

Spit Parks & Recreation Committee



Thursday
November 3, 2011
Regular Meeting 6:00 p.m.



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

**MEETING NOTICE
REGULAR MEETING AGENDA**

- 1. CALL TO ORDER**
- 2. AGENDA APPROVAL**
- 3. APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES**
 - A. Meeting Synopsis for August 26, 2011 Page 5
- 3. PUBLIC COMMENTS UPON MATTERS ALREADY ON THE AGENDA**
- 5. RECONSIDERATION**
- 6. VISITORS**
- 7. STAFF & COUNCIL/COMMITTEE REPORTS/COMMISSION REPORTS**
- 8. PUBLIC HEARING(S)**
- 9. PENDING BUSINESS**
 - A. Developing a Strategic Plan – Discussion and Purpose Page 9
 - B. Discussion and Review of Completed Surveys on Mariner Park Page 11
 1. What to do with the Information Received
 - C. Discussion and Recommendation to Relocate the Entrance to Mariner Park Page 35
 1. Feasibility – Is this possible? Who is involved?
 2. Associated Costs
 3. Funding Avenues
- 10. NEW BUSINESS**
 - A. Discussion and Planning Meet the Trucks Event Page 37
 1. A date has been Set – May 19, 2011 Saturday
 2. What else is going to be scheduled?
 3. Where to find funding?
 - B. Discussion and Setting the Next Meeting Dates Page 39
- 11. INFORMATIONAL MATERIALS**
 - A. Memorandum to Mayor and City Council Recommendation to Support Construction and Installation of Vaulted Toilets at Mariner Park Page 41
 - B. Memorandum to Parks and Recreation Advisory Commission Page 43
 - C. Memorandum to Parks and Recreation Advisory Commission Upkeep And Maintenance on Restrooms on the Spit Page 45
- 12. COMMENTS OF THE AUDIENCE**
- 13. COMMENTS OF THE CITY STAFF**
- 14. COMMENTS OF THE COMMITTEE**
- 15. ADJOURNMENT/NEXT REGULAR MEETING IS SCHEDULED FOR _____**
_____ AT 5:30 P.M. All meetings scheduled to be held in the Homer City Hall Cowles Council Chambers located at 491 E. Pioneer Avenue, Homer, Alaska.

Spit Parks & Recreation Committee
Minutes August 26, 2011

Meeting called to order 1:10 P.M.

Members present: Robert Archibald and Tricia Lillibridge
Staff: Angie Otteson, Parks Maintenance Coordinator

Agenda Approval:

Agenda was approved by consensus of the committee.

Approval of the Minutes:

There were no minutes included for approval

Public Comments upon Matters Already on the Agenda:

There was no public present.

Reconsideration:

There were no items for reconsideration.

Visitors:

There were no Visitors scheduled.

Staff & Council /Committee Reports/Commission Reports:

Ms. Otteson reported briefly that she has requested a vault toilet for Mariner Park to be included in the 2012 Budget. The cost of a vault toilet is \$35,000. She opined that it could probably be done cheaper but this was the top dollar amount.

She stated that in order to possibly change the location of the entrance to Mariner Park would require a recommendation from this Committee submitted to the Parks and Recreation Advisory Commission. The Commission would have to submit a recommendation to City Council. She thought that it may be accomplished this using dredge spoils to build the recommended extension of the bike trail along the road. There may be some issue with concerns of wetlands and getting permission from Department of Transportation since it was a state road and this would be in the right of way. Piling could be driven to assist in expanding along the side of the road. Ms. Otteson stated that in October the pilings in the Pavilion will be replaced with logs provided by Commissioner Dave Brann. She confirmed that the request was submitted as a general fund request. Further discussion and comments were made on the type of toilets and the area they would be located; the port-a-potties that are used during the summer season.

ARCHIBALD/LILLIBRIDGE – MOVED TO SUBMIT A RECOMMENDATION TO THE PARKS AND RECREATION ADVISORY COMMISSION TO SUPPORT FUNDING, PURCHASE AND INSTALLATION OF VAULTED TOILETS FOR MARINER PARK.

This would be a structure similar in design and content as the facilities at Bishops Beach.

VOTE. YES. NON-OBJECTION. UNANIMOUS CONSENT.

Motion carried.

Chair Lillibridge stated that only 4% of the entire Spit is dedicated to parks and recreation. She stated that they initially decided that Mariner Park should be the first focus of this committee. She elaborated that they should look into possible grant funding for improvements. There are no fees charged to community group functions such as the Burning Basket. Staff was requested to see if the revenue collected could be determined and reported at the next meeting.

