



## Homer City Hall

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# City of Homer Agenda

**Parks, Art, Recreation and Culture Advisory Commission**

**Thursday, February 20, 2020 at 5:30 PM**

**Council Chambers**

**CALL TO ORDER, 5:30 P.M.**

**AGENDA APPROVAL**

**PUBLIC COMMENTS UPON MATTERS ALREADY ON THE AGENDA** (3 minute time limit)

**VISITORS/PRESENTATIONS** (10 minutes)

- A. Dr. William Marley, Park Along the Sterling Highway

**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. Regular Meeting Minutes for November 21, 2019

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

- A. Memorandum from Deputy City Planner re: February Staff Report
- B. Memorandum from Parks Maintenance Coordinator re: February Staff Report
- C. Memorandum from Recreation Manager re: February Staff Report

**PUBLIC HEARING**

**PENDING BUSINESS** (15 minute limit)

**NEW BUSINESS** (15-20 minute limit)

- A. Memorandum 20-026 from Councilmember Smith re Consideration of Land for Sale Next to Jack Gist Park
- B. Acquisition of Land Next to Karen Hornaday Park

C. Memorandum 20-003 from Councilmember Lord re: Evaluation of Parking Barrier Solutions at Karen Hornaday Park

D. Beach Policy Bi-Annual Review

#### **INFORMATIONAL MATERIALS**

A. 2020 Annual Calendar

B. 2020 Commissioner Attendance at Council Meetings

C. Friends of the Homer Skate Park re: Efforts to Rehabilitate the Skate Park Equipment

D. Memorandum 20-024 from Mayor re: Re-appointments of Clark Fair Ingrid Harrauld and Peter Roedl to the Parks, Art Recreation and Culture Advisory Commission.

#### **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**

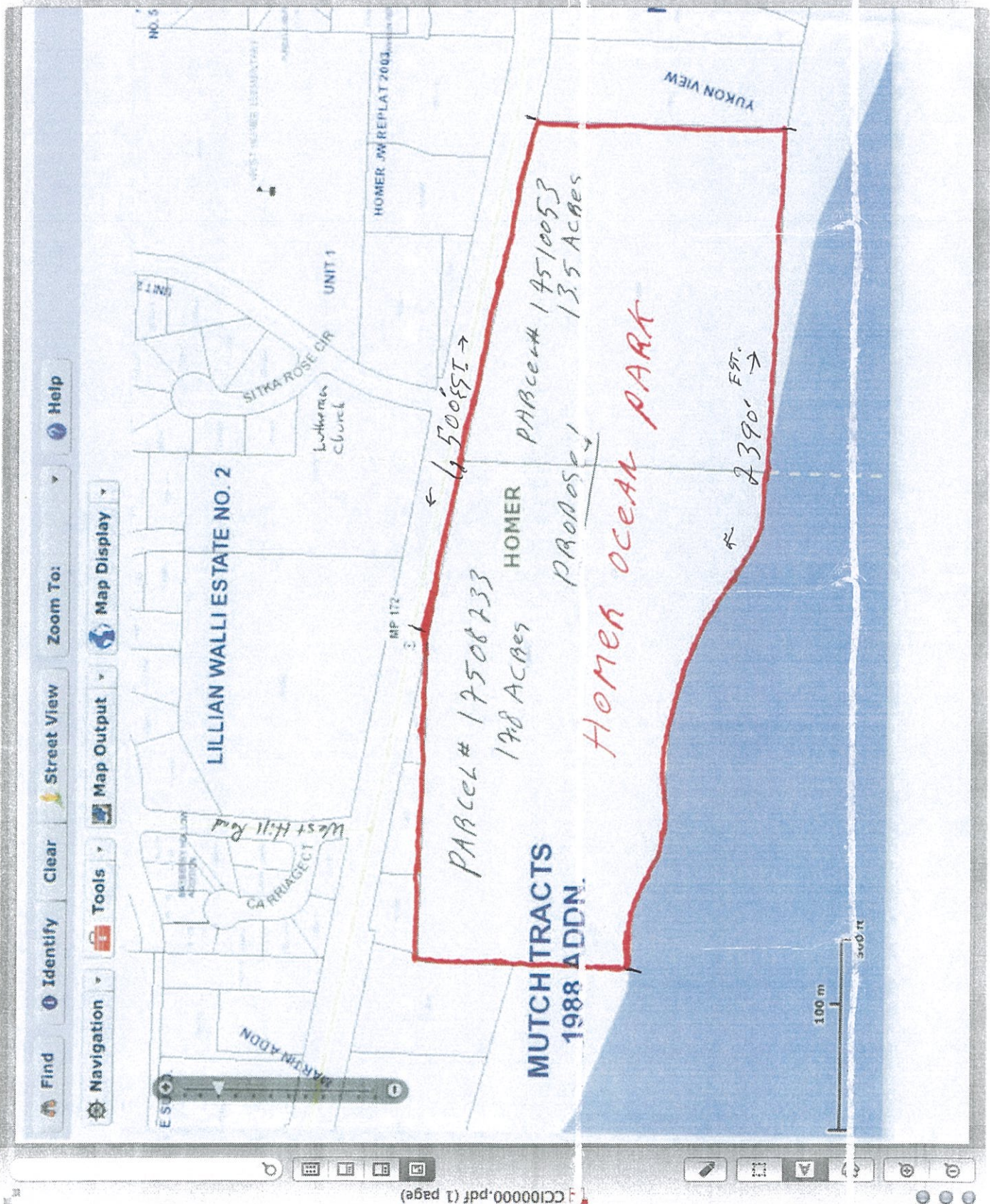
Next Regular Meeting is **Thursday, March 19, 2020**. All meetings scheduled to be held in the City Hall Cowles Council Chambers located at 491 E. Pioneer Avenue, Homer, Alaska.



ARTISTIC DEPICTION OF POSSIBLE CONVENTION CENTER/PARK









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*TAKEN FROM HOMER 2018 COMPREHENSIVE PLAN*

### COMMUNITY VALUES (Chapter 3)

This chapter briefly lists Homer's community values as defined through community input in the Comprehensive Plan process. The overarching theme throughout is to "Keep Homer a lively, vital community that effectively responds to change and growth while retaining what is best about Homer's character."

### LAND USE (Chapter 4)

The Land Use chapter of this Comprehensive Plan seeks to respect the past, to recognize the current realities of building and living in Homer, Alaska, and to create a new paradigm for the future. Befitting the aspirations of a unique and vibrant city, Homer seeks to further develop as a city which respects the environment, is wonderful to live in, and inspiring to visit. Specific goals of the chapter are listed below; the remainder of this section gives an overview of some of the most important policies in this chapter.

GOAL 1:

GOAL 2: GOAL 3:

GOAL 4:

Guiding Homer's growth with a focus on increasing the supply and diversity of housing, protect community character, encouraging infill, and helping minimize global impacts of public facilities including limiting greenhouse gas emissions.

Maintain the quality of Homer's natural environment and scenic beauty.

Encourage high-quality buildings and site development that complement Homer's beautiful natural setting.

Support the development of a variety of well-defined commercial/business districts for a range of commercial purposes.

The chapter outlines strategies for building a compact, walkable community core, partly in response to concerns regarding energy use and climate change. Ideas for maintaining the functional benefits of the natural environment are presented in this chapter's green infrastructure discussion. Other, more traditional motivations support compact development, including reduced infrastructure costs. Close neighbors



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July 21, 2017

City of Homer  
Economic Advisory Commission  
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Mayor Bryan Zak; This is a letter written to those below and it is my wish that I am certain you have a copy.

Dear Members of the Economic Advisory Commission;

In response to your recent request for input regarding economic development for Homer we submit the following for your consideration: Homer needs a community/convention center situated in our natural setting.

Homer Alaska's entry has one of the best, if not the best, National Geographic Cover views of any place on earth. Because we live here we too easily take for granted the beauty which nature has provided us. Paris has the Eiffel Tower, New York has the Statue of Liberty and Central Park, St. Louis has the Gateway Arch and Seattle has the Space Needle. It seems that countless Cities and communities have some outstanding feature. But Homer, Alaska, our community, has the greatest gift of all, its outstanding natural beauty of the ocean, the ever changing mountains accented by snow white glaciers. And it's all natural and free.

Homer is a fishing, tourist and arts, residential and retirement community with principally only a seasonal economy. Many businesses shut their doors as soon as the summer tourist season ends and even long-time locally oriented businesses close in the winter months. Having lived in Homer for fifty years we have observed a great number of City and State infrastructure investments in our community. In fact, we have had enough infrastructure development without equal property tax structure that we have the highest property taxes on the Kenai Peninsula except Seldovia.



Thus; it would certainly be advantageous to the City of Homer to help institute a convention/community center that would certainly attract conventions, conferences, festivals. It also would provide for local community gatherings of many sorts, year round. Any such facility should compliment and enhance our natural beauty. In being conspicuous it would provide an extraordinary visual experience upon entering Homer providing a positive feeling about our community.

Most Alaskan communities have convention/community centers. People with convention/conference experience tell us that people seeking such accommodations prefer out-of-area venue i.e. (Anchorage, Fairbanks, Juneau) because it allows for a much greater opportunity for attendees to intermingle/interrelate with each other. Tour ships arriving in Homer appear to offer nearly nothing to do for visiting tourists to our community other than directing them to the gift & art shops. Sitka's convention center has Gold Rush Dancers. What if Homer offered simple lectures of native Alaskan and colorful history? Music festivals are popular and well attended as are fine arts & natural science camps, corporate retreats. We know that Homer is well situated for any or all of these. But we need a facility to make this happen. Our present accommodations are small and meager at best.

Yes, we are part-owners of what we think is certainly the most ideal land for such a convention/community center at the the gateway to Homer. Ownership has helped cause us to picture the **highest and best use** of this property. The land has 1922ft.+ hundred feet of shore line and 1,400ft. of highway frontage, with the advantage of an average elevation of one hundred feet making for the best view and providing tsunami protection as well. While the two parcels of land are 30 plus acres to the 1917 meander tide line, the upland usable land is 10 plus acres. Eagles and Sea Gulls choose the shore line bluff as a fly-way enhancing the "natural" experience.

Once before this concept of a park (not the playground type) / community/convention center was presented to the Parks and Recreation Committee and it was unanimously accepted. Further endeavors to have other commissions accept the concept fell short for the fear of costs. If this concept can only be considered to be an expense it should not be considered. But investment in our community and our future is different. Investment generates a return. This investment would (will) create tax based businesses. It is noteworthy that Homer has su<sup>7</sup>ported many sizable projects over the years: new Port & Harbor office twice, the deepwater docks, 4



public restrooms at near one million dollars, the building and expansion of the hospital, the building of the museum and now re-building it, City Hall was moved & the structure extensively remodeled and refurbished, the high school was built, junior high was built, the post office moved twice, the library was built twice and the present effort underway to build a new police station. All of these are good and necessary improvements to Homer and we have been most supportive of them. History shows that Homer repeatedly does what Homer cares to do. **However, infrastructure is not tax base.**

Some media attention has been given to the bluff and erosion. First, the bluff has been eroding for upward of a thousands of years. The real question is the **rate** of erosion. Two years ago we had surveying done by Mr. Roger Imhoff on Binocular Bluff where we own bluff property lots. He surprised us by telling us that survey stakes placed at the bluff edge over forty years ago were still in their same place today. Erosion at the Elks hall was an issue just after the hall was built. This was intelligently vegetated and erosion is not a concern today. Ocean level rise is projected to be 3mm per year. A recent survey on the end of the spit indicated a 3mm rise in sea level in the past year but interestingly the land mass in that area had risen 8mm. A Kachemak Bay Research Reserve study from 2010-2013 showed that Kachemak Bay land mass is raising at the rate of 8.6mm or .34" per year. Interestingly, our land mass is raising faster than the sea level rise which cannot help but ameliorate bluff erosion.

**As owners we have owned this pristine property for over forty years. It would only seem appropriate that by now either the concept of a community/convention center - park, gains needed community support or the land should be developed for some other less desirable use.** Financing can be found just as infrastructure financing has been found and at a minimum should at least be discussed. We, as the land owners, could well be approached for acceptable sales terms.

We trust you will give this idea your most sincere consideration.

Sincerely,

William and Judy Marley

# Harrigan Centennial Hall

## Strategic Plan 2016





# **Harrigan Centennial Hall**

## **STRATEGIC PLAN 2016**

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# **Harrigan Centennial Hall**

## **STRATEGIC PLAN 2016**

### **MISSION OF THE HARRIGAN CENTENNIAL HALL**

“Serving all of your meeting, convention and exhibition needs”. Through the professional actions of our staff, we will provide our guests with a distinctive level of service excellence while maintaining a fiscally responsible operation that contributes economic benefits to the people of the City and Borough of Sitka. HCH staff strive to enhance the quality of life and economic vitality by providing and operating a premier public venue for use by all including the arts and other entertainment opportunities.

