical	58	Off Highway Vehicle Complaint	21
Assist Motorist	42	Patrol Request	54
Assist Public	149	Public Appearance	6
Burglary	9	Public Order	0
Child Support	0	Recovered Stolen Property	0
Citizen Feedback	0	Recovered Stolen Vehicle	0
Civil Issue	123	REDDI Report	222
Collision	157	Remains Unknown	0
Commercial Vehicle Offense	0	Robbery	0
Computer Crime	3	Security Check	345
Custodial Interference	0	Serve Court Documents	12
Damage Property	45	Sex Offense	12
Deceased person	18	Stalking	0
Disturbance	222	Sex Offender Registration	4
Drugs	49	Suspicious Circumstances	305
Driving Under the Influence	50	Terroristic Threatening	2
Endangerment - Adult	2	Theft – Non Vehicle	113
Endangerment - Child	2	Theft – Vehicle	16
Escape	0	Traffic	160
Extort / Blackmail	0	Transport	11
Fire	2	Trespass	114
Forgery / Fraud	35	Violate Conditions of Release	20
Fugitive from Justice	0	Warrant Arrest	42
Gaming Laws	0	Weapons Offense	2
Harassment	55	Welfare Check	391
TOTAL INCIDENTS 2020		3983	

REPORTED INCIDENTS

MONTH	2020 INCIDENTS	2019 INCIDENTS	2018 INCIDENTS	2017 INCIDENTS	2016 INCIDENTS
January	425	432	372	469	541
February	433	371	375	405	467
March	341	469	454	505	506
April	308	525	523	538	560
May	361	681	638	705	793
June	335	714	686	697	656
July	370	855	850	999	854
August	391	828	767	753	746
September	317	621	669	498	664
October	244	688	620	521	525
November	236	482	490	487	541
December	222	481	489	448	485
TOTAL	3983	7147	6933	7025	7338
% CHANGE	-44.2%	+3.1%	-1.3%	-4.3%	-

REPORTED INCIDENTS 2020-2011

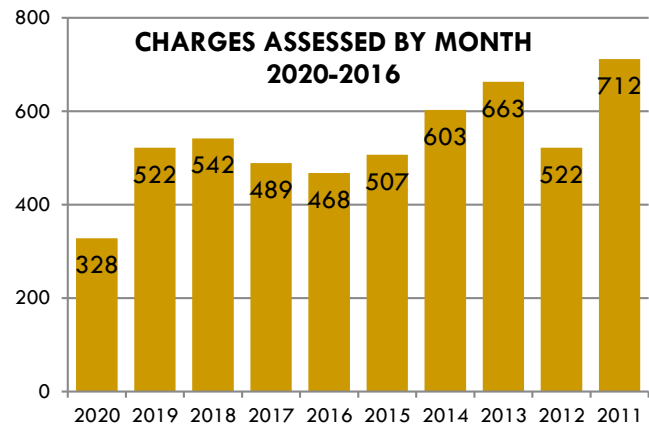


SUMMARY OF ARREST CHARGES*

Group A CHARGES	2020	2019	2020 Adult Juv	
Animal Cruelty	0	0		
Arson	0	0		
Assault: Simple	30	34	30	
Assault: Aggravated	15	-	15	
Assault: Intimidation	1	-	1	
Burglary	5	7	5	
Counterfeiting/Forgery	0	1		
Destruction/Damage/Vandalism	17	14	17	
Drugs: MICS I	0	0		
Drugs: MICS II	0	0		
Drugs MICS III	0	0		
Drugs MICS IV-MICS VI	17	16	16	1
Embezzlement	0	0		
Fraud	3	1	3	
Gambling	0	0		
Homicide/Murder	0	0		
Human trafficking	0	0		
Kidnap	0	0		
Larceny: Theft I	0	-		
Larceny: Theft II	6	4	6	
Larceny: Theft III	4	5	4	
Larceny: Theft IV	16	41	12	4
Larceny: Vehicle Theft	4	4	40	
Prostitution	0	0		
Pornography/Obscene Material	0	1		
Robbery	0	0		
Sex Offenses	6	0	6	
Weapons Offense	8	7	8	
Group B CHARGES				
Disorderly Conduct	7	17	7	
Driving While Intoxicated	70	53	70	
Refuse Chemical Test(Misd or Felony)	14	10	14	
Liquor Law Violations	1	0	1	
Trespass	22	35	22	
Reckless Endangerment	2	4	2	
Resisting Arrest	6	7	6	
TRO Violation	2	4	2	
Unlawful Contact 1 st /2 nd Degree (DV)	1	1	1	
Vehicle Tampering	0	1		
Violation of Conditions of Release	32	90	32	
Warrant Arrest (FTA)	7	90	7	
Fugitive from Justice	2	4	2	
Probation Violation	0	0		
Protective Custody	3	19	3	
Harassment	1	2	1	
Obstruct Justice	7	8	7	
Traffic offenses	19	42	19	
TOTAL CHARGES	328	522	323	5