Chair Lillibridge suggested brain storming some ideas on getting improvements at the park. A brief discussion on organizing the area between the campers and day use occurred. Chair Lillibridge inquired if

everyone was interested in created a survey and go out Labor Day weekend and distribute to the visitors at the park.

The committee discussed and agreed on questions to include in a survey for the park.

Staff agreed to present information from this meeting and surveys received on behalf of the committee since they would be out of town.

There was a brief discussion on maintenance being done by public works parks personnel for restroom at the ramps on the spit. Staff indicated that there is currently a discussion being entertained with the Harbor on taking over the responsibility again.

Chair Lillibridge was strongly concerned with expressing support for the Harbor to take care of the maintenance thus relieving the additional expense being deducted from the general budget. It was agreed that expressing support from the committee to the commission would be appropriate.

ARCHIBALD/LILLIBRIDGE - MOVED TO RECOMMEND THAT THE PARKS AND RECREATION ADVISORY COMMISSION SUPPORT HAVING THE MAINTENANCE AND UPKEEP FOR THE HOMER HARBOR RESTROOMS LOCATED AT RAMPS 2, 4, 6, 5, 7 AND THE LOAD AND LAUNCH RAMP PERMANENTLY BY THE PORT AND HARBOR STARTING FY 2012.

There was no further discussion.

VOTE. YES. NON-OBJECTION. UNANIMOUS CONSENT.

Motion carried.

Pending Business:

A. Developing a Strategic Plan – Discussion and Purpose

Chair Lillibridge would like to schedule a Meet the Trucks event at Mariner Park to encourage promotion of Mariner Park. She felt that this event could be held in the spring before the tourists arrive for the season. She opined that she is looking at this being a start to fundraising for the work that is needed at the park. She stated they would then have two parks at each end of time that has been upgraded.

Mr. Archibald agreed that it would be a good idea and if the Fire Department could give an exhibition with the fire hoses, etc.

Chair Lillibridge suggested the third weekend in April. Ms. Otteson recommended the third weekend or before Memorial Day weekend. Ms. Otteson recommended sending a recommendation to the commission for support.

Mr. Archibald suggested getting the Volunteer Fire Association Members to provide the food.

Ms. Otteson left the meeting at 1:51 p.m.

B. Meeting Schedule – Discussion on frequency, possible dates and time.

A brief discussion on when the committee could meet next. There was no discussion recorded as members did not use the microphones for a period of two minutes.

Chair Lillibridge summarized the discussion as the first Thursday in November as the next meeting date if available. This was agreed by consensus of the committee.

C. Discussion on Spit Parks and Recreational Areas

The committee discussed a prior issue that was raised at the last meeting regarding the ownership of the land that Mariner Park occupies. The committee is requesting assistance from the City Clerk's staff to provide that information.

There was no further discussion.

New Business:

There were no new business items on the agenda.

Informational Materials:

There were no informational items.

Comments from the Audience:

There were no comments from the audience.

Comments from the Committee:

There were no comments of the committee.

Adjournment:

Meeting adjourned at 1:55 p.m. The next meeting is November 3, 2011 at 1:00 p.m. in Council Chambers at City Hall.

SPIT PARKS & RECREATION COMMITTEE
STRATEGIC PLAN 2010-2011

MISSION STATEMENT A brief statement why this committee was formed and its purpose.

The Committee is established to _____

STRATEGIC GOALS OF THE COMMITTEE – What is the focus for this committee?

1. _____
2. _____
3. _____
4. _____
5. _____

STRATEGIC OBJECTIVES OF THE COMMITTEE – Must have achievable results, an action statement.

1. _____
2. _____
3. _____
4. _____
5. _____

ACTIONS OF THE COMMITTEE –Who will do what, when and how?