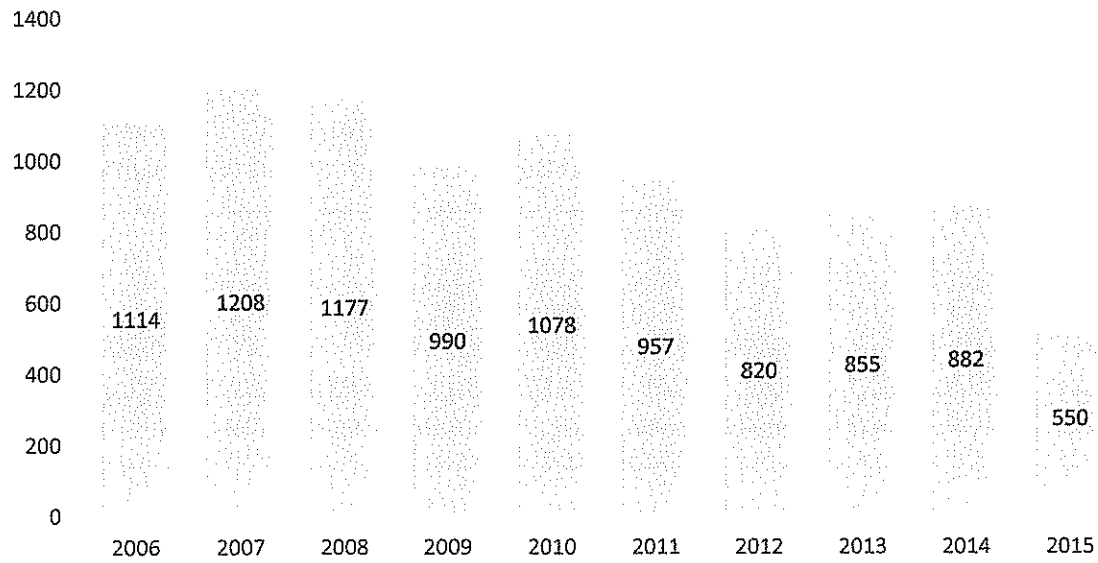
### **BACKGROUND**

Harrigan Centennial Hall (HCH) was built in 1966 and opened on March 30<sup>th</sup>, 1967, as part of the Alaska Centennial Celebration. Construction was largely funded with Alaska Centennial State Grant funds and the building originally cost \$1,352,285. Said purpose of the building was to “consist of a civic center, convention and exhibition building”. A \$16 million dollar renewal / expansion project is currently ongoing and will be completed in the fall of 2016. After expansion, the Hall will be 30,000 square feet overall, of which 11,293 square feet will be column free space for plenary sessions and events that will accommodate seated groups up to 500 people and standing reception style up to 800 people. The Hall will also provide 6000 square feet of space for the Sitka Historical Society to house the Sitka History Museum. The renewed hall will have a grand entrance that will accommodate all uses and serve as Sitka’s showcase. Large operable doors will accommodate access for larger furnishings and equipment to be brought in for trade fairs and shows and enhance the flexible qualities of the space.

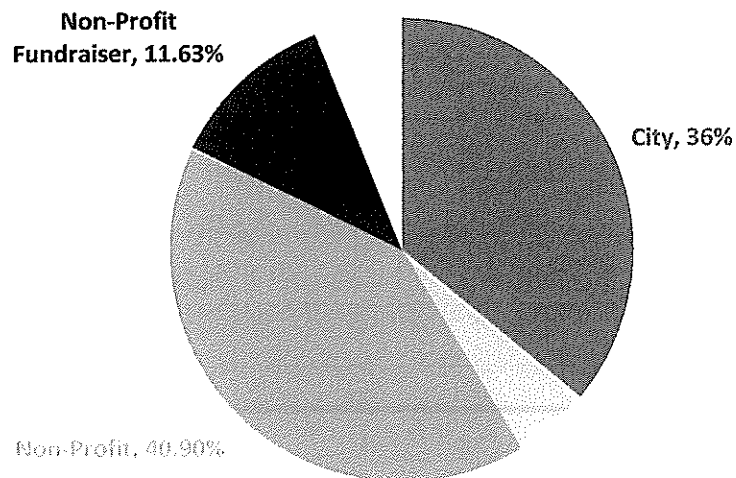
The original design of the Hall had 6 meeting or event rooms prior to the ongoing renewal project and accommodated up to as many as 1500 meetings or events annually. The hall is heavily utilized by the non-profit community in Sitka for multiple purposes. Of significant value is the use as a venue to host fund raising activities to generate operational funds for their respective organizations. Many non-profit organizations rely on HCH for fund raising to augment their operational budgets. As well, many community celebrations such as the Alaska Day Celebration are housed by the Hall each year. Harrigan Hall is also the home for the New Arch Angel Dancers and the Sitka Summer Music Festival. Peak usage of the hall was seen in the early 2000’s when occupancy was at or above 1500 meetings or events in a given year. Trends have shown a slight decline over the past 15 years for various reasons. In 2015 the hall accommodated 550 reservations for meetings or events, provided space for the Sitka Historical Museum, and functioned as the visitors Center. 2015 was not a normal year due to the closing of the building on July 15th for the start of the renovation project. The breakdown of events is represented on the chart below.



## TOTAL NUMBER OF EVENTS



## 2015 HARRIGAN CENTENNIAL HALL USAGE



2012 was the last “normal” full year of operations due to the planning of the renovation and impending closure. Of the meetings 820 reservations in 2012, 6 were conventions with more than 100 delegates in attendance each and infused over \$2million into the local economy that year. The average daily spending per convention delegate is \$256.

The Hall serves as a visitor center by providing services to the cruise ship passengers, independent travelers, and charter industry alike. Staff at the HCH supports visitor related functions and issues and monitors commercial operator permits. Staff enforces regulations dealing with sales at the cruise ship tendering facilities.

### **Competitive Environment**

Harrigan Centennial Hall directly competes with all venues in the State of Alaska. Competition between communities is fierce and often, concessions like HCH’s reasonable rates assist in winning business. Incentives are important due to the remote location and increased travel expenses to access Sitka as a meeting or event destination.

### **Competitive Advantages**

- Long-term employees with deep expertise in operations
- Ability to draw on other City agencies for service and support
- Ability to maintain reasonable rates for all users

### **Competitive Disadvantages**

- Lack of adequate funding for marketing.
- Location and cost of traveling to Sitka from outside for events
- City IT support and web design rules and lack of ability to deviate from standard City design.
- Recent Citizens Task Force reports – Lack of secure funding for operation or lack of being considered a core service. Lack of recognition of value of operation. Direct vs indirect revenues into the community.

### **Critical Priorities**

- Operate and Maintain the Harrigan Centennial Hall as a meeting, convention, visitor center and exhibition building.
- Provide a safe patron environment.
- Prescribe to established preventative maintenance program for the building and ensure PM guidelines are updated to reflect new equipment or processes.
- Operate with the highest possible standards of customer service and continually evaluating customer satisfaction and quality of service performance.
- Provide economic benefits and opportunities to the people of the City and Borough of Sitka.



- Provide for outside revenue generation opportunities for the City and Borough of Sitka.
- Contribute leadership in coordinating destination sales efforts.

## **OBJECTIVES**

### **1. Customer Service – provide consistent high level customer service.**

- Promote service vision to staff and clients: “By doing ordinary things in an extraordinary manner, we will continue to have the privilege of serving our customers.”
- Consistently deliver a quality event experience tailored to the satisfaction of every customer. Maintain and improve transformative functionality of Hall for the 1000 meetings and events that take place each year.
- Provide staff with necessary information, resources, and ongoing training to facilitate the effective and efficient achievement of quality service performance goals.
- Enhance service capability.
- Maintain direct booking system.
- Improve web design and functionality of website.
- Maintain building finishes and keep up to date with technology and maintain marketable qualities of the Hall.

### **2. Economic Benefits**

- Generate outside revenues for the community via sales tax dollars from HCH delegate spending.
- Attract out-of-state or out-of-area attendees to events at the Hall, where money on lodging, food, and retail establishments will be spent, providing local tax revenues, jobs for workers in the hospitality and retail industries, and profits for local businesses.
- Provide flexible event space and professional services to all users for revenue generating events.
- Continually assess operational and maintenance expenses to maintain efficiencies.

### **3. Marketing**

- Coordinate marketing strategies with the Chamber (visitor services contract), hotel sales and hospitality services and business team.
- Offers clients flexible meeting and exhibit space.
- Develop and implement a promotion and marketing plan that capitalizes on the enhanced capabilities of the remodeled Hall.

## **STRATEGIES**

### **1. Customer Service**

- Update and maintain the service vision for staff and customers.
- Continue to review and refresh service systems to deliver a quality event experience tailored to the satisfaction of every customer.
- Continue hiring to assure the right person is in the right job to meet HCH objectives. Continue to update training programs for new employees that provide the skills to achieve quality service objectives.

### **2. Economic Benefits**

- Target marketing efforts to large events that have high per-capita delegate spending.
- Increase efforts to attract large local, state and national associations and corporate events that will bring an increasing numbers of attendees to Sitka and the HCH.
- Continue to provide quality meeting and event space to all users.

### **3. Coordinate the destination sales effort**

- Work with Chamber on marketing strategies of both the hotel community and HCH.
- Target future events and provide site visit opportunities.
- Provide 30,000 square feet of space including high quality meeting and exhibit space.
- Design to add flexible, customer friendly spaces.
- Maintain Hall in a marketable condition including up to date technology.

As with any endeavor or organization, the ultimate success rests with the quality and effectiveness of the staff. Staff members at HCH, several of which have 20+ years of experience, are the most important resource in this operation. HCH's aim is to provide staff with continued training for safety and efficiency, reward them for outstanding performance, open lines of communication with management and to provide service excellence.



New technology and the number of new or expanded convention centers not only in the State market, but nationally, compel HCH to keep its building finishes and technology competitive to maintain its marketability.

## **PERFORMANCE MEASURES**

### **1. Customer Service – high standards of service**

- By survey, percent of event clients rating HCH services overall as “satisfied” or “very satisfied.” Outcome measured on semi-annual basis.
- By survey, percent of event clients rating the physical building or hall as an optimal meeting facility and meeting their needs as “satisfied” or “Very satisfied”. Outcome measured on semi-annual basis.
- By survey, percent of event clients rating specific community provided services at the HCH i.e., food service, availability and access to transportation, access to tours, etc. as “satisfied” or “very satisfied”. Outcome measured on semi-annual basis

### **2. Economic Benefit**

- Estimated delegate spending while attending events at the HCH, expressed in dollars and based on published regional/national averages of retail spending by event delegates. Outcome measured annually.
- Sales tax receipts to the City and Borough of Sitka’s General Fund generated from estimated HCH delegate spending. Outcome measured annually.
- Bed tax receipts to the City and Borough of Sitka. Outcome measured annually.

### **3. Improve economic benefit to community**

- Direct operating profit or loss expressed in dollars. Values calculated for non-revenue generating events. Output measured annually.
- Number of events held at the HCH. Output measured annually.
- Compare benchmarking results for comparison and trends.

## **PERFORMANCE ASSESSMENT**

The HCH continues to be a major catalyst in the economic development of the City and Borough of Sitka by providing professional event and meeting space and visitor industry services. Successful venues all have similar elements: solid operating systems; positive brands; strong relationships with promoters and business partners; steady booking and marketing; and

The maintenance and facility operating budget should be built to keep the HCH a first-class facility. Great pride is taken in the appearance and condition of the building and the budget request is based on that expectation and should reflect that. The physical building does not just house the business, it is the business.

#### **REFERENCE/CONTACT INFORMATION**

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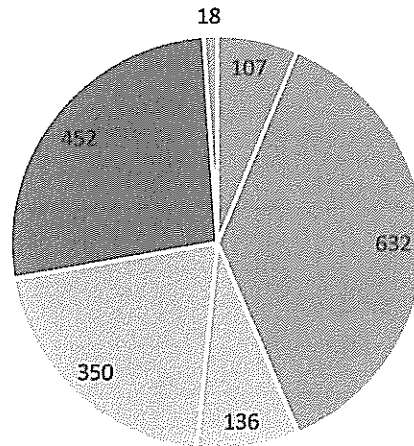
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# Harrigan Centennial Hall 2017 Usage

Reservations



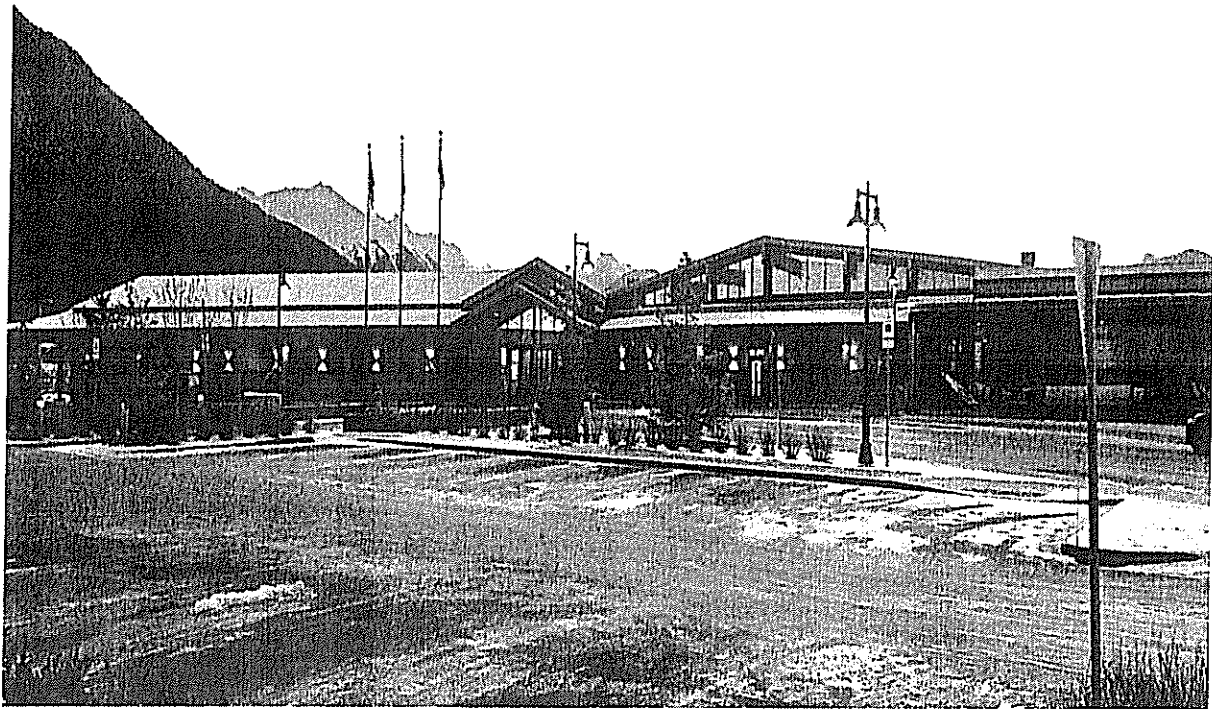
Commercial City Cruise Ships General Use Non Profit State Federal Government

Commercial	107 / 6%
City	632 / 37%
Cruise Ships	136 / 8%
General Use	350 / 21%
Non Profit	452 / 27%
State Federal Government	18 / 1%

Total reservations or events in 2017 1695

Revenue from Rental Charges \$115,127.60

# HARRIGAN CENTENNIAL HALL



## CITY AND BOROUGH OF SITKA HARRIGAN CENTENNIAL HALL POLICIES

May also be viewed online at: <http://cityofsitka.com/dept/cent/index.html>

General Rules Which Apply To All Use



## Of The Harrigan Centennial Hall

The Harrigan Centennial Hall (HCH) is a City and Borough of Sitka (CBS) owned facility for the benefit of the community.