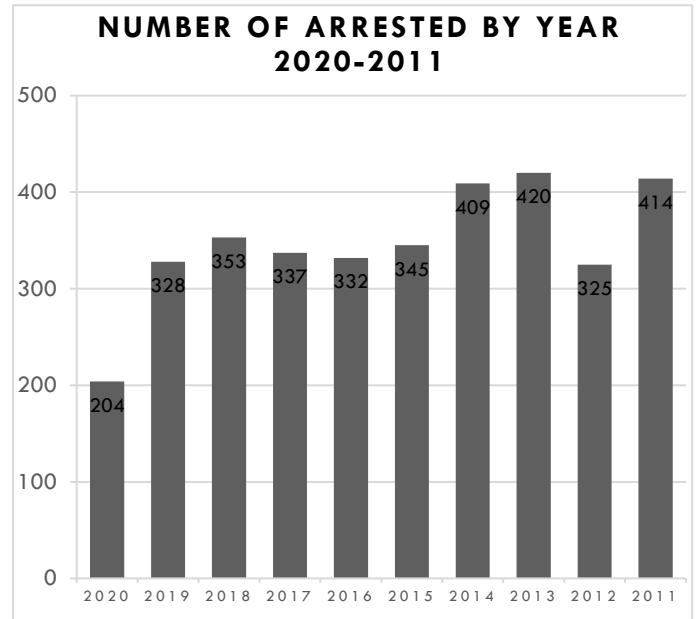
*Numbers representative of charges and not individual people

CHARGES ASSESSED BY YEAR 2020-2011					
MONTH	2020	2019	2018	2017	2016
January	40	25	17	27	54
February	11	32	32	15	30
March	30	21	48	44	33
April	7	20	32	42	25
May	29	49	36	52	62
June	46	69	69	33	55
July	22	71	49	41	46
August	33	54	60	38	43
September	30	36	47	36	45
October	36	56	73	49	29
November	36	41	37	56	18
December	8	48	42	56	28
TOTAL	328	522	542	489	468
% CHANGE	-37.2%	-3.7%	+10.8%	+4.5%	-

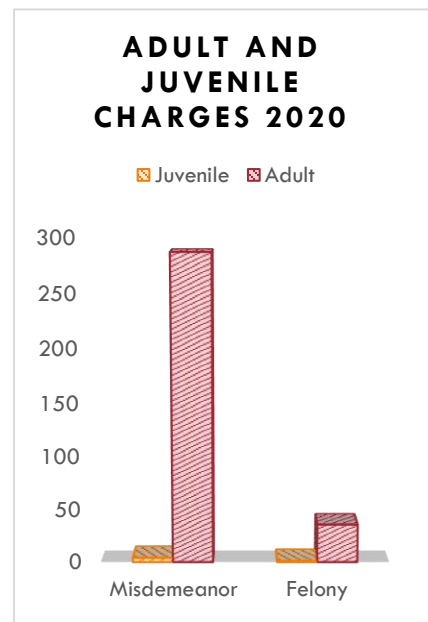
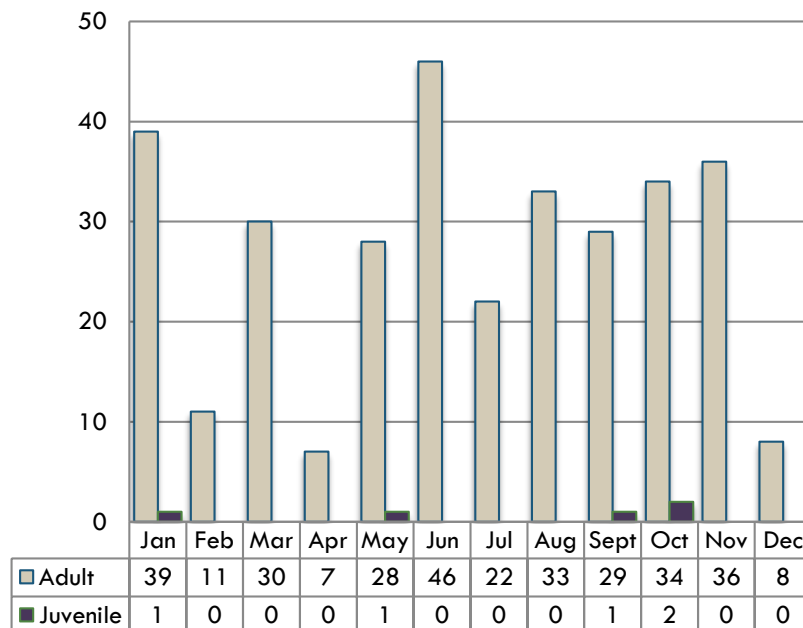


SUMMARY OF ARRESTS

NUMBER OF PERSONS ARRESTED BY MONTH 2020-2016					
	2020	2019	2018	2017	2016
January	24	18	17	23	40
February	9	23	23	12	21
March	20	17	29	24	25
April	5	18	24	25	17
May	17	35	25	31	39
June	23	32	44	25	37
July	17	32	35	32	33
August	23	32	36	28	34
September	23	24	30	33	28
October	19	38	40	37	25
November	18	26	24	38	15
December	6	33	26	29	18
TOTAL	204	328	353	337	332
% CHANGE	-37.8%	-7.1%	+4.7%	+1.5%	-