1. _____
2. _____
3. _____
4. _____
5. _____

SHARED ACTIONS STAFF/COMMITTEE MEMBERS

1. _____
2. _____
3. _____
4. _____
5. _____

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Mariner Park
Surveyors Tricia Lillibridge and Robert Archibald, Commissioners
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1. HOW OFTEN DO YOU VISIT MARINER PARK? OFTEN FIRST VISIT 2 OR MORE TIMES A YEAR

2. HOW MANY ARE IN YOUR PARTY THIS VISIT? 1-2 3-6 MORE THAN 6

OF ADULTS 2 # OF CHILDREN _____

3. DO YOU BRING PETS WHEN YOU VISIT THIS PARK? YES NO

4. IF SO, DO YOU USE ANIMAL EXCREMENT BAGS OR WOULD YOU USE THEM IF PROVIDED? YES MAYBE NO

5. IF YOU VISIT OFTEN WHAT TIME OF DAY A.M. OR P.M.? A.M. P.M.

6. HOW LONG HAS YOUR VISIT BEEN THIS TIME AROUND? HOURS 1-3 DAYS MORE THAN 3 DAYS

7. DO YOU CAMP AT THIS PARK OR JUST DAY USE? DAY USE CAMPING

8. DO YOU MAKE A FIRE WHEN YOU VISIT THIS PARK? YES SOMETIMES NEVER

9. DO YOU USE THE PICNIC TABLES, WATER, OR RESTROOM FACILITIES WHEN YOU VISIT THIS PARK?

PICNIC TABLES WATER RESTROOM FACILITIES NONE

10. WHAT DO YOU THINK THE CITY SHOULD DO TO IMPROVE THIS PARK? Nothing

11. DO YOU THINK THAT THERE ARE ANY EXISTING SAFETY ISSUES WITH THIS PARK? YES NO

12. IF YES PLEASE LIST _____

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- 9. DO YOU USE THE PICNIC TABLES, WATER, OR RESTROOM FACILITIES WHEN YOU VISIT THIS PARK?
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10. WHAT DO YOU THINK THE CITY SHOULD DO TO IMPROVE THIS PARK?

Move Gazibo to other end of the parking area away from the road.

11. DO YOU THINK THAT THERE ARE ANY EXISTING SAFETY ISSUES WITH THIS PARK? YES NO

12. IF YES PLEASE LIST

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2. HOW MANY ARE IN YOUR PARTY THIS VISIT? 1-2 3-6 MORE THAN 6

OF ADULTS 4-5 # OF CHILDREN 1-2

3. DO YOU BRING PETS WHEN YOU VISIT THIS PARK? YES NO *if provided and above tide line*

4. IF SO, DO YOU USE ANIMAL EXCREMENT BAGS OR WOULD YOU USE THEM IF PROVIDED? YES MAYBE NO

5. IF YOU VISIT OFTEN WHAT TIME OF DAY A.M. OR P.M.? A.M. P.M.

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8. DO YOU MAKE A FIRE WHEN YOU VISIT THIS PARK? YES SOMETIMES NEVER

9. DO YOU USE THE PICNIC TABLES, WATER, OR RESTROOM FACILITIES WHEN YOU VISIT THIS PARK?

PICNIC TABLES WATER RESTROOM FACILITIES NONE

what picnic tables *what water*

10. WHAT DO YOU THINK THE CITY SHOULD DO TO IMPROVE THIS PARK? move the Gazebo away from

the entrance, move art bases away from entrance all should

be located down towards Slough. A defined Red. Crossing from

bike path to Mariner Park with lines on road + flashing light sign

11. DO YOU THINK THAT THERE ARE ANY EXISTING SAFETY ISSUES WITH THIS PARK? YES NO *beach @ high tide*

12. IF YES PLEASE LIST Gazebo in bad place. Line parking area with big

boulders to define beach from parking, would keep people from

driving on beach too. 1

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OF ADULTS 2 # OF CHILDREN _____

DO YOU BRING PETS WHEN YOU VISIT THIS PARK? YES NO

IF SO, DO YOU USE ANIMAL EXCREMENT BAGS OR WOULD YOU USE THEM IF PROVIDED? YES MAYBE NO

provide them please

IF YOU VISIT OFTEN WHAT TIME OF DAY A.M. OR P.M.? A.M. P.M.

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DO YOU MAKE A FIRE WHEN YOU VISIT THIS PARK? YES SOMETIMES NEVER

DO YOU USE THE PICNIC TABLES, WATER, OR RESTROOM FACILITIES WHEN YOU VISIT THIS PARK? PICNIC TABLES WATER RESTROOM FACILITIES NONE *drinking There is water at the park??*

WHAT DO YOU THINK THE CITY SHOULD DO TO IMPROVE THIS PARK? Grade it, fill potholes.

Add more picnic tables, trim around Gazebo

put table by Gazebo, Add plastic wind shield to

windy side, make walkway to bike path, provide fire

DO YOU THINK THAT THERE ARE ANY EXISTING SAFETY ISSUES WITH THIS PARK? YES NO *map of public parks on spit wood*

IF YES PLEASE LIST walkway, crosswalk would add to safety

cleanup dog poop around Gazebo

Thank you for putting the out houses up early in season and leaving them as late as possible.