1. Use of the HCH is on a reservation basis with exceptions subject to appeal through the Building Manager. The Building Manager determines appropriate utilization of the HCH, reserves the right to make suggestions and to place the group in the appropriate room.
2. Users of the HCH shall be responsible for any damage that may occur during their use and shall either pay for the damage or repair it to the satisfaction of the Building Manager. To avoid any damage or defacement all users must check with the building staff prior to affixing anything to the walls, floor or ceiling.
3. Alcoholic beverages may be served and consumed in the HCH for limited specific hours. A special alcohol fee will be assessed. Each specific period of time shall be approved by the Building Manager prior to the event. All alcoholic beverages shall be served in accordance with the regulations of the Alaska Alcoholic Beverage Control Board and CBS.
4. The HCH is a non-smoking building.
5. The CBS will not be responsible for any personal equipment being used or stored in the HCH by any user. All equipment storage must be approved with the Building Manager.
6. The HCH will not be open to the public without a paid HCH staff member or person designated by the Building Manager.
7. The Building Manager may make additional rules to cover special uses.

## **HARRIGAN CENTENNIAL HALL RATES, HOURS, AND DEPOSITS**

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6. Traditional uses that are related to certain dates or seasons each year may have ongoing priority use of the facility. Reservations are limited to thirteen (13) months in advance with exception of priority users and conventions.

### **CANCELLATIONS**

A refund of fees paid will be made if notice of cancellation of a reservation is given twenty-four (24) hours in advance, and such cancellation did not result in a revenue producing activity being denied use of the HCH. The CBS Assembly reserves the right to refuse use of the HCH to anyone at any time. Reasonable efforts will be made to honor reservations. If the Building Manager cancels a reservation, all deposits or fees paid shall be refunded.

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Sockeye (Meeting 2)	\$45	\$95	\$140
Steelhead (Meeting 3)	\$50	\$105	\$155
Pink (Meeting 4)	\$25	\$40	\$65
Chum (Meeting 5)	\$45	\$90	\$135
Silver (Meeting 6)	\$90	\$175	\$265
Eagle (Meeting 7)	\$40	\$70	\$100
Kitchen	\$200	\$300	\$400
Building Rate	\$685	\$1360	\$2030

#### **Events that serve alcohol**

There will be an additional \$75 charge for events that serve alcoholic beverages.

#### **Decorations**

If you wish to hang anything, please consult the HCH staff for approved methods. Please advise staff if you will be using candles during your event. Candles must be in containers capable of containing all waxy residue and spills. In addition, glitter, confetti, and other similar material can be used. Tenants will be advised to plan on spending extra time to clean up after events at which they are used.

The HCH staff will set up rooms in advance according to an approved floor plan. Any changes, alterations, or additions to agreed-upon layouts after the set-up is complete will result in additional labor charges. A \$25.00 per hour set up fee with a half hour minimum will be charged if a setup is required. No set up fee will be charged for the initial Auditorium arrangement.

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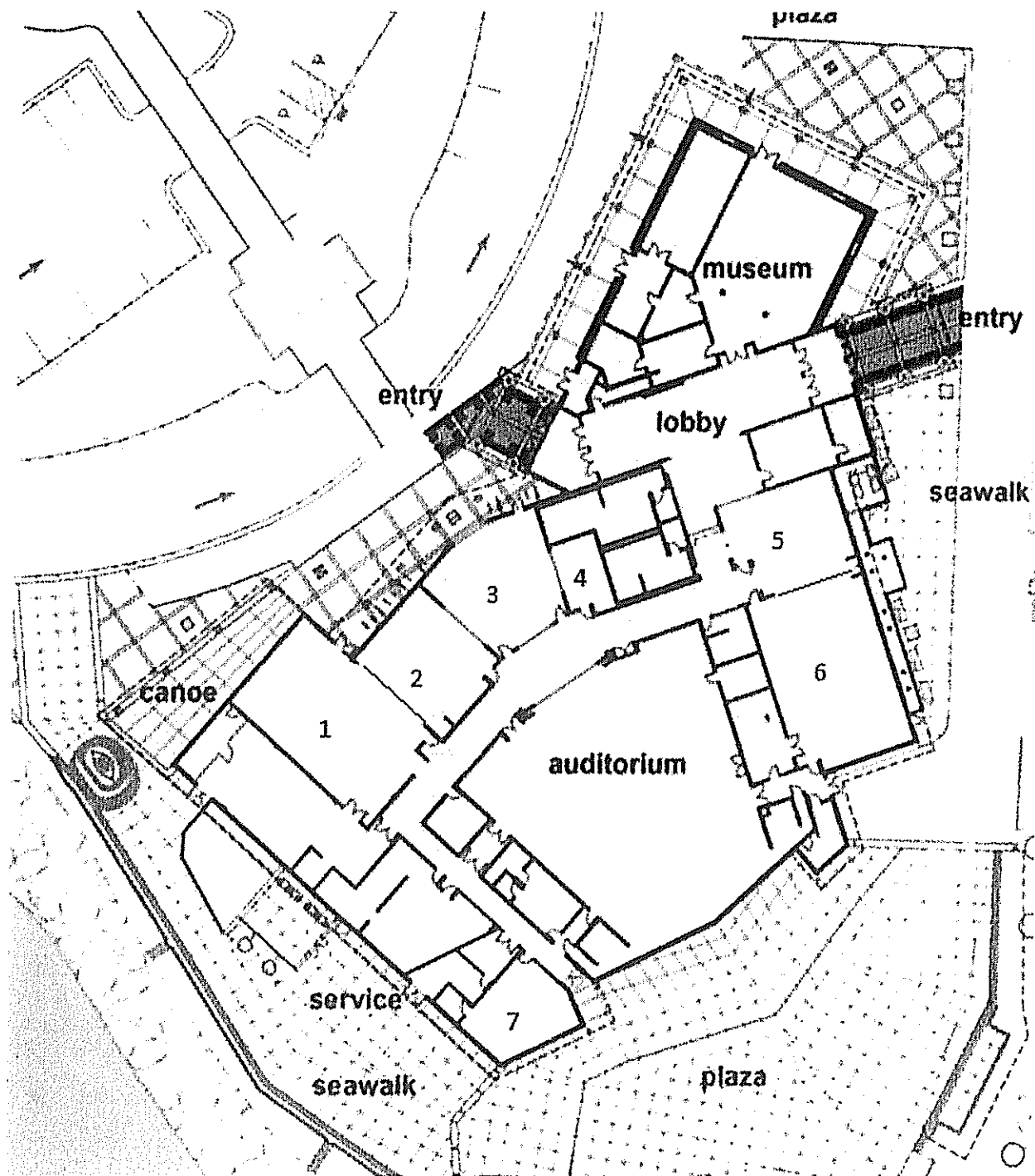
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#### **Decorations**

If you wish to hang anything, please consult the HCH staff for approved methods. Please advise staff if you will be using candles during your event. Candles must be in containers capable of containing all waxy residue and spills. In addition, glitter, confetti, and other similar material can be used. Tenants will be advised to plan on spending extra time to clean up after events at which they are used.

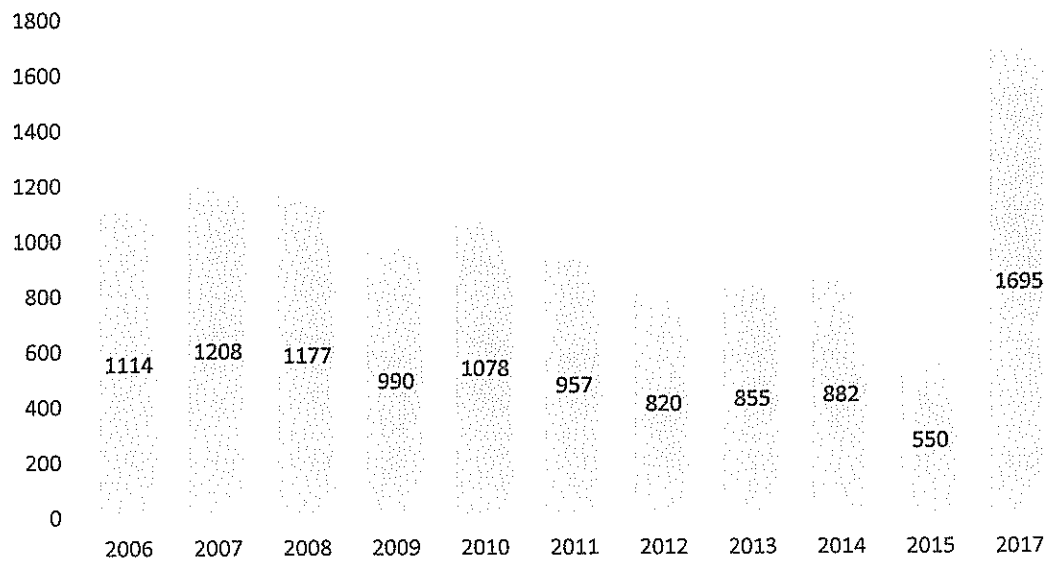
The HCH staff will set up rooms in advance according to an approved floor plan. Any changes, alterations, or additions to agreed-upon layouts after the set-up is complete will result in additional labor charges. A \$25.00 per hour set up fee with a half hour minimum will be charged if a setup is required. No set up fee will be charged for the initial Auditorium arrangement.



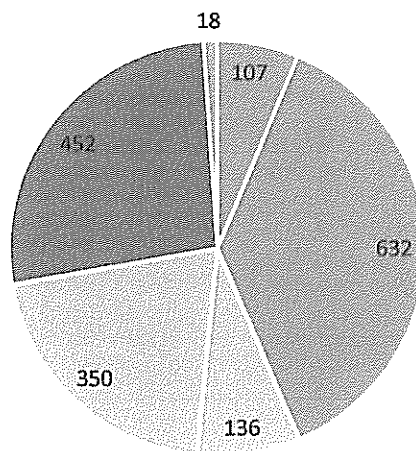


Use of the building has drastically increased since the completion of the renovation. 2017 was a record year with a total of 1695 reservations for use of the building! So far in 2018 we have 1564 reservations.

## TOTAL NUMBER OF EVENTS



## Reservations 2017



Commercial City Cruise Ships General Use Non Profit State Federal Government

# **Harrigan Centennial Hall**

## **MISSION OF THE HARRIGAN CENTENNIAL HALL**

“Serving all of your meeting, convention and exhibition needs”. Through the professional actions of our staff, we will provide our guests with a distinctive level of service excellence while maintaining a fiscally responsible operation that contributes economic benefits to the people of the City and Borough of Sitka. HCH staff strive to enhance the quality of life and economic vitality by providing and operating a premier public venue for use by all including the arts and other entertainment opportunities.

## **BACKGROUND**

Harrigan Centennial Hall (HCH) was built in 1966 and opened on March 30<sup>th</sup>, 1967, as part of the Alaska Centennial Celebration. Construction was largely funded with Alaska Centennial State Grant funds and the building originally cost \$1,352,285. Said purpose of the building was to “consist of a civic center, convention and exhibition building”. A \$16 million dollar renewal / expansion project was completed in September 2016. The building is 32,000 square feet overall, of which 11,293 square feet is column free space for plenary sessions and events that will accommodate seated groups up to 500 people and standing reception style up to 800 people. The Hall also provides 4000 square feet of space to the Sitka Historical Society to house the Sitka History Museum. The renewed hall has a grand entrance that accommodates all uses and serves as Sitka’s showcase. Large operable doors will accommodate access for larger furnishings and equipment to be brought in for trade fairs and shows and enhance the flexible qualities of the space.

## **STAFFING AND USE**

The building is staffed by 5 full time employees. Services provided by staff include planning and support for all convention, meeting, and event needs. This includes all room arrangement services, IT support, audio/visual equipment, sound systems, and theater lighting systems. The building has the latest technology for ensuring success for any meeting. As well, staff provide full janitorial and light maintenance services throughout the facility. Harrigan Centennial Hall also serves as a Visitor Center and central hub during the summer months. Staff coordinates with and monitors all visitor related commercial operations and vendors on the grounds during the summer season.



Session 19-09, a Regular Meeting of the Parks, Art, Recreation and Culture Advisory Commission was called to order by Chair David Lewis at 5:36 p.m. on November 21, 2019 at the City Hall Cowles Council Chambers located at 491 E. Pioneer Avenue, Homer, Alaska.

PRESENT: COMMISSIONERS ARCHIBALD, HARRALD, LOWNEY, ROEDL, FAIR, LEWIS AND BARNWELL

STAFF: DEPUTY CITY PLANNER ENGEBRETSEN  
DEPUTY CITY CLERK KRAUSE  
PARKS MAINTENANCE COORDINATOR STEFFY

The Parks, Art, Recreation and Culture Advisory Commission met at the Karen Hornaday Park for a Worksession from 11:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m. to conduct a site visit of the conditions and parking improvements.

### **AGENDA APPROVAL**

Chair Lewis called for a motion to approve the agenda.

Chair Lewis then requested a motion to amend the agenda to add the worksession report.

HARRALD/LOWNEY - MOVED TO AMEND THE AGENDA TO ADD KAREN HORNADAY PARK WORKSESSION REPORT UNDER STAFF & COUNCIL REPORTS.

There was no discussion.

VOTE. NON OBJECTION. UNANIMOUS CONSENT.

Motion carried.

HARRALD/LOWNEY MOVED TO APPROVE THE AGENDA AS AMENDED.

There was no discussion.

VOTE. NON-OBJECTION. UNANIMOUS CONSENT.

Motion carried.

