

KAREN HORNADAY PARK COMMITTEE
491 E. PIONEER AVENUE
HOMER, ALASKA

NOVEMBER 1, 2012
THURSDAY AT 5:30 P.M.
CONFERENCE ROOM - UPSTAIRS

**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.)*
There were no minutes presented for this meeting.
- 6. VISITORS**
- 7. STAFF REPORTS/COMMITTEE REPORTS**
- 8. PENDING BUSINESS**
A. Continuing Discussions and Recommendations on Improvements to the Day Use Area
- 9. NEW BUSINESS**
- 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 DECEMBER 6, 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 Recommendations – Round 1

Short Term Day Use Area Recommendations

1. Place topsoil and hydroseed lawn area, where the dirt work was recently completed. May need to be fenced off for a season to keep people off the new lawn.
2. Build a new picnic shelter, north of the existing shelter.
 - Big enough for 6 picnic tables
 - Divide the space, so there is room for two groups to use the area at a time, maybe 4 tables on one side and 2 on the other
 - Needs a wind break
 - Include a fire pit or fire place
 - Build on a concrete slab so its not so muddy
3. Relocate existing picnic shelter
 - Move to a location between the two upper fields
 - Place on a concrete slab, and install rain gutters
 - Replace roof, paint fascia boards
 - Reconfigure the grill set up
4. Paint the restrooms, repair the roof as needed, replace fascia boards
5. Continue landscaping efforts so the park looks a little more loved
6. Continue working on drainage concerns
7. Allocate some money for a camp host location
8. Clean out the ditches along the north side of the baseball fields
9. Clean out the drainage ditch north of the playground
10. Clean up the exterior of the connex between the baseball fields
11. Explore options for Little League storage. At minimum, paint the concrete block building.

Long term, consider finding a new location for Concert on the Lawn so its not held on a ball field. A lot of work has gone in to improving those fields and the event is very hard on the turf. We would never hold a community event of that size on the new high school track. Maybe the revamped day use area could be used for Concert on the Lawn.

Next steps: The Committee will continue to work on ideas for the area between the playground and the picnic shelter. HoPP has funds for another piece of play equipment. Public Works is arranging for basic drainage surveying to be done, and the parking lot improvements were just completed. The Committee will meet again and may have another round of recommendations in time for the January P&R Commission meeting for this area. This will allow the Public Works Department time to work with the ideas, for the 2013 construction season.