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I park here when using the bike trail because there is an outhouse.

I also walk on the beach here going in both directions. I prefer this to Bishops because there are fewer dogs.

Enjoy this park during Shoreland.
It is the closest place to park on the spit and ~~it~~ should be a welcoming area to invite visitors to use the rest of the public locations on the spit - You could put signs in the gazebos that explain day use and overnight parks on the spit & indicate which areas are commercial camp grounds.

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OF ADULTS

2

OF CHILDREN

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DO YOU USE THE PICNIC TABLES, WATER, OR RESTROOM FACILITIES WHEN YOU VISIT THIS PARK?

PICNIC TABLES WATER RESTROOM FACILITIES NONE

WHAT DO YOU THINK THE CITY SHOULD DO TO IMPROVE THIS PARK?

Change entrance for safer

access, provide cross walk + flashing yellow light to access spit trail.

More signage to prevent motorized use of the slough area.

Grill + griddle parking area to prevent pot holes + large puddles.

Edible permanent fire rings on grassy areas

DO YOU THINK THAT THERE ARE ANY EXISTING SAFETY ISSUES WITH THIS PARK? YES NO

IF YES PLEASE LIST

Highway crossing, entrance

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HOW MANY ARE IN YOUR PARTY THIS VISIT? 1-2 3-6 MORE THAN 6

OF ADULTS 2 # OF CHILDREN 2

DO YOU BRING PETS WHEN YOU VISIT THIS PARK? YES NO

IF SO, DO YOU USE ANIMAL EXCREMENT BAGS OR WOULD YOU USE THEM IF PROVIDED? YES MAYBE NO

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DO YOU USE THE PICNIC TABLES, WATER, OR RESTROOM FACILITIES WHEN YOU VISIT THIS PARK?

PICNIC TABLES WATER RESTROOM FACILITIES NONE

WHAT DO YOU THINK THE CITY SHOULD DO TO IMPROVE THIS PARK?

More frequent cleaning and dog poop scoop bags.

DO YOU THINK THAT THERE ARE ANY EXISTING SAFETY ISSUES WITH THIS PARK? YES NO

IF YES PLEASE LIST *Leash laws not enforced at all.*

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WHAT DO YOU THINK THE CITY SHOULD DO TO IMPROVE THIS PARK? Enforce picking up poop

after Pets a little more. Clear rocks in certain
areas for tent campers

DO YOU THINK THAT THERE ARE ANY EXISTING SAFETY ISSUES WITH THIS PARK? YES NO

IF YES PLEASE LIST

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PICNIC TABLES WATER RESTROOM FACILITIES NONE

WHAT DO YOU THINK THE CITY SHOULD DO TO IMPROVE THIS PARK? Keep parking in better repair

DO YOU THINK THAT THERE ARE ANY EXISTING SAFETY ISSUES WITH THIS PARK? YES NO

IF YES PLEASE LIST _____

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DO YOU CAMP AT THIS PARK OR JUST DAY USE? DAY USE CAMPING

DO YOU MAKE A FIRE WHEN YOU VISIT THIS PARK? YES SOMETIMES NEVER
(once or twice)

DO YOU USE THE PICNIC TABLES, WATER, OR RESTROOM FACILITIES WHEN YOU VISIT THIS PARK?

PICNIC TABLES WATER RESTROOM FACILITIES NONE

WHAT DO YOU THINK THE CITY SHOULD DO TO IMPROVE THIS PARK? honestly, I like it how it is,
no ugly buildings, pipes, ect. Campers bring what they need and as
long as there is proper disposal cans or bins. It looks nice to me.
less is better, I like to see nature preserved as much as possible.

DO YOU THINK THAT THERE ARE ANY EXISTING SAFETY ISSUES WITH THIS PARK? YES NO

IF YES PLEASE LIST _____

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City of Homer, Alaska
Mariner Park
Surveyors Tricia Lillibridge and Robert Archibald, Commissioners
City of Homer Parks & Recreation Advisory Commission



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HOW MANY ARE IN YOUR PARTY THIS VISIT? 1-2 3-6 MORE THAN 6

OF ADULTS 4 # OF CHILDREN _____

DO YOU BRING PETS WHEN YOU VISIT THIS PARK? YES NO

IF SO, DO YOU USE ANIMAL EXCREMENT BAGS OR WOULD YOU USE THEM IF PROVIDED? YES MAYBE NO

IF YOU VISIT OFTEN WHAT TIME OF DAY A.M. OR P.M.? A.M. P.M.