### **PUBLIC COMMENTS UPON MATTERS ALREADY ON THE AGENDA**

#### **VISITORS/PRESENTATIONS**

A. Dr. William Marley - Proposal on Purchase and Use of Land Along the Sterling Highway

Dr. Marley contacted Commissioner Lowney and requested to be on the February agenda.

Chair Lewis did not object to moving Dr. Marley to the February agenda.



## **RECONSIDERATION**

## **CONSENT AGENDA**

A. Minutes from the October 17, 2019 Regular Meeting

Chair Lewis called for a motion to approve the consent agenda.

ARCHIBALD/HARRALD - MOVED TO APPROVE THE CONSENT AGENDA.

There was no discussion.

VOTE. NON OBJECTION. UNANIMOUS CONSENT.

Motion carried.

## **STAFF & COUNCIL REPORT/COMMITTEE REPORTS**

A. Staff Report - Deputy City Planner Engebretsen

Deputy City Planner Engebretsen reported that City Council will have a public hearing on the budget on Monday and the packet for that meeting will be online and available Friday, November 22, 2019. She noted that budget amendments will be made on Monday and the final budget will be approved on December 9, 2019.

B. Parks Maintenance Report - Matt Steffy, Parks Coordinator

Parks Maintenance Coordinator Steffy provided his staff report to the commission. Commissioners and staff held discussion on the following topics:

- Seasonal project work has continued and currently working on minor repair, painting and staining of Picnic tables, re-staining whisky barrels, pole barn, signage, etc.
- All capital projects completed with the exception of the Poopdeck Trail and new paved parking spot. Both went out to bid with zero response. It will be resubmitted in February for bid.
- One seasonal employee remains at this time till December, two left last week.
- Beautification bid closed with four responsive bids received. The Plantman received the contract for 2400 annuals to get started in the spring. Additional perennials, shrubs and trees will be purchased in small batches as needed once the beds have been reviewed.
- Camping has still slowed dramatically, still a few RV's. All campgrounds were closed October 30<sup>th</sup> with the exception of the Fishing Hole. A Port a Potty will be placed at Fishing Hole since there is funding available.
- Spike in vandalism. All were reported to Police. Clarified for the Commission
- Public has expressed a desire to have year round camping available at Mariner Park.
- Looking at expansion of the Camp Host Program to include Fishing Hole and Mariner Park
- Purchasing tablets to go electronic in practices for efficiencies
- Requested 2020 project recommendations from Commission

- Working on removal of the derelict camper left at the Fishing Hole. The owner is known and also the person who left it at the campground is known.
- Safety concerns on the trails and installation of lighting.
- Campground Hosts: One for Mariner Park, Fishing Hole location will be moved over to the cleaning tables

Commissioners requested additional information and commented on the following:

- The trail on KHLT property grade and ADA accessibility is being addressed and has not been completed. The design as changed since the ribbon cutting to account for those various discrepancies as they have come up.
- The trash and debris in the lot next to the trail which is owned by the city has increased and staff will look into additional maintenance/clean up in the area as well as trash cans.
- Ben Walters Park vandalism has become minimal since the efforts of clearing and lighting and the assistance of McDonald's and the placement of the playground equipment which has made it more family friendly. He is leaning at not replacing the fire ring since it seems to draw the unsavory element.

C. Recreation Report – Mike Illg, Recreation Manager

Mr. Illg was not present and did not submit a written report for this meeting.

D. Report – Karen Hornaday Park Walk Through

Parks Maintenance Coordinator Steffy provided an overview of the Karen Hornaday Park Walk-through that the Commission participated in during their worksession.

There was discussion and questions from the Commission regarding the improvements in the parking areas, the intent to stripe and possibly paint lines on the logs to indicate spaces for vehicles, delineate a turn-around space, trimming or thinning the alders and bushes to open sight lines, future purchase of equipment to facilitate topping and line of sight issues in parks, incidents of vandalism to the dugouts, flood lights and signage along the roads/highway to direct the public to the city parks.

## **PUBLIC HEARING**

## **PENDING BUSINESS**

## **NEW BUSINESS**

A. Mariner Park Expansion Project, Matt Steffy, Parks Maintenance Coordinator

Chair Lewis read the title into the record as introduction.

Parks Maintenance Coordinator Steffy provided a report on the interest of expanding Mariner Park Campground and provided excerpts of old drawings on proposed planning for Mariner Park. He provided a summary history of the park from thirty years ago, noting that this will not be a new

conversation with the community. Mariner Park conservation easement did not happen but the one on Louie's Lagoon did get executed.

Deputy City Planner Engebretsen provided input on the information that was obtained during the Exxon Valdez case is located in the Planning Department in response to a request from Chair Lewis regarding animals and vegetation.

Parks Maintenance Coordinator Steffy and the Commission discussed, commented and questioned the following topics:

- probability of having an organized campground with the different areas
- shrubbery and specific parking and area for day use
- contacting interested parties regarding ideas of improvements
- original drawings on the design and improvements for the park
- redesign the wide open space that is currently the park
- why this was not included and consideration of the appropriateness of those previous documents for use today
- more day use done at this park than any other especially at lunch time

B. Spit Camping and Greenspaces

Chair Lewis read the title into the record as introduction.

Deputy City Planner Engebretsen reported that an ordinance would be required which would need a Council person to sponsor to address the length of stay in the camp grounds; She noted that the parks person was once seasonal so may be the reason that was stopped. There were no hosts and the spit campground was contracted out at one time in the past.

Parks Maintenance Coordinator Steffy commented on the two separate accounts for camping but is now one account that he tracks individually. He then noted some of the historical elements of the proposed Fishing Hole campground and that it warrants a rethinking of the campground; he will reach out to Pier One to get their input.

Parks Maintenance Coordinator Steffy continued stating that as for greenspace there was once a feasibility report on using Louie's Lagoon as a camping space and it was noted that there is now a conservation easement on that side of the spit.

Deputy City Planner Engebretsen reported on the Seafarer's Parking Lot Expansion project in response to Chair Lewis' inquiry stating that and that the Commission should consider evolving the conversation on the issue of campgrounds, etc. She responded to questions regarding designating parking and charging for such parking on the Spit.

The Commission discussed the availability of camping on the east side of the Harbor for camping and staff explained that it is used seasonally by the Harbor and on rare occasion they have accessed an area as an overflow, but the Harbor is not favorable of relinquishing any property for camping.

C. Quarterly Letter to the Editor

Chair Lewis read the title into the record as introduction and opened discussion on the draft letter to the editor submitted by Commissioner Fair.

Commissioners expressed their appreciation for Commissioner Fair writing the letters.

LOWNEY/ARCHIBALD MOVED TO APPROVE THE LETTER AS SUBMITTED.

There was no discussion.

VOTE. NON-OBJECTION. UNANIMOUS CONSENT.

Motion carried.

### **INFORMATIONAL MATERIALS**

- A. PARC Commission Annual Calendar 2020
- B. PARC Commissioner Attendance at Council Meetings 2019

Commissioner Harrahd agreed to attend the upcoming Council meeting on November 25, 2019

- C. 2019 NRPA Agency Performance Review
- D. Resolution 19-070 Approving the Updated and Amended PARC Bylaws

Chair Lewis acknowledged the informational materials provided.

### **COMMENTS OF THE AUDIENCE**

### **COMMENTS OF THE CITY STAFF**

Parks Maintenance Coordinator Steffy commented it was a great meeting.

### **COMMENTS OF THE CITY COUNCILMEMBER**

### **COMMENTS OF THE CHAIR**

### **COMMENTS OF THE COMMISSION**

Commissioner Barnwell commented that he would be interested in working with staff on the green space planning, but being a new commissioner he is not sure of the role of the Commission, however, he has been coming to Homer since the late 80's and as a new resident, he believes that they are at a turning point on the Spit with this Seafarer's project and he would like to help.

### **ADJOURNMENT**

There being no further business to come before the Commission the meeting adjourned at 6:45 p.m. The next regular meeting is scheduled for Thursday, February 20, 2020 at 5:30 p.m. at the City Hall Cowles Council Chambers located at 491 E. Pioneer Avenue, Homer, Alaska.

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RENEE KRAUSE, MMC, DEPUTY CITY CLERK

Approved: \_\_\_\_\_



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To: Parks, Art, Recreation and Culture Advisory Commission  
From: Julie Engebretsen, Deputy City Planner  
Date: February 13, 2020  
Subject: February staff report

Its been a very busy winter. I expect an uptick in construction and land development over the next year or two. I recently attended the Alaska Planning Conference, a statewide two day meeting in Anchorage. It was great to hear from various communities on topics such as tourism management. I also learned shoulder season tourism and winter tourism are two growing sectors, outside of cruise ship visitors.

### Other happenings:

1. Seafarers Memorial: please see the attached resolution that was referred to Planning and Port and Harbor Commissions. Please attend one of those meetings to comment, or provide comments via the City Clerk directly to Council.
2. HERC Building/community rec center: See attachments for a recent resolution from City Council.
3. Telephone interviews for the City Manager were scheduled for 2/12 and 2/14, with in person interviews scheduled for the week of 2/24. Tentative selection will be 2/28.
4. The Wayfinding project will be advertised shortly, looking for contractor bids on the project.

### Attachments

1. Resolution 20-016
2. Staff Report 20-16, Seafarer's memorial





**CITY OF HOMER  
HOMER, ALASKA**

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**RESOLUTION 20-016**

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF HOMER, ALASKA,  
REAFFIRMING THEIR COMMITMENT TO PROVIDE INDOOR  
RECREATION OPPORTUNITIES TO AREA RESIDENTS VIA A MULTI-  
USE COMMUNITY CENTER.

WHEREAS, Homer City Council appropriated \$35,000 in the 2020 capital budget to fund  
a hazardous material and demolition cost estimate for HERC 1 and HERC 2; and

WHEREAS, The results of the study are anticipated by spring; and

WHEREAS, Homer City Council listed a Multi-Use Community Center, Phase 1 as one of  
the top five legislative priorities in the 2021 Capital Improvement Plan adopted via Resolution  
19-061; and

WHEREAS, Homer City Council listed HERC Demolition and Community Recreation  
Center next steps as their number one large priority Council-Initiated project for 2020 adopted  
via Memorandum 20-015; and

WHEREAS, Once demolition costs are determined, next steps will be site selection and  
preliminary design for a new Multi-Use Community Center.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the City Council of Homer, Alaska, is  
committed to moving forward with a Multi-Use Community Center concurrent with  
determining next steps for the HERC facilities.

PASSED AND ADOPTED by the Homer City Council this 10<sup>th</sup> day of February, 2020.

CITY OF HOMER

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KEN CASTNER, MAYOR

ATTEST:

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MELISSA JACOBSEN, MMC, CITY CLERK

Fiscal note: N/A



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### Staff Report PL 20-16

TO: Homer Planning Commission, Port and Harbor Advisory Commission  
THROUGH: Rick Abboud, City Planner  
FROM: Julie Engebretsen, Deputy City Planner  
DATE: February 19, 2020  
SUBJECT: Resolution 20-008(S) Seafarers Memorial

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**Requested action:** Provide comments to Council.

### Introduction

At the meeting of January 13, 2020, the City Council considered Resolution 20-008(S), and referred it to the Planning and Port and Harbor Commissions. A copy of the resolution and Council minutes are attached. The resolution proposes to have a property management policy of no further development, with the exception of a future trail to the beach. This would mean no expansion of the existing parking lot.

### Analysis

There has been a lot of discussion about this property in the past several months. Rather than rehash this recent conversation, please go around the table and give each commissioner the opportunity to provide one or two comments on the resolution. Minutes of your meeting will be forwarded to the City Council.

The Seafarers Memorial is located on this parcel and Resolution 96-27 dedicated a 100x100 foot area, or 10,000 square feet of this parcel to this use. The remainder of Lot 31 was not designated as a park, from what staff research shows. The resolution should be clear that this memorial area is excluded from this resolution.

### Staff Recommendation

Staff recommends two amendments:

1. On line 63, insert: Whereas, Resolution 96-27 designated a 100' x 100' foot area as the Seafarer's Memorial Park.
2. On line 78, insert: BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED this resolution excludes the Seafarers Memorial as described in Resolution 96-27.

### **Attachments**

Resolution 20-008(S)

1/13/2020 Council Minutes Excerpt

Map of Lot 31

Historical information on Seafarer's Memorial

CITY OF HOMER  
HOMER, ALASKA

Evensen / Hansen-Cavasos

RESOLUTION 20-008(S)

A RESOLUTION OF THE HOMER CITY COUNCIL DESIGNATING  
HOMER SPIT AMENDED LOT 31, KNOWN AS SEAFARER'S  
MEMORIAL, AS GREEN SPACE AND ADOPTING A LAND  
MANAGEMENT POLICY THAT PRESERVES LOT 31 FOR WILDLIFE  
AND AS A NATURAL AGENT FOR EROSION MITIGATION

WHEREAS, Seafarer's Memorial is a 2.52 acre lot located off of the Sterling Highway near  
the end of the Homer Spit with a legal description of Homer Spit Amended Lot 31; and

WHEREAS, Historical use of the lot has been a memorial gazebo honoring those who  
were lost at sea, 45 parking places and open space; and

WHEREAS, Seafarer's Memorial is zoned Open Space – Recreation **and is listed in the  
Homer Spit Comprehensive Plan as Conservation and Beach Access;** and

WHEREAS, According to Homer City Code 21.32.010, the purposes of the Open Space -  
Recreation District are primarily to promote public recreational opportunities while protecting  
and preserving the natural and scenic resources of the area and public access to tidelands; and

WHEREAS, Scenic views from the Spit are unobstructed at Seafarers Memorial, where  
beach grasses positioned in foreground offer uncommon and distinctive ocean views; and

WHEREAS, Loss of natural grasslands on the Homer Spit has increased historically to  
present in spite of the importance of beach grasses for Kachemak Bay ecosystems, where they  
provide habitat, food for wildlife, and erosion control; Islands and Oceans Visitors Center  
designates beach grass seed as important food in the dead-of-winter for song sparrows and  
gray-crowned rosy-finches; and

**WHEREAS, The Spit Comprehensive Plan states that one development goal is to  
“preserve and protect important wildlife and bird sanctuary areas” and that “preserving  
habitat is important to the environment and local economy: (4.4); the guiding document  
encourages the habitat for native species such as beach ryegrass “be maintained and  
enhanced” in order to mitigate ongoing marine erosion; and**

WHEREAS, Seafarer's Memorial contains some of the only undeveloped land left on the  
Homer Spit and should be preserved as a habitat for beach grasses and other natural  
vegetation, birds, and wildlife; and

WHEREAS, Supra-tidal beach berms at Seafarer's Memorial have been identified as critical environment for migratory and resident shorebirds, and provides wildlife habitat (e.g., for marine mammals) near the geographical center of Kachemak Bay, which is unique regionally; and

WHEREAS, Through data collection and ongoing bird counts, this region of the Spit has been identified by Cornell University's Ornithology Lab as an International Birding Hot Spot location; and

WHEREAS, Wild bird migration, feeding, and nesting in and around Homer are important economic bases for the City; their presence attracts visitors nationally and internationally; their financial impact is broad and realized via nature or eco-tourism in general as well as special events (such as the annual Shorebird Festival); and

WHEREAS, The Greater beach of Seafarer's Memorial is a crucial foundation geologically that provides *coastal sand supply*; its ample sand, pebble and gravel components directly preserve the Homer Spit "system" as a whole and, through natural marine processes, mitigate erosion along easternmost beaches of the Spit including the terminus.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Homer City Council hereby designates Homer Spit Amended Lot 31 as green space, but requires no specific signage.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that any part of the property that is not developed as of the passage of this resolution shall be maintained in perpetuity as green space and open to the public, free from buildings, parking, camping, hardscaping of any kind, earthmoving of any kind beyond regular parking space maintenance strictly limited spatially to present 45 parking spaces.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that any new trail development is limited to the public beach access dedicated in through the Land and Water Conservation Fund Grant # 02-00430 and defined as the northwestern twenty feet of Lot 31, Homer Spit Amended; being a strip of land twenty feet wide, immediately adjacent and parallel to the northwest property line, and also being immediately adjacent to Lot 27; containing 3,595 square feet, more or less.