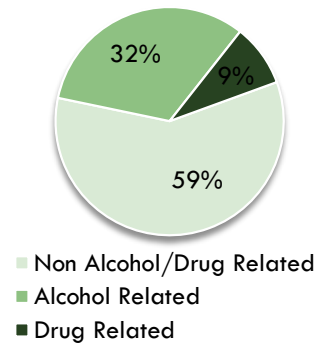
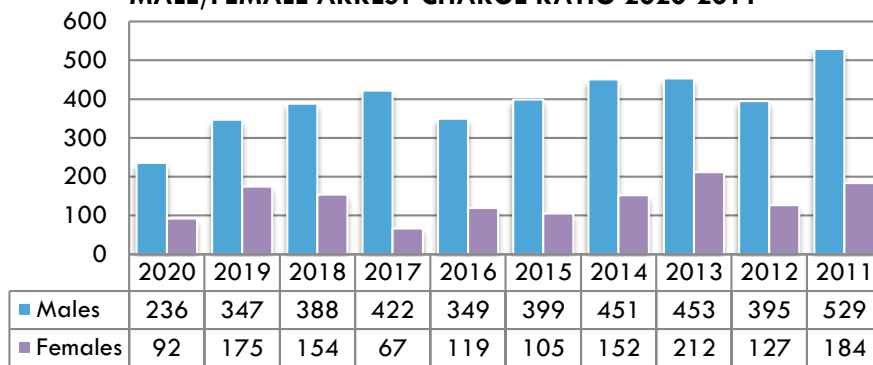
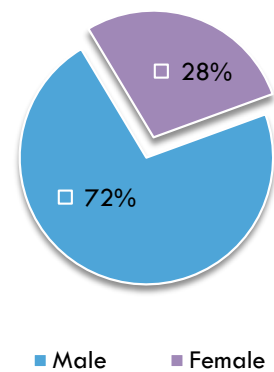
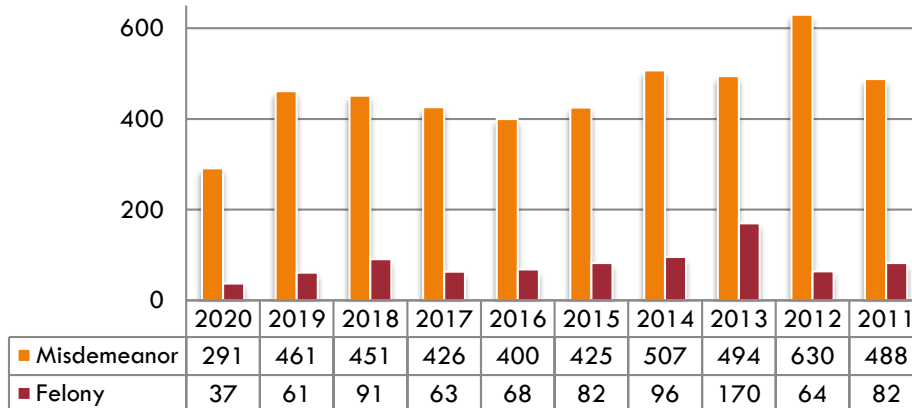
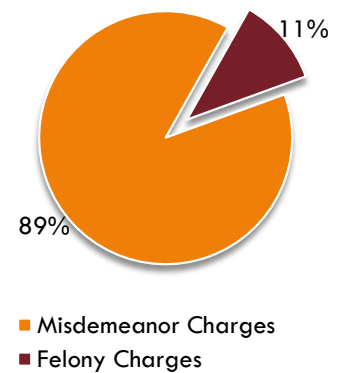


COMPARISON OF ADULT & JUVENILE ARREST CHARGES FOR 2020



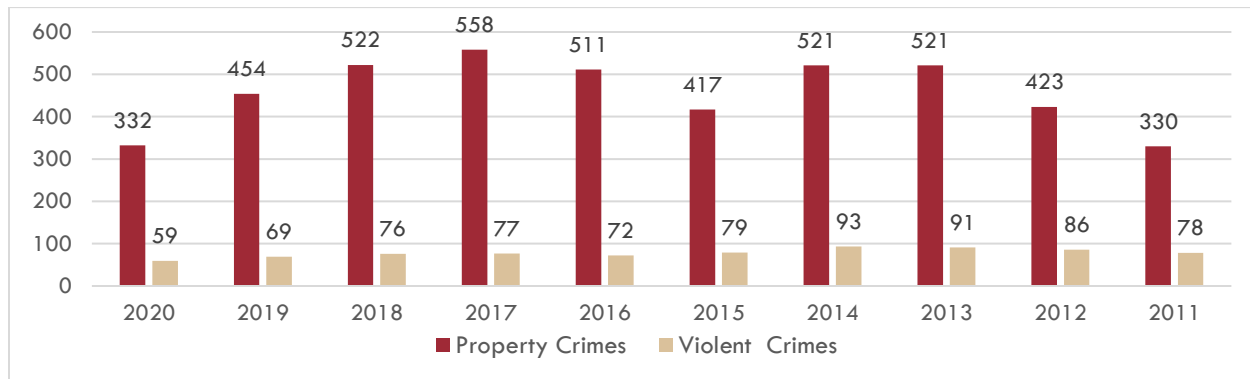
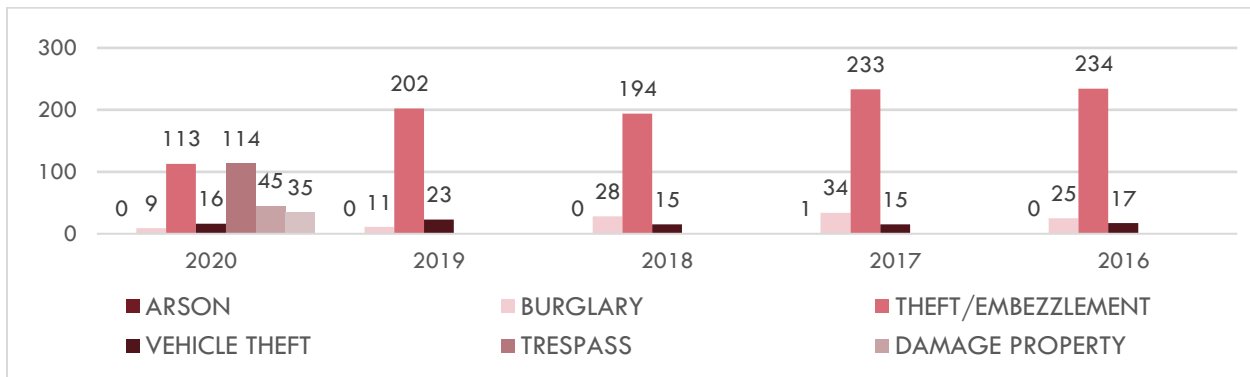
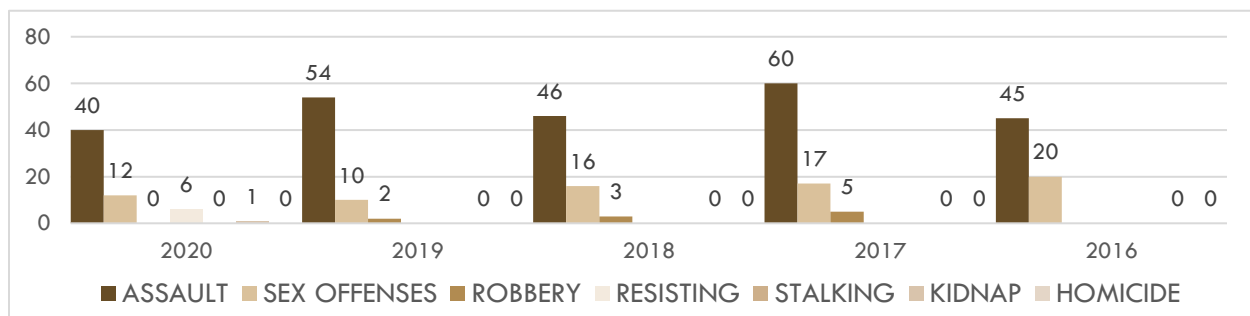
DISTRIBUTION OF CHARGES 2020