HOW LONG HAS YOUR VISIT BEEN THIS TIME AROUND? HOURS 1-3 DAYS MORE THAN 3 DAYS

DO YOU CAMP AT THIS PARK OR JUST DAY USE? DAY USE CAMPING

DO YOU MAKE A FIRE WHEN YOU VISIT THIS PARK? YES SOMETIMES NEVER

DO YOU USE THE PICNIC TABLES, WATER, OR RESTROOM FACILITIES WHEN YOU VISIT THIS PARK?

PICNIC TABLES WATER RESTROOM FACILITIES NONE

WHAT DO YOU THINK THE CITY SHOULD DO TO IMPROVE THIS PARK?

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WHAT DO YOU THINK THE CITY SHOULD DO TO IMPROVE THIS PARK? Improve parking area. It is

very disorganized & very bumpy surface. Next priority would

be to improve restroom facilities. Third-add fire pits.

DO YOU THINK THAT THERE ARE ANY EXISTING SAFETY ISSUES WITH THIS PARK? YES NO

IF YES PLEASE LIST Entrance is steep and dangerous at certain times
of year.

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MEMORANDUM

TO: SPIT PARKS AND RECREATION COMMITTEE
FROM: RENEE KRAUSE, CMC, DEPUTY CITY CLERK I
DATE: OCTOBER 27, 2011
RE: DISCUSSION ON RELOCATING THE ENTRANCE FOR MARINER PARK

Background

During previous meetings of the Parks and Recreation Advisory Commission recommendations to address the location of the entrance to Mariner Park and relocating it north towards the base of the spit was discussed. This was one of the items the committee was tasked with along with the various issues concerning the recreational areas and parks on the Spit.

The first action should be to discuss and find out if the relocation is feasible and who are the parties involved that need to be included in any discussions and recommendations. The committee will have to look into ownership, right of way and cost.

Some items to address will be construction, materials, engineering & design of the relocated entrance.

The committee will need to look into funding sources and how those funding sources can be applied to the project.

A proposed time line should also be considered.

Recommendation

Recommend discussion and creation of a plan and designate action items to committee members. Forward all information to staff to include in the next meeting packet and for permanent record.

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TO: SPIT PARKS AND RECREATION COMMITTEE
FROM: RENEE KRAUSE, CMC, DEPUTY CITY CLERK I
DATE: OCTOBER 27, 2011
RE: DISCUSSION ON MEET THE TRUCK EVENT FOR MARINER PARK

Background

Chair Lillibridge requested this item to be on the agenda for discussion and initial planning. The planned date is Saturday, May 19, 2011 at Mariner Park.

Staff recommends listing the types and number of "trucks" that are to be invited to the event; establish a time and what other events such as games, vendors, etc. that will be invited to participate.

Determine what is the purpose or theme for this event will be and build around that concept.

Recommendation

Informational only.

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FROM: RENEE KRAUSE, CMC, DEPUTY CITY CLERK I
DATE: OCTOBER 27, 2011
RE: MEETING SCHEDULE

Background

It is time once again to reserve your dates for the next few months. The following dates are currently available as of this notice. The earlier you submit your chosen date the better to reserve the room.

Please note that due to remodeling a date in the next month or two may necessitate changing the location of the meeting. I will keep you up to date on any changes.

THURSDAY, DECEMBER 1st, 8th, or 22nd at 5:30 p.m.

THURSDAY, JANUARY 5th, 26th at 5:30 p.m.

When I get the 2012 calendars in I will let you know what dates are available for February – May.

Recommendation

Recommend the committee select and establish frequency of meetings, a day and time to meet no sooner than three weeks from the current date. It is further recommended to establish a maximum time limit for each meeting not to exceed 90 minutes.

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MEMORANDUM

TO: MAYOR HORNADAY AND CITY COUNCIL

FROM: PARKS AND RECREATION ADVISORY COMMISSION

DATE: OCTOBER 25, 2011

RE: RECOMMENDATION TO SUPPORT CONSTRUCTION AND INSTALLATION OF
VAULTED RESTROOM FACILITIES AT MARINER PARK

Background

The Spit Parks and Recreation Committee discussed with Parks Maintenance Coordinator Angie Otteson on any outstanding needs of the Parks and Recreation Department outside of reinstatement of the temporary summer personnel in the FY2012 Budget during a regular meeting on August 26, 2011.