PASSED AND ADOPTED by the Homer City Council this 13<sup>th</sup> day of January, 2020.

CITY OF HOMER

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KEN CASTNER, MAYOR

ATTEST:

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87 MELISSA JACOBSEN, MMC, CITY CLERK  
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90 Fiscal information: N/A





Councilmember Venuti shared her support for the substitute and appreciated the comments about speaking up for the animals in the bay, we need to consider the marine life.

Mayor Castner shared he received comments saying don't substitute your voice for my voice. He thinks the substitution of voice came from the top, there was one person who substituted their voice for everyone else in the State and that's what brought us to the table. However when you gather the voice of the City, you have to ensure that it's meaningful and appropriate. He doesn't know if anyone cares about the voice of the City is in this regard. He agrees that if this turns sideways that the City continue to have a seat at the table like they have through past processes for the park and critical habitat plan.

VOTE: YES: LORD, ADERHOLD, EVENSEN, VENUTI  
NO: SMITH

Motion carried.

- b. Resolution 20-008, A Resolution of the Homer City Council Designating Homer Spit Amended Lot 31, Known as Seafarer's Memorial, as Green Space and Adopting a Land Management Policy that Preserves Lot 31 for Wildlife and as a Natural Agent for Erosion Mitigation. Evensen/Hansen-Cavasos.

Resolution 20-008(S), A Resolution of the Homer City Council Designating Homer Spit Amended Lot 31, Known as Seafarer's Memorial, as Green Space and Adopting a Land Management Policy that Preserves Lot 31 for Wildlife and as a Natural Agent for Erosion Mitigation. Evensen/Hansen-Cavasos.

EVENSEN/VENUTI MOVED TO ADOPT RESOLUTION 20-008 BY READING OF TITLE ONLY.

EVENSEN/VENUTI MOVED TO SUBSTITUTE RESOLUTION 20-008(S) FOR 20-008.

Councilmember Evensen noted the bold and underlined changes in the substitute resolution.

VOTE (substation): NON OBJECTION: UNANIMOUS CONSENT

Councilmember Evensen said this came up from public feedback during the Planning Commissions review of a CUP for parking at the Seafarer's Memorial. Community members have pointed out there are few places on the spit that are open spaces and the importance of maintaining the habitat it offers. There's a healthy lobe of sand and not interfering with that portion will benefit the spit, particularly the eastern most beaches and the end of the spit, through natural processes.

Councilmember Aderhold shared her appreciation for this and acknowledged it's a big decision. She doesn't feel one meeting allows for adequate discussion and it overlaps with

responsibilities with Port and Harbor Commission and Planning Commission at a minimum. She'd like guidance from those Commissions and more opportunity for public input.

Councilmember Smith agreed and added they just funded a parking study for the spit. It will be important to know what those findings are before making any final decisions as there may be minimal ability to do some improvements in that area.

LORD/EVENSEN MOVED TO POSTPONE THIS RESOLUTION TO OUR SECOND MEETING IN APRIL AND REFER IT TO PLANNING AND PORT AND HARBOR COMMISSIONS FOR THEIR REVIEW PRIOR TO THAT.

There was no discussion.

VOTE: NON OBJECTION: UNANIMOUS CONSENT

Motion carried.

- c. Resolution 20-009, A Resolution of the Homer City Council Approving an Automatic Aid Agreement and Operational Plan between Anchor Point Fire and Emergency Medical Service Area and the City of Homer Volunteer Fire Department for Fire Response Services and Authorizing the City Manager to Execute the Appropriate Documents. Smith.

VENUTI/EVENSEN MOVED TO ADOPT RESOLUTION 20-009 BY READING OF TITLE ONLY.

Councilmembers Smith and Lord summarized the discussion from their worksession this is in relation to improving the response time with our fire apparatus in helping surrounding areas, as well as Anchor Point assisting in response to City emergencies.

VOTE: NON OBJECTION: UNANIMOUS CONSENT.

Motion carried.

- d. Resolution 20-004, A Resolution of the Homer City Council Approving an Economic Development and Tourism Marketing Agreement between the City of Homer and the Homer Chamber of Commerce. City Manager.

ADERHOLD/LORD MOVED TO ADOPT RESOLUTION 20-004 BY READING OF TITLE ONLY.

Councilmember Aderhold noted they discussed this resolution at Committee of the Whole and the request by the Chamber for additional funding relate to the shack on the spit. The Chamber would like to change it from the Derby Shack to more of a spit visitor center location. They didn't come to agreement on whether to increase the funds or how the fund might be used. City Manager Koester suggested if the intent is to discuss a budget amendment, and they are okay with the marketing agreement, they approve the resolution as is, and then direct her to

CITY OF HOMER  
HOMER, ALASKA

RESOLUTION 96- 27

A RESOLUTION OF THE HOMER CITY COUNCIL OFFICIALLY  
DESIGNATING THE SEAFARER'S MEMORIAL AS A "PARK" FOR THE  
PURPOSE OF IT BEING INCLUDED ON THE LIST OF CITY PARK LAND  
AND ELIGIBLE FOR CITY MAINTENANCE..

WHEREAS, there is approximately 95.51 combined acres now designated as City land now used for parks and recreation, (45.28 acres officially designated and 50.23 acres unofficially designated); and

WHEREAS, the Homer City Council approved the area for Seafarer's Memorial on 26 November 1990, by Memorandum 90-230, defined as 10,000 square feet (100' X 100') located within Lot 31, Homer Spit Amended Subdivision; and

WHEREAS, the memorial has been completed; and

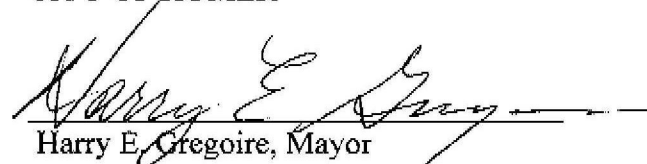
WHEREAS, the City of Homer has stated their intent that this land is for public purposes as well as requesting the Kenai Peninsula Borough to classify this 100' X 100' square feet area of land for public use as a park.

WHEREAS, an official park land is either dedicated as such on a plat or a deed of record.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Council of the City of Homer designate the SEAFARER'S MEMORIAL PARK as an official City park.

DATED this 8th day of April 1996 at Homer, Alaska.

CITY OF HOMER

  
Harry E. Gregoire, Mayor

ATTEST:

  
Mary Calhoun, City Clerk



# CITY OF HOMER

## CITY HALL

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MEMORANDUM 96-107

TO: Homer City Council

FROM: Harry E. Gregoire, Mayor *H.E.G.*

DATE: April 1, 1996

SUBJ: SEAFARER'S MEMORIAL PARK

As noted on the attached resolution we have two options for designating this as an officially recognized park for the City of Homer as noted in the Comprehensive Plan. We need to decide the formality of the parks designation.

A replat will cost approximately \$1500. or a survey/Metes and Bounds Description would cost approximately \$500, but this last option will not show up on a plat.

Currently maintenance is done by volunteers and members of the North Pacific Fisheries Association Inc.. This is a precautionary measure to insure continued maintenance in the event that volunteers no longer care for it.

### RECOMMENDATION:

It is recommended that we use the metes and bounds description method of formality for this purpose as it seems to be the most cost affective. We anticipate approximately \$500.

### FISCAL NOTE:

1. Survey/Metes and Bounds Description approximately \$500.
2. The possible maintenance costs have not been identified at this time.

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**Table 6-1**

## City Parkland

<u>Parks (1)</u>	<u>Acreage</u>
Karen Hornaday Park	40.00 acres
Bishop's Beach Park	2.10 acres
Jeffrey Park	.38 acres
Ben Walters Park	2.48 acres
Bayview Park	.06 acres
WKFL Park	<u>.26 acres</u>
<b>Sub-total Park Acreage</b>	<b>45.28 acres</b>

City Land unofficially designated for parks and recreation is as follows:

<u>Park/Recreation Area (2)</u>	<u>Acreage</u>
Harborside Park	1.50 (approximation)
Sterling Highway Park/RV Dump Station	1.73 acres
Kachemak Drive Sports Park (Proposed)	40.00 acres
Paul Banks Day Use Park (Proposed)	5.00 (approximation)
Mariner Park (Proposed)	<u>2.00 (approximation)</u>
<b>Sub-total Park/Recreation Acreage</b>	<b>50.23 acres</b>

**TOTAL PARKS/RECREATION ACREAGE    95.51 ACRES**

- (1)    An official parkland is that which is either dedicated as such on a plat or a deed of record.
- (2)    Park and Recreation areas do not include campgrounds or trails. These areas are used for recreational purpose, but have not yet been officially dedicated as such by plat or deed.

Source:            1989 City Planning Department Records and 1989 Kenai Peninsula Borough Tax Assessor Rolls

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policemen. She queried if an ordinance was required so that this type of mayhem could be adequately handled in the future.

City Manager Swackhammer advised that there is sufficient state laws which serve adequately this type of situation. He informed the Council that there had been arrests made that night.

Councilmember Ringer noting the hefty increase in building permits and suggested that this is another reason to eliminate sign permits particularly with the shortage of personnel in the Planning Department.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

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PENDING BUSINESS

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- A. Memorandum 90-230, from the City Planner to the City Manager,  
Re: SEAFARERS MEMORIAL

MEMORIAL/  
SEAFARER'S  
MEMORIAL

HENRY/RINGER - MOVED FOR THE ADOPTION OF THE RECOMMENDATIONS OF MEMORANDUM 90-230. (Recommendation: Approve the North Pacific Fisheries Association, Inc. request for approximately 10,000 square feet, or a 100 X 100 foot area to be located within Lot 31, Homer Spit Amended Subdivision, to be used as a Seafarer's Memorial.)

Councilmember McHone expressed concern with the location, wanting to make certain that this would not be in the way of any dredging efforts or other required work.

Councilmember Ringer allayed his concerns, adding that this is a culmination of a long process and has been reviewed very carefully with numerous locations. This location has been selected for its visibility and accessibility and has met all qualifying criteria. Mr. Ringer advised that there is only one or one and a half years more of filing needed before moving to a new location.

VOTE: YES: HANOSKI, SWEIVEN, GODFREY, RINGER, HENRY, MCHONE.

Motion carried.

RESOLUTIONS

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- A. RESOLUTION 90-85, OF THE HOMER CITY COUNCIL NAMING UNNAMED  
RIGHT-OF-WAY WOODSIDE AVENUE.

ROADS/STREETS  
WOODSIDE AVE.



# CITY OF HOMER

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MEMORANDUM 90-230

TO: C. E. SWACKHAMMER, CITY MANAGER *CS*  
FROM: EILEEN R. BECHTOL, CITY PLANNER *ERB*  
DATE: NOVEMBER 20, 1990  
SUBJECT: SEAFARER'S MEMORIAL

The North Pacific Fisheries Association, Inc. has requested that the City of Homer designate an approximate 10,000 square foot area on the Homer Spit for a Seafarer's Memorial. The property requested is contained within Lot 31, Homer Spit Amended Subdivision, located on the west side of the Spit across from Fish Dock Road. The proposed dedication would be an approximate 100 foot x 100 foot section of the lot, which is zoned Open Space Recreation.

The purpose of the proposed memorial is to honor and remember those lost at sea and to provide a place where families and friends can go pay their respects. The North Pacific Fisheries Association, Inc. is currently requesting design ideas from the community.

The Port and Harbor Commission reviewed the proposal at the September 19, 1990 meeting and approved the concept of a Seafarer's Memorial at the proposed location. The Lease Negotiating Committee reviewed the proposal and voice non-objection.

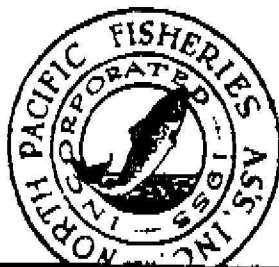
### Recommendation

The Homer City Council approve the North Pacific Fisheries Association, Inc. request for approximately 10,000 square feet, or a 100 x 100 foot area to be located within Lot 31, Homer Spit Amended Subdivision, to be used as a Seafarer's Memorial.