YEARLY TOTALS	ADULTS	JUVENILES	TOTALS	DRUG RELATED	ALCOHOL RELATED
ARRESTS	199	5	204	18	66
CHARGES	323	5	328		
FELONIES	36	1	37		
MISDEMEANORS	287	4	291		

DRUG/ALCOHOL RELATED ARRESTS**MALE/FEMALE ARREST CHARGE RATIO 2020-2011****MALE/FEMALE****MISDEMEANOR/FELONY CHARGE RATIO 2020-2011****MISDEMEANOR/FELONY**

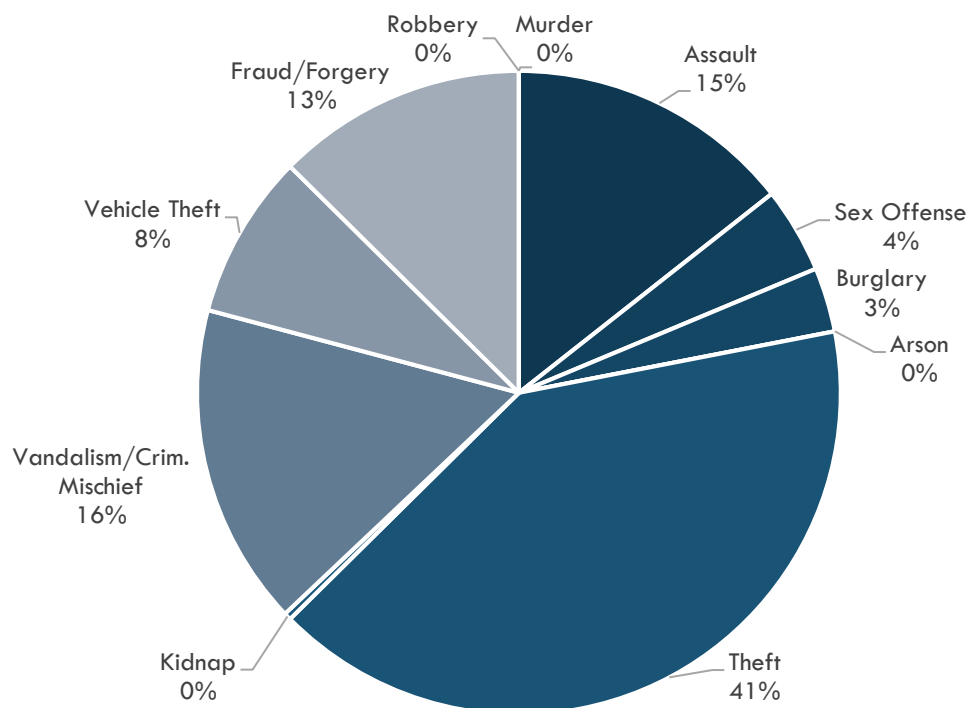
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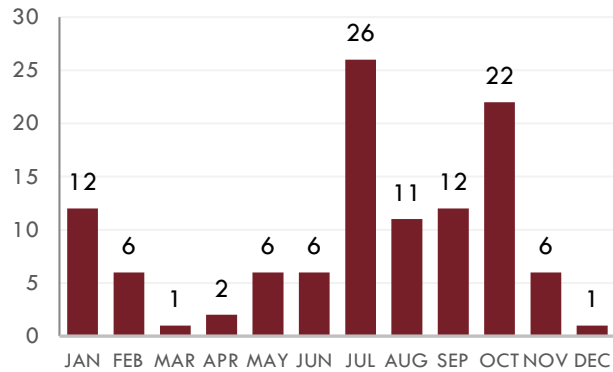
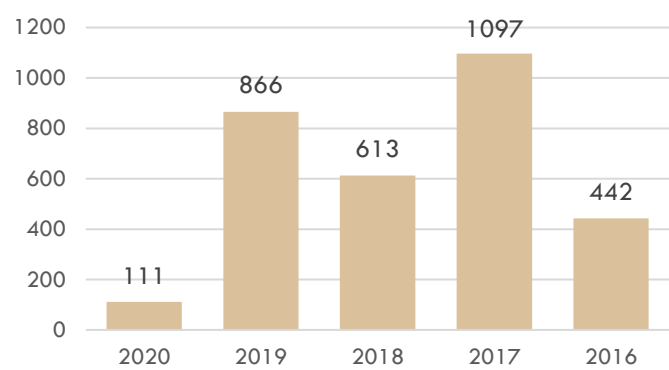
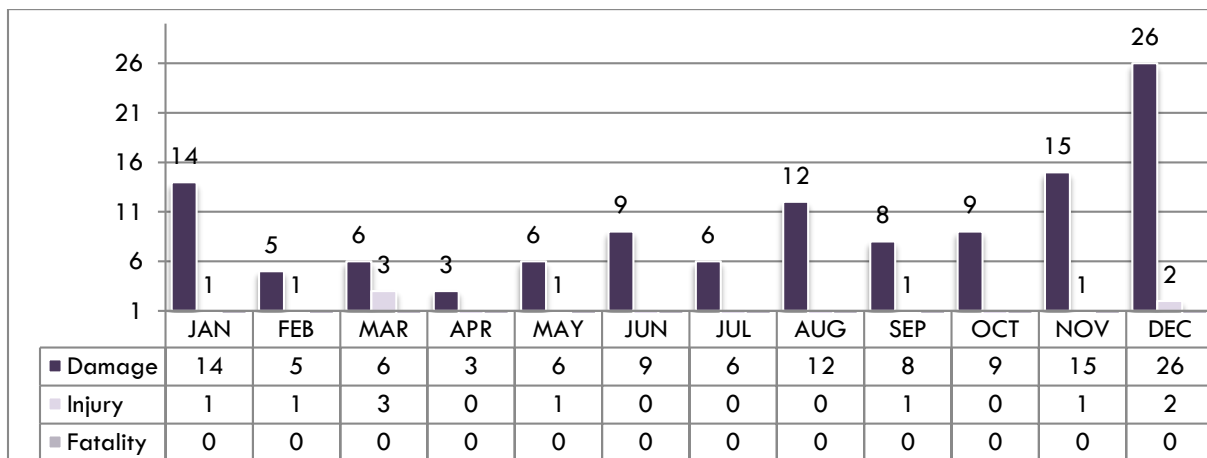
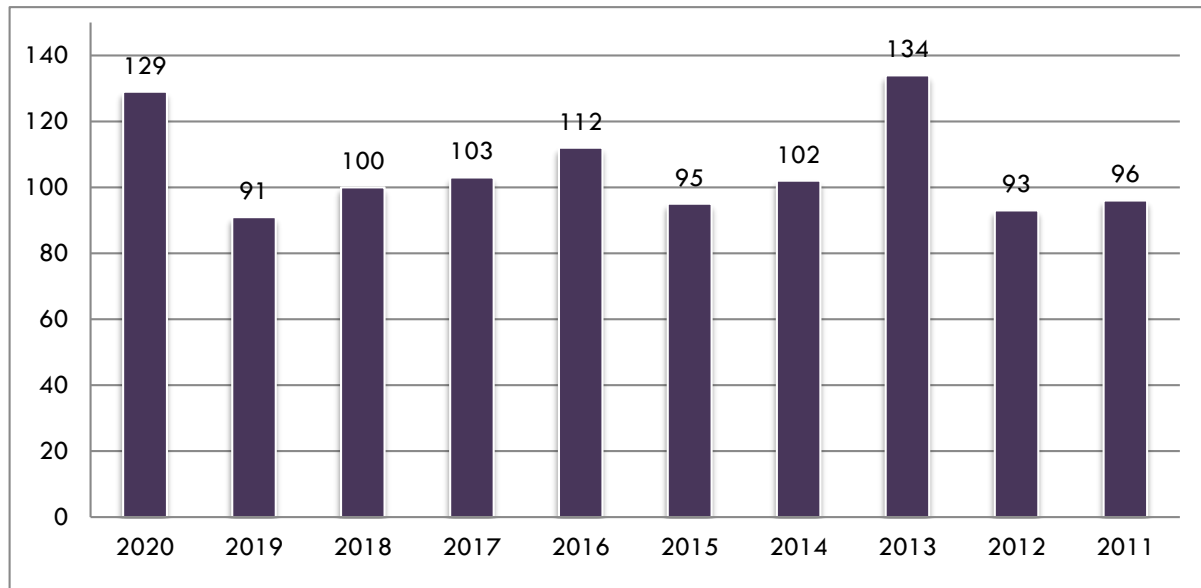
PROPERTY CRIMES 2020		VIOLENT CRIMES 2020	
ARSON	0	ASSAULT	40
BURGLARY	9	RESISTING ARREST	6
THEFT / EMBEZZLEMENT	113	ROBBERY	0
FRAUD / FORGERY	35	SEX ABUSE/ASSAULT	12
TRESPASS	114	STALKING	0
DAMAGE PROPERTY	45	KIDNAP	1
VEHICLE THEFT	16	HOMICIDE	0
TOTALS	332	TOTALS	59

NUMBER OF REPORTED PROPERTY AND VIOLENT CRIMES 2020 - 2011**ANALYSIS OF MAJOR PROPERTY CRIMES****ANALYSIS OF MAJOR VIOLENT CRIMES**

DISTRIBUTION OF MAJOR OFFENSE BY PERCENTAGE

Arson	=	0
Assault	=	40
Burglary	=	9
Fraud/Forgery	=	35
Kidnap	=	1
Murder	=	0
Robbery	=	0
Sex Offenses	=	12
Theft/Embezzlement	=	113
Vandalism/Criminal Mischief	=	45
Vehicle Theft	=	16