Seasonal use of port-a-potties at this park detracts from the potential revenues that could be used to perform additional much needed improvements to the park as a whole. It would also alleviate most if not all of the public complaints received on the condition and cleanliness of those port-a-potties.

It was determined that the increasing use and popularity of Mariner Park at the base of the Homer Spit would benefit from the installation of permanent restroom facilities. While having flush toilets would be the overall preferred facility, the cost of construction and overall maintenance, and the high potential for vandalism warrants the construction and installation of vaulted toilet facilities similar to those installed at Bishops' Beach.

The estimated cost to construct and install a vault toilet is \$35,000.00 maximum.

The Committee forwarded their recommendation to the Parks and Recreation Advisory Commission for review discussion and recommendation to City Council.

During the Regular Meeting on October 20, 2011 the Parks and Recreation Advisory Commission reviewed the recommendation submitted and entertained a discussion on the recommendation. Following is the excerpt from those minutes of the meeting:

Chair Bremicker inquired about the recommendation regarding the vault toilet from the committee. Ms. Angie Otteson elaborated on the budget request and discussion held during the committee meeting.

LILLIBRIDGE/BRANN – MOVED TO SUBMIT RECOMMENDATION TO CITY COUNCIL TO INCLUDE \$35,000 IN THE PUBLIC WORKS BUDGET ALLOCATION TO CONSTRUCT VAULTED TOILET FACILITIES AT MARINER PARK.

Commissioner Archibald commented that he was in favor of supporting this request he acknowledged that the cost was minimal in comparison to the value added to the park.

VOTE. YES. NON-OBJECTION. UNANIMOUS CONSENT.

Motion carried.

Recommendation

Approve the Allocation to Public Works Department Budget to construct and install vaulted toilet facilities at Mariner Park.

Homer Spit Parks and Recreation Committee
A Committee of the
Homer Parks and Recreation Advisory Commission

MEMORANDUM

DATE: August 30, 2011

TO: PARKS AND RECREATION ADVISORY COMMISSION

RE: SUPPORT FOR BUDGET REQUEST FOR MARINER PARK

The Spit Parks and Recreation Committee passed the following recommendation at their regular meeting on August 26, 2011 to be forwarded to the Parks and Recreation Advisory Commission for further action. Following is an excerpt of those minutes:

ARCHIBALD/LILLIBRIDGE – MOVED TO SUBMIT A RECOMMENDATION TO THE PARKS AND RECREATION ADVISORY COMMISSION TO SUPPORT FUNDING, PURCHASE AND INSTALLATION OF VAULTED TOILETS FOR MARINER PARK.

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VOTE. YES. NON-OBJECTION. UNANIMOUS CONSENT.

Motion carried.

RECOMMENDATION

Forward a recommendation requesting City Council include \$35,000 in the Public Works Budget Allocation to construct vaulted toilet facilities at Mariner Park.

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Homer Parks and Recreation Advisory Commission

MEMORANDUM

DATE: August 30, 2011
TO: PARKS AND RECREATION ADVISORY COMMISSION
RE: UPKEEP AND MAINTENANCE ON RESTROOMS ON THE SPIT

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Staff Reports

There was a brief discussion on maintenance being done by public works parks personnel for restroom at the ramps on the spit. Staff indicated that there is currently a discussion being entertained with the Harbor on taking over the responsibility again.

Chair Lillibridge was strongly concerned with expressing support for the Harbor to take care of the maintenance thus relieving the additional expenses being deducted from the general budget. It was agreed that expressing support from the committee to the commission would be appropriate.

ARCHIBALD/LILLIBRIDGE - MOVED TO RECOMMEND THAT THE PARKS AND RECREATION ADVISORY COMMISSION SUPPORT HAVING THE MAINTENANCE AND UPKEEP FOR THE HOMER HARBOR RESTROOMS LOCATED AT RAMPS 2, 4, 6, 5, 7 AND THE LOAD AND LAUNCH RAMP PERMANENTLY BY THE PORT AND HARBOR STARTING FY 2012.

There was no further discussion.

VOTE. YES. NON-OBJECTION. UNANIMOUS CONSENT.

Motion carried.

RECOMMENDATION

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MEMORANDUM

Forward recommendation to City Council to turn maintenance and upkeep requirements of the restroom facilities located at Ramp 2,4,6,5, and 7 plus the Load and Launch Ramp.