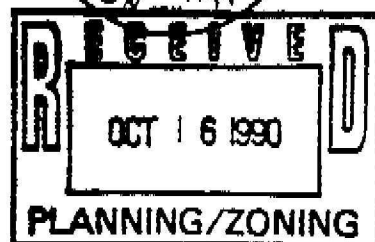
### Attachments

1. Letter from NPFA, received 10/16/90
2. Vicinity Map
3. Port and Harbor Commission meeting minutes, dated 9/19/90





## *North Pacific Fisheries Association, Inc.*



HEADQUARTERS:

BOX 796 • HOMER ALASKA 99603

### **SEAFARER'S MEMORIAL**

The purpose of the Seafarer's Memorial will be to honor and remember those lost at sea and to provide a place where families and friends can come to pay their respects. It will also serve as a tribute to all the community members who earn their living on the seas.

The Memorial will also be a place where groups may hold memorial services, blessings of the fleet and similar services.

The City of Homer has proposed a portion of the Homer Spit for the Seafarer's Memorial Park. The proposed site is an area 100' x 100' on the west side of the Spit across from Fish Dock Road.

The Seafarer's Memorial Park Committee is accepting ideas for the Seafarer's Memorial Park. The committee has tried to put as few guidelines on the idea stage of the Seafarer's Memorial Park as possible so as not to limit the imagination and/or creativity of any one person or group with an idea.

The guidelines are: (1) Positive, (2) Uplifting and (3) May depict, but not limited to the diverse uses and activities of the sea.

Submissions of ideas may be a total concept of the entire 100' x 100' proposed Seafarer's Memorial Park or any part of the proposed area.

Submissions must include: (1) Name (2) Address (3) Phone Number. Please send submissions to NPFA at the above address or leave with Homer Secretarial Services at 1213 Ocean Drive, Homer, before January 31st, 1991.

For further information contact any of the following:

Alan Parks  
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Ken Hinkie  
235-3429

Evan Cundiff  
235-8831

Judy Winn  
235-8712

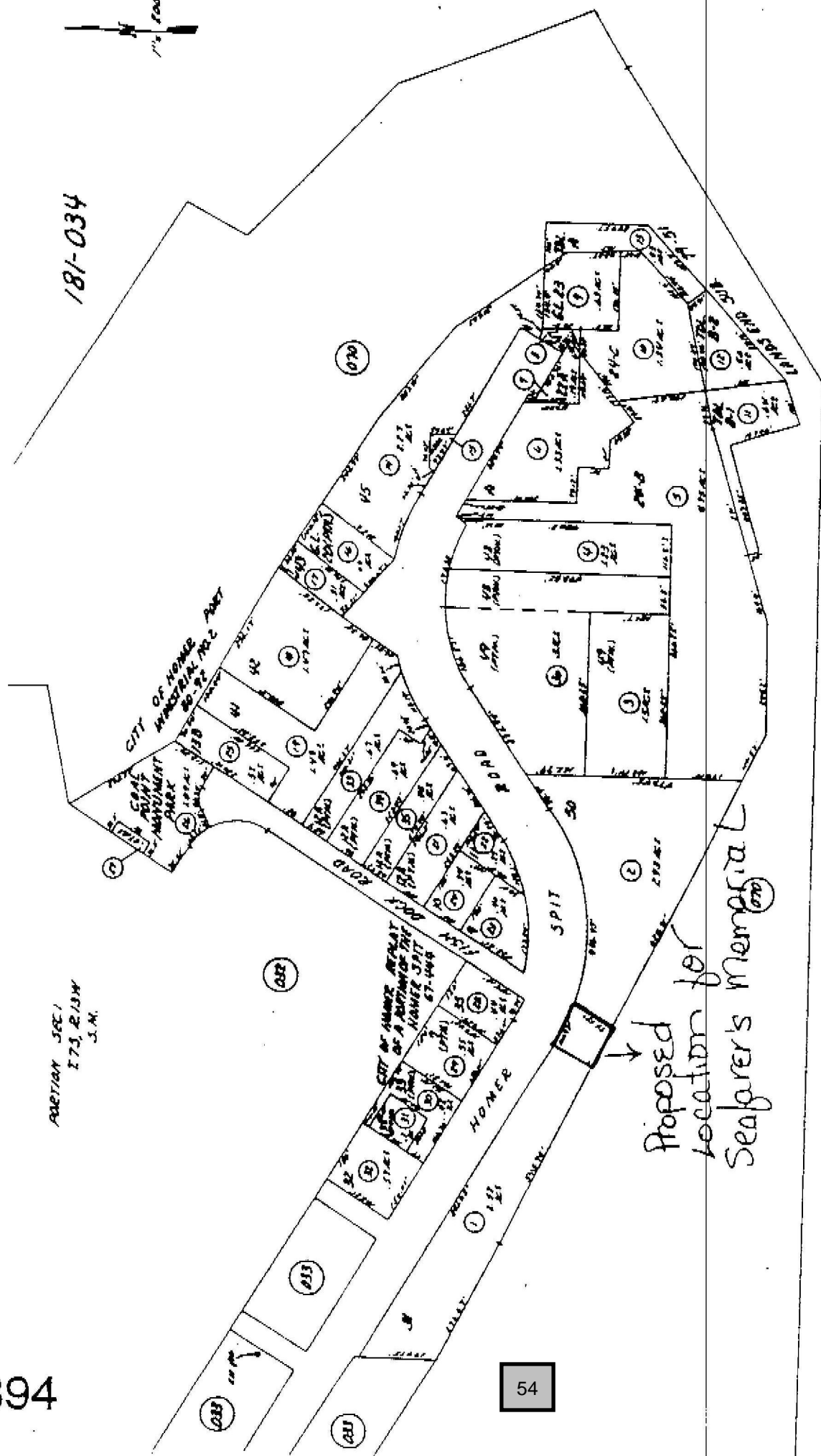
Doug Cougenhower  
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Rick Wise  
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Lou Lovelace  
235-6134

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HONER SPIT AMENDED  
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Assessor's Map  
Kenai Peninsula Borough, Alaska

NOTE - Assessor's Block Numbers Shown in Ellipses  
Assessor's Parcel Numbers Shown in Circles

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a thirty day/one year cancellation clause, it made it difficult to do any costly improvements and development. He said he was serious about continuing improvements and would like an additional 36,000 square feet to work with, basically one hundred feet on top of the current space on Lot 49. He understood that the City was trying to hold land for the "highest and best use." He felt with the new deep water dock and staging on the 30 Acres that the time might be right that camping is the highest and best use of the area by the old dock. He asked the Commission to support his request for additional space for further expansion of the campground to include water and sewer hookup.

Chairman Vanderbrink complimented Mr. Chapple on his campground operation. He stated he had no objection to Mr. Chapple's request for additional space but recommended the expansion be on the lower part of Lot 48 rather than Lot 49. He reminded the Commission that the State was negotiating with the City for staging ground in that area. Further, that under the current contract with Oceantrawl which gives them the right to sell their interest in the Deep Water Dock (basically making it a private dock), the City should maintain staging area near the City Dock.

Mr. Christopher asked Mr. Chapple that instead of adding the one hundred feet on top of their existing lot, would he consider continuing the lot line across Lot 48 behind the City impound yard, basically dividing that lot in two. Mr. Chapple was in agreement.

Chairman Vanderbrink recommended the City investigate purchasing the beachfront property currently owned by FDIC extending towards Lands End. This land is currently designated open space recreational.

The Commission took a break at 8:30 p.m. - the meeting resumed at 8:50 p.m.

HINKLE/KLINKER - MOTION TO THE CITY COUNCIL THAT THE PORT AND HARBOR COMMISSION RECOMMENDS THAT IF REQUESTED THE HOMER SPIT CAMPGROUND BE EXTENDED FROM ITS PRESENT LOCATION ON LOT 49 SOUTH TO LOT 48.

The motion passed unanimously.

B. Alan Parks - Seafarers' Memorial

Mr. Parks informed the Commission that he was there on behalf of the Seafarers' Memorial Committee of which Commissioner Hinkle was also a member. He related the general purpose was to honor

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persons lost at sea and that the Committee's initial goal was to alert people of the concept. They were working on raising funds, choosing an appropriate site, developing guidelines for memorial monument, establishing a list of supporters and people willing to donate time or money, and much more. The Committee had tentatively picked two locations: at the end of Fish Dock Road looking west and on the overslope (harbor boardwalk), in particular near the Harbormaster's Office. He informed the Commission that the Seafarers' Memorial Committee would meet next Tuesday to chose the location.

Commissioner Hinkle asked what was required to get land dedicated for that use, basically asking for approximately one hundred feet of road frontage on the property where the dredge spills were deposited.

Mr. Christopher responded it would have to be surveyed and then go before the Kenai Peninsula Borough. He suggested they contact Planning and Zoning Department at City Hall.

Commissioner Hinkle responded that maybe "dedicated" was not the correct word as the Committee was only asking the City to allow the memorial to be constructed in the area without changing the lot line. Mr. Christopher said this was possible but it would always belong to the City. Both Commissioner Hinkle and Mr. Parks felt this would be agreeable to the Seafarers' Memorial Committee.

Planning and Zoning Commissioner Anderson responded that the lot line would not have to be changed but what would come before his commission was whether it would be consistent with the Homer Comprehensive Plan. If it was not, it would require a change at the Borough level. If anything else (structure) went on that site, it would require zoning changes as there can only be one principal use on a lot. It would require a variance for conditional use as that area is zoned as open space recreational.

Mr. Parks stated he would like to see the area be primarily a seafarers' memorial and not be surrounded by other uses such as camping. He personally felt the area across from Fish Dock Road was appropriate as it was very visible and boats coming and going from the harbor would be reminded of people lost at sea.

VANDERBRINK/HINKLE - MOTION TO THE CITY COUNCIL THAT THE PORT AND HARBOR COMMISSION WISHES TO AGAIN SUPPORT THE CONCEPT OF A SEAFARERS' MEMORIAL LOCATED ON THE WEST END OF FISH DOCK ROAD OR ELSEWHERE IN THE HARBOR AREA.

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The motion passed unanimously.

Mr. Parks said he had learned from Eileen Bechtel that the memorial was listed as a Capital Improvement Project. The Committee felt the memorial fund should have at least \$90,000 before construction began and if they could get matching funds, the money could be easily raised.

VANDERBRINK/KRANICH - MOTION TO THE CITY COUNCIL THAT THE PORT AND HARBOR COMMISSION RECOMMENDS THAT THE SEAFARERS' MEMORIAL AS PART OF THE 1990 THROUGH 1995 CAPITAL IMPROVEMENT PROGRAM BE ON A ONE FOR FOUR DOLLAR BASIS NOT TO EXCEED \$25,000.

The motion passed unanimously.

INFORMATIONAL ITEMS

STAFF REPORT

COMMENTS OF THE AUDIENCE

COMMENTS OF THE COMMISSION

Commissioner Vanderbrink notified the Commission he would not be present at the next two meetings.

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business to come before the Commission, the meeting was adjourned at 9:40 p.m. The next regular meeting is scheduled for October 17, 1990.

Ruth A. Hall, Secretary



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## MEMORANDUM

To: Parks, Arts, Recreation, and Culture Advisory Commission.

From: Matt Steffy, Parks Maintenance Coordinator

Date: February 20<sup>th</sup>, 2020

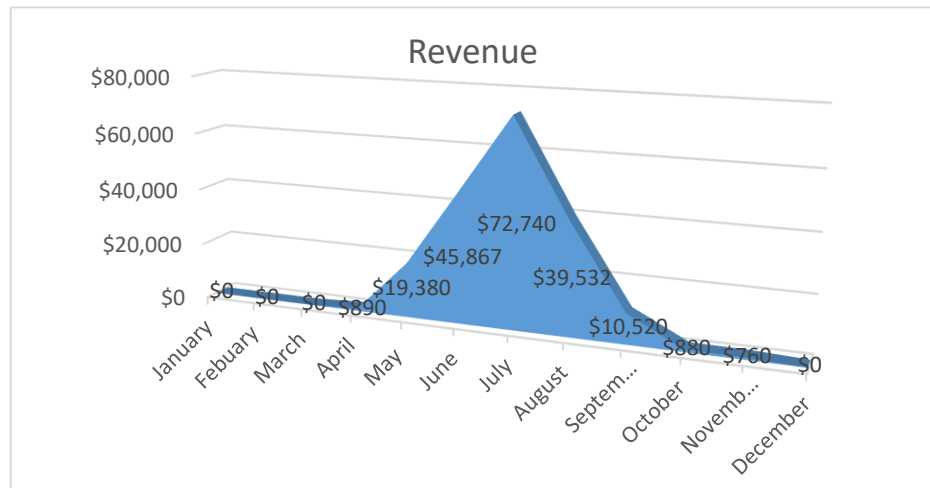
Subject: Greatest Parks in the Universe Staff Report

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- See attached for 2019 Annual Report
  - There has been no camping at City facilities in this period, but our Camp Host at Fishing Hole has kept busy interacting with our seasonal users and communicating with me over concerns.
  - Staff have been working with the Friends of the Homer Skatepark, a local group of motivated citizens who are forming under the fiscal umbrella of the Homer Foundation in cooperation with the City to raise funds for safety improvements and new elements.
  - I have been making some edits to the website to improve content. Aaron Yeaton created a series of maps for our campgrounds that incorporate ArcGIS online viewer. This viewer has replaced the Google Maps link on each page for directions and orientation.
  - The Hickerson Cemetery viewer has also gone online. It is linked off of the Hickerson Page under Clerks Office.
  - Staff have continued on the process of formulating an effective User Agreement for Softball.
  - The 20/21 budget includes \$10,000 for replacing Banners and Christmas Decorations for Pioneer Avenue. We will be holding off for one year at the request of the Administration to allow for completion of the Streetscape/Wayfinding Plan. Funds allocated in the Capital Projects Budget are available for three years.
  - Staff are coordinating a bench donation to the City of Homer. The family of a deceased former resident would like a bench on the Spit Trail overlooking Mud Bay. Location and bench selection have been made.
  - City Parks have hosted numerous events, including the annual New Year's Fireworks Display at Mariner Park, a Remembrance for the Scandies Rose at the Seafarers Memorial, and several marches and demonstrations at WKFL.
  - Staff have been working with Cycle Logical, Port & Harbor, and Administration to coordinate the placement of three bike rental stations. One each at Ramp 2, Fishing Hole Campground, and the Airport. Bikes are accessed via mobile app, and can be picked up and dropped off at the different locations.
  - We are already plugging events into the 2020 Pavilion Calendar.
  - Public Works Director selection process update: Tentative selection has been made. Candidate is from the Kenai Peninsula, a former City of Homer Engineer, and also has a strong legal background. She will be flying in on February 25<sup>th</sup> for an in-person interview and meetings.