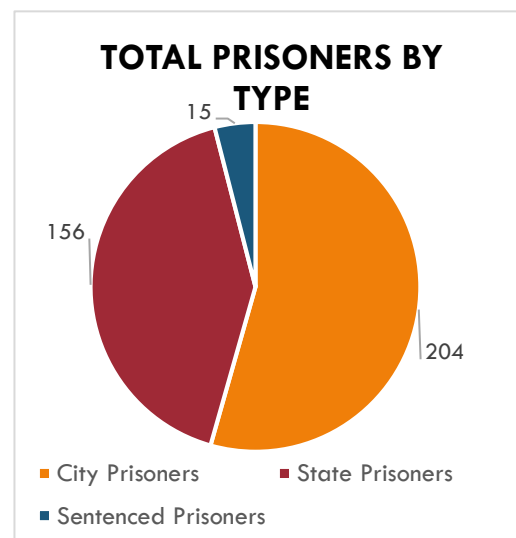
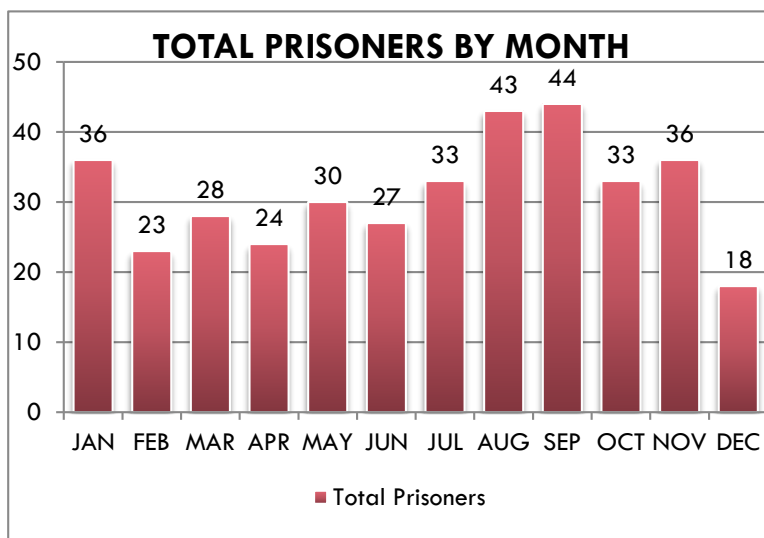
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HOMER COMMUNITY JAIL*Number of Prisoners Housed***2020**

MONTH	City Prisoners	State Prisoners	Sentenced Prisoners	Total Prisoners 2020
January	18	13	5	36
February	10	10	3	23
March	16	11	1	28
April	8	16	0	24
May	17	13	0	30
June	22	5	0	27
July	18	15	0	33
August	27	12	4	43
September	22	22	0	44
October	20	12	1	33
November	23	12	1	36
December	3	15	0	18
TOTALS	204	156	15	375

2019

City Prisoners	State Prisoners	Sentenced Prisoners	Total Prisoners 2019
9	7	1	16
15	5	2	22
15	9	4	28
15	10	1	26
29	19	0	48
29	10	0	39
26	17	2	45
23	16	3	42
17	13	1	31
36	18	3	57
22	28	6	56
26	18	4	48
261	170	27	458

**NUMBER OF PRISONERS HOUSED
2020**

HOMER COMMUNITY JAIL*Number of Days Served by Prisoners***2020**

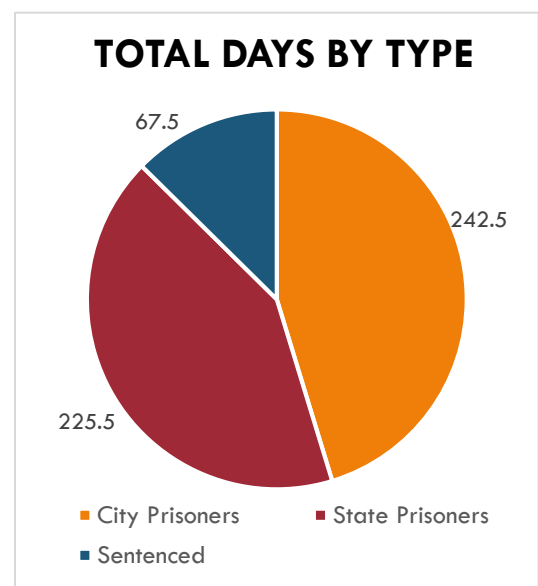
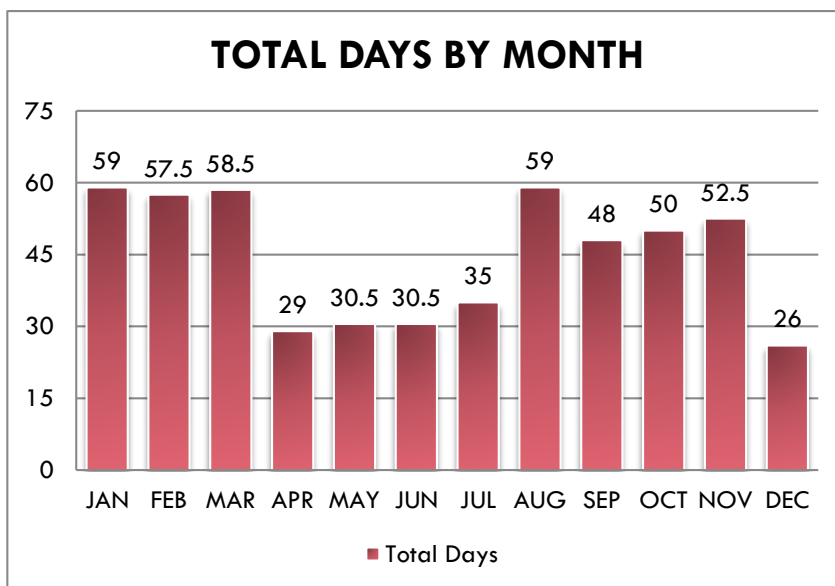
MONTH	City Prisoners	State Prisoners	Sentenced Prisoners	Total Days 2020
January	15.5	13	30.5	59
February	22	19	16.5	57.5
March	26.5	28.5	3.5	58.5
April	7	22	0	29
May	21.5	9	0	30.5
June	19.5	11	0	30.5
July	14.5	20.5	0	35
August	28.5	21.5	9	59
September	12.5	35.5	0	48
October	41.5	7.5	1	50
November	30	15.5	7	52.5
December	3.5	22.5	0	26
TOTALS	242.5	225.5	67.5	535.5

