

Karen Hornaday Park Committee



Thursday
September 6, 2012
Regular Meeting 5:30 p.m.



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

**MEETING NOTICE
REGULAR MEETING**

- 1. CALL TO ORDER**
- 2. AGENDA APPROVAL**
- 3. PUBLIC COMMENTS UPON MATTERS ALREADY ON THE AGENDA**
- 4. RECONSIDERATION**
- 5. APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES** *(Minutes are only approved during regular meetings.)*
A. Minutes for the August 2, 2012 Regular Meeting Page 5
- 6. VISITORS**
- 7. STAFF REPORTS/COMMITTEE REPORTS**
- 8. PENDING BUSINESS**
A. Updates on outstanding issues with Karen Hornaday Park
- 9. NEW BUSINESS**
A. Day Use Planning and 2013 Park Improvements Page 7
- 10. INFORMATIONAL MATERIALS**
- 11. COMMENTS OF THE AUDIENCE**
- 12. COMMENTS OF THE CITY STAFF** *(If present)*
- 13. COMMENTS OF THE COMMITTEE**
- 14. ADJOURNMENT/NEXT REGULAR MEETING IS SCHEDULED FOR OCTOBER 4, 2012 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.

KAREN HORNADAY PARK COMMITTEE

Meeting of August 2, 2012 - 5:37 p.m.

In Attendance:

Ralph Broshes

Marti McCleery

Miranda Weiss

Phil Needham

Trish Lillibridge (made an appearance but couldn't stay)

- Agenda was approved
- No comments were received
- Minutes from the July meeting were approved

Angie from Public works was in attendance therefore we elected to start with questions concerning the park:

- Briefly discussed the funds remaining. \$90,000 for day use and \$55,000 for parking upgrade
- No engineering has been done to deal with drainage or parking improvements
- There was a hold up in the park host program so no host this summer. It was stated that looking for next season should happen sooner than later.
- It was noted that no other vandalism has occurred since the "writing on the slide" incident days after being installed
- Debris removal from the playground build will be removed this weekend
- It was brought to Angie's attention regarding the fencing and debris hiding in the weeds in the outfield. Angie responded that fall cleanup day may be the time to deal with that when the weeds are down and there is more visibility in outlying areas
- Angie was not aware that Parks & Rec made the decision to have the Red Shed removed. She will pass that information on the Carey Meyer
- Phil Needham mentioned that the gate to the infield needs to be locked otherwise the fields will be destroyed by four-wheelers, bikes, or other non-authorized vehicles
- Also mentioned was the wet area around the field and the need for trimming of the alders on all fields

HoPP Report:

Currently the drain at the bottom of the hill is being repaired. Gravel around the water feature should also be completed soon and a gravel path to be installed.

Jack Wiles is heading up the landscaping and it was mentioned that there is a separate \$25,000 grant for that project.

Plans for next summer would be to tidy up the hill with seeding and a pathway.

There is a playground work day scheduled for Saturday, September 22nd.

LITTLE LEAGUE Report:

Little Leagues season is over and the end of season clean-up is underway.

There is money left in the budget but Phil doesn't have the number off-hand. He also mentioned that some of the bills are still trickling in so a definite number isn't yet available.

Discussion items:

- Jack Wiles plan for parking was discussed, but all agreed that engineering should be the first step prior to any more work being done
- Clearing for a trail on the north side of Fairview was mentioned. More regarding this issue in Deb Lowney's comments.
- It would be nice to see a big fire pit in the day use area when those plans begin
- All in attendance discussed the possibility of disbanding the KHP Committee but some felt that the better idea was to keep the committee intact and meet on a bi-monthly basis. If and when the Parks and Rec department needed the services of the committee prior to a meeting date, a special meeting of the committee could be called and the meeting schedule adjusted.

Visitor:

Deb Lowney from Parks and Recreation Commission

Deb spoke addressing the frustrations that everyone felt about the issues at KHP not moving forward.

Parks & Rec are feeling the same frustrations but that they appreciate our time and efforts.

She also mentioned 2 trail projects within KHP, the Woodard Creek trail and a trail from Wright Street to the campground entrance. There are monies in the HART fund; P & R are requesting funds from that fund in the amount of \$15,000. Those funds should make a good start to both of those trails.

PENDING Business:

All in attendance agreed *again* that the next steps are to secure engineering prior to anymore construction.

Adjournment: Approximately 7:00 p.m.



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To: Karen Hornaday Park Committee
From: Julie Engebretsen, Planning Technician
Date: August 29, 2012
RE: Day Use Planning and 2013 Park Improvements

There is still a large amount of money allocated for day use improvements! As you know, it takes a while to plan a construction project. At the last Parks and Recreation Advisory Commission meeting, I asked Carey Meyer what the timeframe is for day use improvements in 2013. When would he need to know what citizens would like to accomplish in 2013? His response was that he would need a rough plan by January.

I am hoping the KH Park Committee will consider meeting a few more times this fall, to flesh out some day use improvements. The rough plan would go to the Commission in January, and on to Carey. His plan is to turn it over to an engineering firm – we can address drainage, cost estimates, and a final site plan through that contract. Actual construction could be similar to the playground – a combination of volunteer, donated and purchased time and materials, if there is enough interest. But the first step is some idea of what this part of the park should look like!

It would be great if the Committee has a few more meetings to help plan this area of the park. I envision this means at most 3 meetings this fall? The deliverables would be a rough location map of new features, and a prioritized list of improvements.

If the Committee would like to work on this, I can commit to attending three meetings this fall and providing staff support, for the end goal of providing a conceptual plan to Public Works.

Please let me know if this is something the Committee would like to do and if I can be of assistance.



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