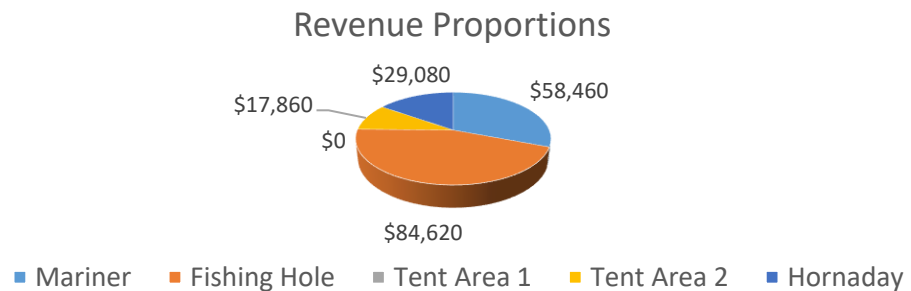
## 2019 City of Homer Camping Report

Total Camping	9,501
Total People	17,522
Total Revenue	\$190,569

Monthly	Camping	People	Revenue
January	0	0	\$0
February	0	0	\$0
March	0	0	\$0
April	46	77	\$890
May	967	1,729	\$19,380
June	2,290	4,227	\$45,867
July	3,629	6,548	\$72,740
August	1,956	3,750	\$39,532
September	525	1,030	\$10,520
October	44	93	\$880
November	44	68	\$760
December	0	0	\$0



By Campground	Camping	Revenue
Mariner	2,923	\$58,460
Fishing Hole	4,231	\$84,620
Tent Area 1	0	\$0
Tent Area 2	893	\$17,860
Hornaday	1,454	\$29,080







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### MEMORANDUM

To: Parks, Arts, Recreation and Culture Commission  
From: Mike Illg, Community Recreation Manager  
Date: 2/13/2020  
Re: Community Recreation Update

The City of Homer Community Recreation programs continues to be very busy the past few months. Here is an update on what has happened in addition to what is on the horizon.

The two Telluride Mountain film shows on January 17<sup>th</sup> and 18<sup>th</sup> were a success we had over 450 in the audience between the two shows.

The Adult Basketball League is wrapping up. We have 7 teams, 85 individual players and 62 games played.

We will be starting a new Youth Volleyball program for youth in 4<sup>th</sup> to 8<sup>th</sup> grade that happen April to May at West Homer gymnasium.

We offered two separate Youth Basketball programs that met twice a week for two months long each session. We had at least 25 kids at each session and this was held in the HERC gym.

The 2<sup>nd</sup> Annual Kachemak Bay Traditional Games/NYO will be taking place at Homer High on March 6<sup>th</sup> and 7<sup>th</sup>.

We are now offering a new opportunity to play pickleball at the HERC. We call it "Flex Play" where a volunteer will open the gym for non-traditional times for a combination of private and public play.

I am working on a proposal for funding a temporary staff person to offer youth sports programs during the summer months. This position will work for 200 hours and the cost would ideally would be covered by the participation fees. This is still to be determined.

We had to cancel evening pickup basketball due to the fact we cannot get into the gym until after 8:30pm as a result of high school basketball practice schedule. The 8:30-10:00 pm time slot is too late for community members and we will be able to get back to an earlier start time once HHS basketball season is over in mid-March.

We are now offering a Contemporary Dance Class on Wednesday evenings at Homer High Green Room.

We have donated punch cards for the City of Homer volunteer firefighters to utilize the weight room at the high school. It is great to see the increase in participation!

The Spring-Summer catalog will be out in early March.



In 2019, the Community Recreation program generated approximately \$40,000 in participation fees in which \$17,000 of this revenue came from activities in the HERC.


Attachments:

February 2020 Recreation Schedule of Events


March 2020 Recreation Schedule of Events

Kachemak Bay Traditional Games 2020 Flyer

# FEBRUARY 2020

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
	<b>Color Key</b> <b>BLACK</b> =Homer High <b>BLUE</b> =Homer Middle <b>PURPLE</b> =HERC <b>RED</b> =Cancellation <b>GREEN</b> = West Homer	<b>DISCLAIMER:</b> <b>ALL ACTIVITIES ARE</b> <b>SUBJECTED TO</b> <b>CHANGE OR BEING</b> <b>CANCELLED WITH</b> <b>LIMITED NOTIFICATION</b>				1  11am-1pm ZUMBA at HERC 5-7pm PICKLEBALL at HERC 4-8:30pm ADULT BASKETBALL LEAGUE at HHS
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# MARCH 2020

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# **Kachemak Bay Traditional Games**

**March 6-7, 2020**

**Homer High School**

**600 E. Fairview Ave.**

**Homer, AK**

## **Friday, March 6, 2020**

12:00pm Opening of the 2nd Annual Kachemak Bay Traditional Games  
12:30pm Coaches/Officials Meeting  
1:00pm Kneel Jump  
2:00pm Two-Foot High Kick  
3:30pm Scissor Broad Jump  
4:30pm Eskimo Stick Pull  
6:00pm Wrist Carry  
7:30pm Medals Ceremony

## **Saturday, March 7, 2020**

9:00am Coaches/Officials Meeting  
9:30am Indian Stick Pull  
11:00am Alaskan High Kick  
12:30pm Medals Ceremony  
Lunch– On Your Own  
1:30pm Arm Pull (Juniors)  
One-Hand Reach (Seniors)  
3:00pm One-Foot High Kick  
4:30pm Seal Hop  
5:30pm Medals Ceremony  
Sportsmanship Awards  
Closing of the Games

**\*Schedule Subject To Change**

Contact: Mark & Megan Gordon  
614-588-2699 or 614-588-2704

**Kachemak Bay Traditional Games & the Homer Halibuts would like to thank our Sponsors and Supporters**



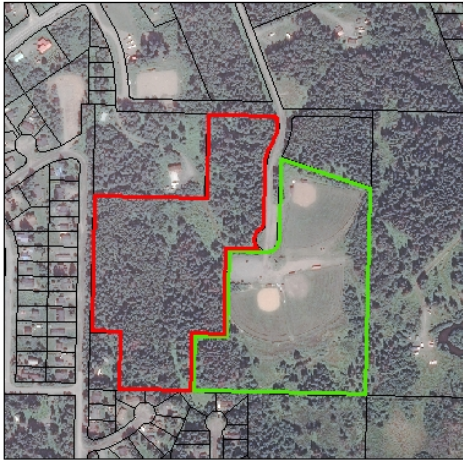




## Memorandum 20-026

TO: Parks, Art, Recreation and Culture Advisory Commission  
THROUGH: Homer City Council  
FROM: Councilmember Smith  
DATE: February 10, 2020  
SUBJECT: Consideration of lot for sale adjacent to Jack Gist Park

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The purpose of this memo is to solicit input from the Parks Art Recreation and Culture Advisory Commission (PARCAC) on the potential purchase of a lot adjacent to Jack Gist Park that has recently been listed for sale at \$285,000.

During the planning phase of Jack Gist Park, this lot was considered for future soccer fields and equestrian areas. In recent years, a smaller 2.33 lot adjacent to the park was for sale. PARCAC recommended against purchasing it because that lot was too small to add much utility to the park, and this 14.84 acres parcel was much more desirable, if it ever came up for sale.

### Questions for PARCAC to consider:

- Does the Commission see value in owning this lot for future growth of the park?
- Is purchasing this lot the best use of limited funds designated for parks and recreation? (Estimated 2021 ending balance of Parks Reserve account is \$122,736.)
- What would PARCAC recommend for future development of the land?
- If the whole lot was not available, what portions of the land would they like to have and for what priorities/ purposes?
- Would PARCAC recommend the City offer to purchase a 100 foot buffer between the existing parks and potential residential development if the parcel is subdivided?



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TO: Homer Planning Commission  
FROM: Julie Engebretsen, Deputy City Planner  
DATE: February 12, 2020  
SUBJECT: Hornaday Park Land Acquisition

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### Introduction

There is a large parcel of land for sale, directly west of Hornaday Park. Park facilities including the campground road and one campsite are estimated to encroach over 130 feet onto this land. Staff recommends a work session be scheduled to discuss this property and some potential solutions. I have spoken with one of the listing agents and she is aware of the encroachment. She said she would present any solutions to the land owner for his review. The land is almost 40 acres, and listed for \$929,000.

There are a couple possible solutions, and they are fairly technical. Staff recommends a work session on Wednesday March 11, 4:00pm, for one hour to review some possible solutions. A final recommendation back to Council can be voted upon at the following Thursday regular meeting.

### Analysis

The City clearly has some improvements on this neighboring lot. As a responsible land owner, now is the time to work through a resolution with the current land owner. Solutions include moving these improvements off the lot, or buying and replatting the properties so the City owns the land where the road and campsite are. The process of moving lot lines has many rules and I suggest taking the time to think about some big picture solutions in the area. Related planning efforts in this area include the Karen Hornaday Park plan, and the Woodard Creek Plan.

**Staff Recommendation:** Have a work session to discuss some solutions. Staff will provide some scenarios ahead of time for your input.

### Attachments

1/31/2020 Map  
Area Map





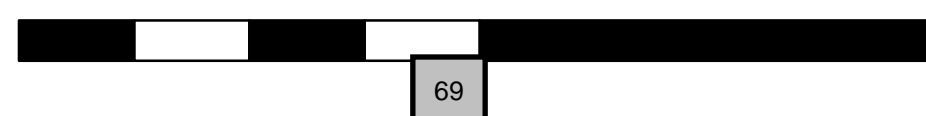


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# KAREN HORNADAY CAMPGROUND/ TERRA BELLA BOUNDARY

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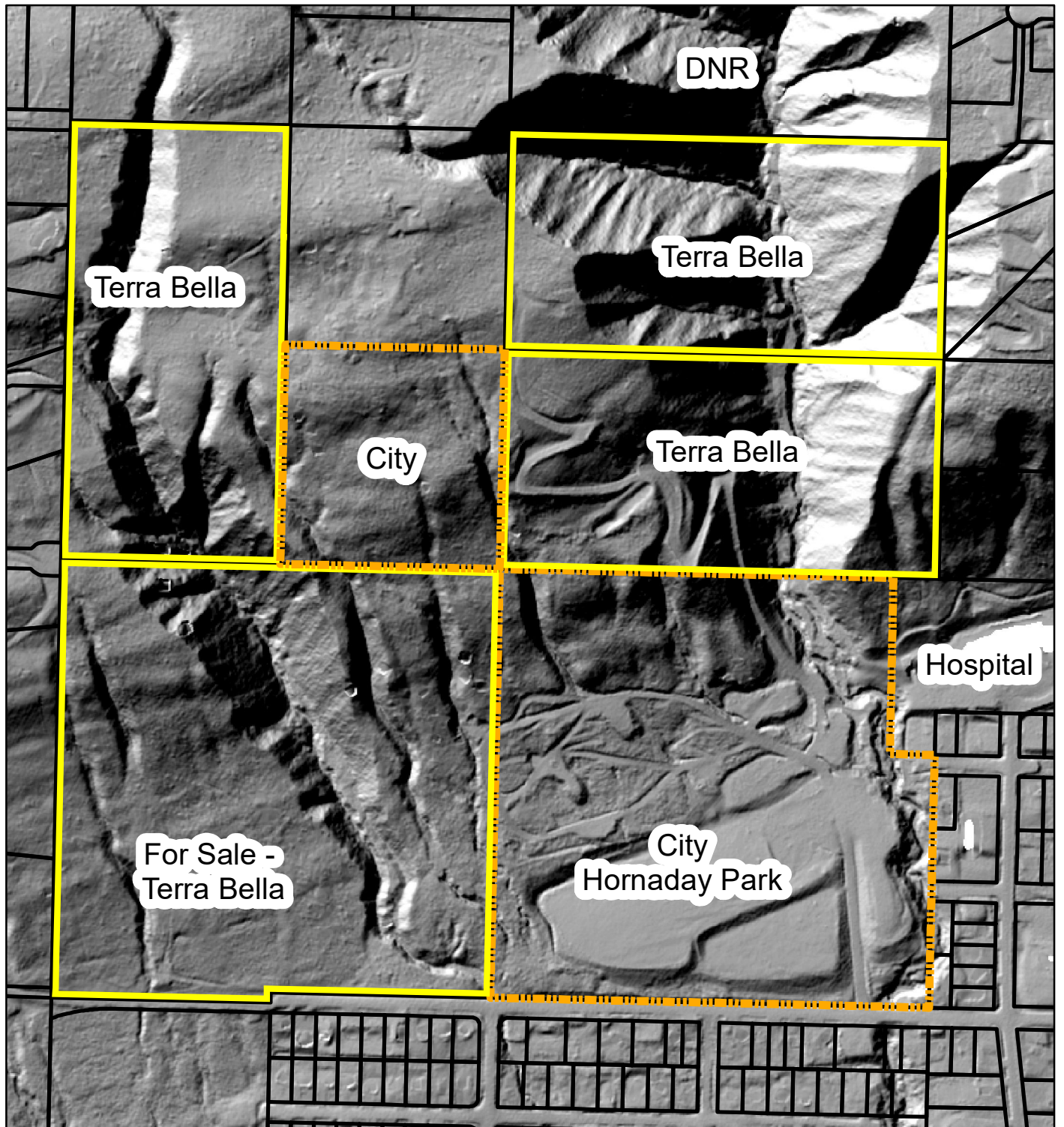
## Legend

- Terra Bella Property
- Parcels
- GPS Measurements

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2/12/2020

## Hillshade Area Map

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## Memorandum 20-003

TO: Mayor Castner and Homer City Council

FROM: Councilmember Lord

DATE: January 8, 2020

SUBJECT: Request for PARCAC to Evaluate Parking Barrier Solutions at Karen Hornaday Park

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In 2018, the City Council passed Ordinance 18-37 funding traffic calming and safety improvements at Karen Hornaday Park. The project is substantially complete; the last stage is a gravel trail from the restroom south that will be completed in the spring.