2019

City Prisoners	State Prisoners	Sentenced Prisoners	Total Days 2019
8.5	8.5	4	21
20	10.5	6.5	37
25	18.5	18	61.5
13.5	12.5	4	30
35	26	0	61
32.5	9	0	41.5
27	23.5	1.5	52
24	25	1.5	50.5
29.5	25	7	61.5
45.5	28.5	11.5	85.5
24.5	33	23.5	81
28.5	20	16.5	65
313.5	240	94	647.5

NUMBER OF DAYS SERVED BY PRISONERS

2020



GLOSSARY

Arrests - For each person arrested only the most serious crime is reported to the FBI by the UCR report, providing a body count.

Assault - An unlawful attack by one person upon another for the purpose of inflicting severe or aggravated bodily injury, or place the person in fear.

AST - Alaska State Troopers

Burglary - The unlawful entry of a structure with intent to commit a crime. The use of force to gain entry is not required to classify an offense as burglary. The unlawful entry of a structure, including motor homes, with the intent to commit a crime.

Domestic Violence - Those crimes against the person consisting of harassment, criminal trespass and assault. The incident is considered domestic violence when the victim is a spouse or a former spouse; a parent, grandparent, child or grandchild; a member of the social unit comprised of those living together in the same dwelling; or a person who is not a spouse or former spouse but who previously lived in a spousal relationship or is in or has been in a dating courtship, or engagement relations with the person committing the act. Domestic assault is designated in the Assault/Family categories.

DV Writ Service (Domestic Violence Writ) - A special type of restraining order issued by the court when convinced that the applicant has been, or will likely be, subject to domestic violence.

DWLR/S/C - Operating a motor vehicle while operator's license is suspended, revoked or cancelled: Violation or in some limited cases an A Misdemeanor offense.

Fugitive from Justice – An individual arrested on an arrest warrant from a state other than Alaska.

HPD - Homer Police Department

Incident - Initial request for service; service provided by HPD.

NIBRS (National Incident Based Reporting System) - Replaced UCR, effective Jan 1, 2021.

Property Crime - Offense involving property only. No assault to persons are involved. Categories involved: arson, burglary, embezzlement/theft, fraud, forgery, trespass, vandalism/criminal mischief, and vehicle theft.

Robbery - The taking or attempting to take anything of value from the care, custody, or control of a person or persons by force or threat of force or violence and/or putting the victim in fear.

Service Request - All offenses or services stemming from the initial incident.

Sex Offense - Includes such offenses as: sexual abuse/assault of a minor, exploitation of a minor, incest, indecent exposure, enticement of a minor, and other offenses against minors.

Sexual Abuse - Any sexual contact of a child 15 years of age or younger by someone 4 or more years older than the victim OR any sexual contact of a child under the age of eighteen by someone occupying a position of authority over that child. (The "adult" or "juvenile" classifications denote the status of the person committing the crime.)

GLOSSARY (Cont.)

Sexual Assault - Any sexual contact with another person without consent of that person. (Note that this definition uses the term “person” and does not specify that it must be a female.) The “adult” or “juvenile” classifications denote the status of the person committing the crime.

Theft - The unlawful taking, carrying, leading, or riding away of property from the possession or constructive possession of another. Does not include embezzlement, “con” games, forgery, and worthless checks.

Theft I – Theft is committed and the value of the property or service is \$25,000 or more.

Theft II – Theft is committed and the value of the property or service is more than \$750, but less than \$25,000 – or the property is a firearm.

Theft III – Theft is committed and the value of the property or service is \$250 or more, but less than \$750.

Theft IV – Theft is committed and the value of the property or service is less than \$250.

Theft of Vehicle - The theft or attempted theft of a motor vehicle. This does not include taking of a motor vehicle for temporary use by those persons having lawful access.

TRO Violation - Violating the terms of a domestic violence writ.

UCR (Uniform Crime Reporting) - A nationwide voluntary program of reporting crimes; administered by the FBI. A standard used by all participating agencies, which measures crime statistics, and trends.

Violent Crime - Offense involving assault to a person. Categories involved: assaults, resisting arrest, robbery, sex abuse/assault, stalking, kidnapping and murder.

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City of Homer
Attn: Hon. Mayor Castner and City Council
491 E. Pioneer Avenue
Homer, AK 99603

March 26, 2021

HOMER FOUNDATION: City of Homer Grants Program 2021

Dear Mayor Castner and City Council Members:

The Homer Foundation has administered the City of Homer Grants Program since 2000. In that time over \$860,000 has been awarded to local nonprofits to support the programs and services they provide to the community.

In the 2021 funding cycle a total of \$31,500 was available for distribution. This includes funding from the city budget (\$25,000) and earned income from the City of Homer's (\$6145.93) and the City of Kachemak's endowment funds (\$276.06), which Kachemak City includes each year in the spirit of good neighbors. The Foundation adds a portion to make a nice round number. The program is administered under guidelines developed between the City of Homer and the Homer Foundation.