The Karen Hornaday Park Master Plan calls for re-alignment and reconfiguration of the park access road. Until such time as funding is identified for that project, temporary improvements to direct pedestrians and vehicles were installed by Public Works with funding from Ordinance 18\*-37. In some instances, creosote-coated telephone poles provided by HEA were put in place to act as a parking barrier to channel car and foot traffic. According to Public Works, they are the best option to use for this purpose because they can withstand the elements for a long time but can easily be removed. However, creosote is a known toxic substance, and may not be the best location given the number of children coming through this parking area. Also according to Public Works, other options considered for this purpose were concrete wheel stops (difficult to install in gravel and get abused by snow plows) and boulders (more expensive and can damage vehicles). A concrete curb and gutter combination would have been the best and permanent solution however both the budget for the Park's improvements and the recommendations made by the 2009 Master Plan do not allow for this work.

I would like the Parks, Art, Recreation, and Culture Advisory Commission (PARCAC) to evaluate parking barrier solutions that could be used to channel foot and car traffic, with specific consideration given to the potential impact to public health with the current creosote-treated poles. PARCAC can then weigh all the proposed options and provide feedback to Council that can be taken into consideration for current and future development work.

Enc:

October 2019 Progress Report on Karen Hornadady Parking Lot Access/Safety Improvements  
Ordinance 18-37

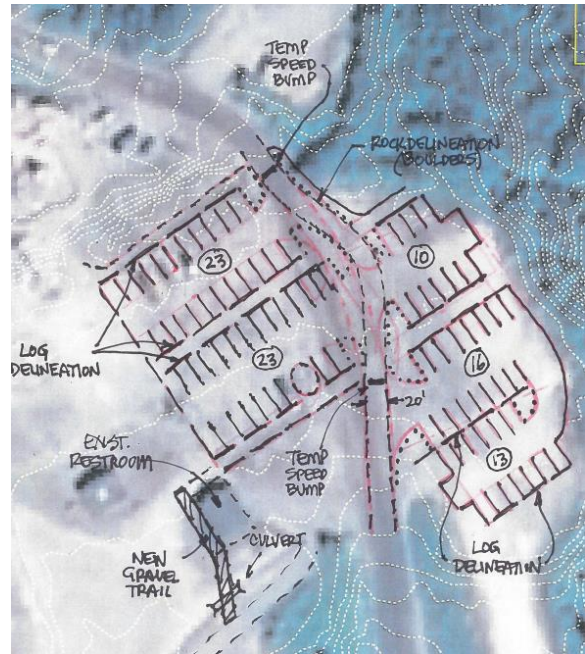


## **PROGRESS REPORT**

### **KAREN HORNADAY PARKING LOT ACCESS/SAFETY IMPROVEMENTS**

This project (sponsored by Councilmember Tom Stroozas) is substantially complete. The park access road has been realigned to provide traffic calming and encourage slower vehicular speed through the parking area below the campground. Boulders have been placed to delineate this realignment and create medians that protect pedestrians crossing the access road. Logs have been placed to better delineate the parking areas and create protected corridors for pedestrians moving from the parking lot to the park.

Speed limit and crosswalk signs will be installed this week to further delineate the new traffic patterns. Speed bumps and speed bump signage have been ordered and will be installed next spring to finish the improvements approved by the Council in the 2019 capital budget.



**Original improvement plan**



**Looking north toward the campground**





**Looking south down the new access road realignment**



**Typical protected pedestrian access corridor**





**CITY OF HOMER  
HOMER, ALASKA**

Stroozas

**ORDINANCE 18-37**

AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF HOMER, ALASKA,  
AMENDING THE 2018 CAPITAL BUDGET BY APPROPRIATING UP TO  
\$48,590 FROM THE HOMER ACCELERATED ROADS/TRAILS PROGRAM  
(HART) FOR TRAFFIC CALMING AND SAFETY IMPROVEMENTS ON  
KAREN HORNADAY PARK ROAD.

WHEREAS, Karen Hornaday Park Improvements, Phase 2 is a project on the Capital  
Improvements Plan that focuses on safe access to the Park by relocating the access road; and

WHEREAS, In 2012 the cost of relocating the access road was estimated at \$726,000; and

WHEREAS, Safety improvements such as traffic calming, parking lot improvements and  
dedicated pedestrian corridors will greatly increase safety at a much lower cost without  
prohibiting a future project that moves the road when funding becomes available; and

WHEREAS, Memorandum 18-041 from the Homer City Council requests the Parks Art  
Recreation and Culture Advisory Commission (PARCAC) to generate recommendations for safety  
access improvements at Karen Hornaday Park; and

WHEREAS, Recommended safety improvements from PARCAC included shifting the road  
slightly east at the upper portion of the existing parking lot, defining the edges of the parking lots  
with boulders, installing speed bumps and organizing parking; and

WHEREAS, The project should install permanent concrete stops and landscaping  
shrubbery whenever possible to prolong the life span of the improvement and visual appeal; and

WHEREAS, PARCAC also recommended improving the trail on the west side of the access  
road to ADA standards which is not addressed in this ordinance.

NOW, THEREFORE, THE CITY OF HOMER ORDAINS:

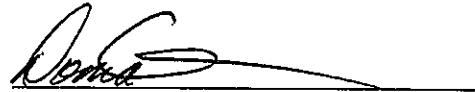
Section 1. The FY 2018 Capital Budget is hereby amended by appropriating up to \$48,590  
from the Homer Accelerated Roads/Trails Fund (HART) for Karen Hornaday Park Traffic Calming  
and Safety Improvements.

<u>Account No.</u>	<u>Description</u>	<u>Amount</u>
620-0375 (HART)	KHP Traffic Calming and Safety Improvements	\$48,590

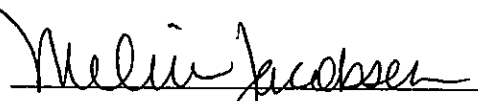
Section 2. This is a budget amendment ordinance, is not permanent in nature, and shall not be codified.

ENACTED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF HOMER, ALASKA, this 8<sup>th</sup> day of October, 2018.

CITY OF HOMER

  
DONNA ADERHOLD, MAYOR PRO TEM

ATTEST:

  
MELISSA JACOBSEN, MMC, CITY CLERK



YES: 5  
NO: 0  
ABSTAIN: 0  
ABSENT: 1

First Reading: 8.13.18  
Public Hearing: 8.27.18  
Second Reading: 10.8.18  
Effective Date: 10.9.18

Reviewed and approved as to form:

  
Katie Koester, City Manager

Date: 10.10.18

  
Holly Wells, City Attorney

Date: 10.30.18



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To: Parks, Art, Recreation and Culture Advisory Commission  
From: Julie Engebretsen, Deputy City Planner  
Date: February 12, 2020  
Subject: Beach Policy Review

Requested Action: Skim the plan on-line and bring up anything that catches your eye!

At the meeting, we will use the city website to go through the highlights of the plan. No action is requested from the Commission. The purpose of reviewing the plan is to familiarize PARCAC with city facilities and any long-term plans. I expect to spend 10-15 minutes on the plan during the meeting.

<https://www.cityofhomer-ak.gov/cityclerk/beach-policy>



**PARKS ART RECREATION & CULTURE ADVISORY COMMISSION ANNUAL CALENDAR**  
**FOR THE 2020 MEETING SCHEDULE**

<b><u>MEETING DATE</u></b>	<b><u>SCHEDULED EVENTS OR AGENDA ITEM</u></b>
JANUARY 2020	No Meeting Scheduled
FEBRUARY 2020	COMPREHENSIVE PLAN/KAREN HORNADAY PARK PLAN REQUEST LETTER TO THE EDITOR TOPICS IN STAFF REPORT
MARCH 2020	LETTER TO THE EDITOR DRAFT FOR PUBLICATION IN APRIL
APRIL 2019	3 YEAR BUDGET TRENDS/FINANCIAL GOALS
MAY 2020	SPRING PARK &/ OR BEACH WALK THROUGH
JUNE 2020	REVIEW CAPITAL IMPROVEMENT PLAN & RECOMMENDATIONS FOR NEW PROJECT(S) IF ANY LETTER TO THE EDITOR TOPICS REQUESTED (IN STAFF REPORT)
JULY 2020	NO MEETING SCHEDULED
AUGUST 2020	LETTER TO THE EDITOR DRAFT SUBMITTED FOR REVIEW & APPROVAL
SEPTEMBER 2020	FALL PARK WALK THROUGH AND BEACH WALK; SCHEDULE KHP CLEAN UP DAY REAPPOINTMENT APPLICATIONS ARE DUE
OCTOBER 2020	REVIEW AND APPROVE THE 2020 MEETING SCHEDULE LETTER TO THE EDITOR ELECTIONS
NOVEMBER 2020	BEACH POLICY REVIEW
DECEMBER 2019	NO MEETING SCHEDULED HAPPY HOLIDAYS!

**PARKS ART RECREATION & CULTURE ADVISORY COMMISSION ANNUAL CALENDAR**  
**FOR THE 2020 MEETING SCHEDULE**

Quarterly: Letters to the editor updating the Community on PARCAC activities

Odd Years: Comprehensive Plan (February) Strategic Plan review (March), Diamond Creek Plan (May), Camping Fees (May), Beach Policy (October), Art Policies

Even Years: HNMTTP, Karen Hornaday Park Plan, 3 year budget trends & progress toward financial goals (April/May)

**2020 HOMER CITY COUNCIL MEETINGS  
ADVISORY COMMISSION/ BOARD ATTENDANCE**

Commissions are invited to report to the City Council at the Council's regular meetings under Item 8 – Announcements/Presentations/Borough Report/Commission Reports. This is the Commission's opportunity to give Council a brief update on their work. Generally the Commissioner who will be reporting will attend one of the two meetings for the month they are scheduled to attend.

The 2020 meeting dates for City Council is as follows:

January 13, 27	_____
February 10, 24	_____
March 9, 23	_____
April 13, 27	_____
May 11, 26*	_____
June 8, 22	_____
July 27**	_____
August 10, 24	_____
September 14, 28	_____
October 12, 26	_____
November 23**	_____
December 14, 21****	_____

City Council's Regular Committee of the Whole Meeting at 5:00 pm to no later than 5:50 pm prior to every Regular Meeting which are held the second and fourth Monday of each month at 6:00 pm.

\*Tuesday meeting due to Memorial Day

\*\* There will be no first regular meeting in July or November.

\*\*\*Council traditionally reschedules regular meetings that fall on holidays or high school graduation days, for the following Tuesday.

\*\*\*\*Council traditionally cancels the last regular meeting in December and holds the first regular meeting and one to two special meetings as needed. Generally the second special meeting in the third week of December will not be held.



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January 13<sup>th</sup>, 2020

George Overpeck

Organizer, Friends of the Homer Skate Park

Submitted electronically: [geopeck@gmail.com](mailto:geopeck@gmail.com)

Mr. Overpeck,

The City of Homer supports the Friends of the Homer Skate Park's (FOHSP) efforts to rehabilitate the skate park with the understanding the future of current location of the park (HERC grounds) is uncertain. Staff have reviewed the improvements suggested, and approves of FOHSP working on the below listed projects with Public Works and Parks Division oversight; all projects must be reviewed by City staff and a Memorandum of Understanding will need to be signed before work can commence.

1. Remove the two least used elements (spine ramp and double height box) and build a wood frame, steel surface manual pad. The manual pad is a low platform (roughly 8" high, 10-14' long, 4-8' wide) that can be used at a range of skill levels.
2. Move the fun box which is currently on the south side a bit further north to a more central position. As it's currently positioned riders have to push slightly uphill to access the hip and it makes what would otherwise be the best piece of equipment there fairly tough to use.
3. The steps and handrail on that same fun box unit are almost entirely unused due to the lack of ability to carry speed into them, they could be replaced with another banked or transitioned ramp to make a great central hit from either direction. The handrail is the most challenging and dangerous piece of equipment there, even riders with high risk tolerance don't use it. Replacement with another transition changes it to a less challenging hit that opens a lot of skill building opportunities.
4. Transition plates at the base of most ramps, especially the two quarter pipes that are on each end. Transition plates are narrow sheet metal strips placed at the base of the ramp that will buffer the bump a rider meets as they are going from pavement to steel and then back. Due to the design of these particular ramps, it's a bit difficult to maintain confidence and control while doing any tricks. This fix would benefit riders of all skill levels as well as addressing a serious safety issue.
5. Other improvements as approved by the City that address immediate safety concerns, could be removed to a new skate park location if the City chose to relocate the park, or are small improvements of limited scope and cost.

I appreciate the grassroots efforts of volunteers interested in improving the park. As the future of the HERC and grounds continues to evolve, I encourage FOHSP to participate in the conversations and make sure this user group is represented.



Best,



Katie Koester  
City Manager

CC:

Matt Steffy, Parks Maintenance Coordinator  
Julie Engebretsen, Deputy City Planner  
Mike Miller, Homer Foundation



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## Memorandum 20-024

TO: HOMER CITY COUNCIL  
FROM: MAYOR CASTNER  
DATE: FEBRUARY 4, 2020  
SUBJECT: RE-APPOINTMENTS TO THE PARKS, ART, RECREATION & CULTURES ADVISORY COMMISSION

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Clark Fair, Ingrid Harrauld and Peter Roedl are reappointed to the Parks, Art, Recreation & Culture Advisory Commission.

Clark Fair and Peter Roedl terms will expire The terms expire October 31, 2022.

Ingrid Harrauld's term will expire October 31, 2023.

**Recommendation:** Confirm the reappointments of Clark Fair, Ingrid Harrauld and Peter Roedl to the Parks, Art, Recreation & Culture Advisory Commission.