Requests for awards are reviewed and recommended by a community/foundation committee known as the City of Homer Grants Committee. Their recommendations are approved at the discretion of the Homer Foundation Board of Trustees. This year's City of Homer Grants Committee consisted of HF Board of Directors Paul Seaton (chair), Ken Taylor, and Dave Derry, with community members Chris Story, Chris Brown, Janie Leask, and Cass Crandall. All participants adhere to the Homer Foundation's Conflict of Interest Policy.

It is a difficult task to review organizations with very different missions, but all committee members agreed these nonprofits are high functioning organizations providing valuable programs and services to the community. Funding is considered based on three overarching areas of a.) Service to the Community, b.) Budget size and practices and c.) Broad Base of Support. This year provided an extra pressure with the compounding factors of funding pressures from state and local sources as well as the predicted need due to the COVID-19 pandemic.

The committee also understands the value of demonstrating community support when organization apply for other grants. Local support can be key when leveraging other monies.

A total of 14 applications were received and reviewed. The committee's recommendations for the following awards were approved by the Homer Foundation board of trustees at their March 24th board meeting:

<u>Organization</u>	<u>2021 Awards</u>
Bunnell Street Gallery	\$ 1,000
Center for AK Coastal Studies	\$ 1,000
Cook Inlet Keeper	\$ 1,000
Homer Community Food Pantry	\$ 5,500
Homer Council on the Arts	\$ 2,000
Homer Farmers Market	\$ 4,500
Homer Hockey Association	\$ 2,000
Hospice of Homer	\$ 3,500
Kachemak Bay Family Planning Clinic	\$ 3,500
Kachemak Heritage Land Trust	\$ 1,000
Kachemak Nordic Ski Club	\$ 1,000
Kachemak Pony Club	\$ 1,000
KBBI	\$ 3,500
<u>SPROUT</u>	<u>\$ 1,000</u>
Total:	\$31,500

Each year, we take the opportunity to compile a synopsis of the economic impact of the nonprofits that have submitted applications. In 2021 these organizations generated over \$6.8 million in revenues, including \$3.6 million in new money coming into Homer from State, Federal and Foundation grants. They also employ 89 full, part-time, and seasonal employees with combined personnel expenses exceeding \$2.9 million. The data from these organizations help to illustrate just how important Homer's nonprofit sector is as an economic driver in our economy.

During times of economic down turn the City's continued support is more important than ever by providing important general operating support. These organizations are also able to leverage additional funding with City support. The community benefits because a strong nonprofit community makes Homer a safer, healthier, more vibrant place to live, play, and work.

It is an honor to administer the City of Homer Grants Program as a free service to the community, and to encourage the City of Homer to continue their support of Homer's vital, and economically important nonprofit community. If the Council wishes a presentation on the awards and state of the Homer Foundation, I am at your service.

Respectfully submitted,



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Parks Art Recreation & Culture Advisory Commission 2021 Calendar

	MEETING	AGENDA DEADLINE	CITY COUNCIL MEETING FOR REPORT*	ANNUAL TOPICS/EVENTS
JANUARY	No Regular Meeting			
FEBRUARY	Thursday 2/18 5:30 p.m.	Wednesday 2/10 5:00 p.m.	Monday 2/22 6:00 p.m.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Beach Policy Review • Letter to the Editor Subject & Draft Approval
MARCH	Thursday 3/18 5:30 p.m.	Wednesday 3/10 5:00 p.m.	Monday 3/22 6:00 p.m.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Strategic Plan Review & Amendments • Beach Policy Review
APRIL	Thursday 4/15 5:30 p.m.	Wednesday 4/7 5:00 p.m.	Monday 4/26 6:00 p.m.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Budget & Financial Goals Review • Beach Policy Public Hearing • Beach Park Walk Through
MAY	Thursday 5/20 6:00 p.m.	Wednesday 5/12 5:00 p.m.	Monday 5/24 6:00 p.m.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Diamond Creek Plan Review • Recreation & Parks Fee Schedule Review • Budget FY22/23
JUNE	Thursday 6/17 6:00 p.m.	Wednesday 6/9 5:00 p.m.	Monday 6/28 6:00 p.m.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Capital Improvement Plan Review: Recommendations for Any New Parks & Rec-Related Projects • Letter to the Editor Topics
JULY	No Regular Meeting			
AUGUST	Thursday 8/19 5:30 p.m.	Wednesday 8/11 5:00 p.m.	Monday 8/23 6:00 p.m.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Letter to the Editor Draft Submitted for Review & Approval • Commission Fund Expenditure Review • Art Policy Review and Amendments
SEPTEMBER	Thursday 9/16 5:30 p.m.	Wednesday 9/18 5:00 p.m.	Monday 9/27 6:00 p.m.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Fall Park/Beach Walk-Thru • Schedule Park Clean Up Day • Reappointment Notices & Applications
OCTOBER	Thursday 10/21 5:30 p.m.	Wednesday 10/13 5:00 p.m.	Monday 10/25 6:00 p.m.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Terms Expire October 31st • Advisory Body Training Worksession • Beach Policy Review
NOVEMBER	Thursday 11/18 5:30 p.m.	Wednesday 11/10 5:00 p.m.	Monday 11/22 6:00 p.m.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Approve 2022 Meeting Schedule • Election of Chair & Vice Chair
DECEMBER	No Regular Meeting			

*The Commission's opportunity to give their report to City Council is scheduled for the Council's regular meeting following the Commission's regular meeting, under Agenda Item 8 – Announcements/ Presentations/ Borough Report/Commission Reports. Reports are the Commission's opportunity to give Council a brief update on their work.