



Parks, Recreation & Cultural Resources Advisory Board

August 6, 2015

Agenda Packet

**PARKS, RECREATION & CULTURAL RESOURCES
ADVISORY BOARD
REGULAR MEETING
AUGUST 6, 2015, 7 P.M.
CITY COUNCIL CHAMBERS
231 W. EVERGREEN AVENUE, PALMER
www.cityofpalmer.org**



CHAIR	Helene Antel
VICE CHAIR	Stephanie Allen
BOARD MEMBER	Jo Ehmann
BOARD MEMBER	Dot Helm
BOARD MEMBER	Jan Newman
BOARD MEMBER	Meggie Aube-Trammell
BOARD MEMBER	Ed KESSLER

AGENDA

- A. Call to Order
- B. Roll Call
- C. Pledge of Allegiance
- D. Approval of Agenda
- E. Minutes of Previous Meetings
 - 1. Special Meeting of July 9, 2015
- F. Audience Participation
- G. New Business
 - 1. Presentation by State Parks Department (*Requested to reschedule to September Meeting*)
 - 2. Presentation new park concepts
 - a) S. Denali Street by Sgt. Kurtis Arcala-Berberich Soccer Fields
 - b) LAWCON application Kopperud property acquisition
 - c) Skateboard Park improvements
 - 3. Resolution of support for Mat-Su Trails & Parks Foundation grant application
 - 4. Review of Urban Revitalization Plan
- H. Board Member Comments
- I. Adjournment



Minutes
July 9, 2015

**PARKS, RECREATION & CULTURAL RESOURCES ADVISORY BOARD
CITY OF PALMER, ALASKA
SPECIAL MEETING
THURSDAY, JULY 9, 2015
7:00 P.M. - COUNCIL CHAMBERS**

A. CALL TO ORDER:

The special first meeting of the City of Palmer Parks, Recreation & Cultural Resources Advisory Board was called to order by Board Member Helene Antel at 7:00 p.m.

B. ROLL CALL:

Present and constituting a quorum were Board Members:

Helene Antel
Stephanie Allen
Jo Ehmann
Dot Helm
Jan Newman

Also present were:

Sandra Garley, Community Development Director
Kimberly McClure, Planning & Code Compliance Technician

C. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE: led by Ms. Garley.

D. APPROVAL OF AGENDA: The agenda was approved as presented.

E. AUDIENCE PARTICIPATION:

Verda Lewis, Palmer resident, spoke to the Board to offer input and inquire what the intentions are for parks. She noted that for many years the south end of Palmer has never had any place for children to play. The population of the area is growing and there are two 12-plexes and five new small houses on S. Chugach and KnikKnik plus a four-plex. She spoke to the possibility of 150 kids in this neighborhood and thinks the idea of a park is absolutely necessary. She encouraged that the Board listen to the people, rather than just take professional input, and suggested using the City of Seward's example of some of the parks they built which are divided into toddler and older children parks. Instead of boats, the City of Palmer could focus on tractors and trains that depict the Valley; suggested a giant cabbage to play in; and other things to run, jump, play, and climb on. Also on S. Chugach she would like to see some of the land used for parking along with laying out a park.

F. NEW BUSINESS:

1. Introduction of Members.

At Ms. Garley suggestion, board members introduced themselves and shared their backgrounds and reasons for wanting to serve on the board.

Dot Helm has lived on the north end of Palmer for about 35 years; worked at the Experiment Station for 25 years before retiring and since that time has been very active in helping with trails as well as using them. She was involved with the City during development of the Comprehensive Plan and was excited to hear that something is actually happening with the trails master plan. She also is interested in the Arboretum, school crossings and road crossings and connections to trails.

Helene Antel is a mostly-retired attorney and avid user of the trails. She is not sure where all the park facilities are in the city, but will be sure to familiarize herself with parks and playgrounds being discussed. She is delighted to have time to make a contribution to her community and is specifically interested in working to cultivate partnerships with other community agencies. She read the Master Plan and was very impressed by it, but funding is needed to do the things that Ms. Lewis talked about as well as even the simple things identified in the plan, such as signage, to make the existing facilities easier for residents and guests of our community to locate. All of that requires money and she believes she has some skills to offer building bridges between the City, this Board, and community organizations.

Jo Ehmman has lived in Alaska 54 years. She recently moved into Palmer nine months ago and is retired from Colony High School after 21 years as a bilingual teacher. She has 11 grown grandchildren and 22 great grandchildren. She has seen Palmer grow in a way that she thinks most have not. Palmer was so small, but now we need to have something for the people who are moving in and believes it is very important that as a Board to make it happen. She is excited and honored to be asked to be on this Board and believes we will make good things happen.

Stephanie Allen lives in Cedar Hills and is also excited about the opportunity to work with everyone on the Board. She thinks the city has been doing an amazing job of keeping up with all the different facilities without any dedicated staff and is already working with the different volunteer groups and agencies that exist to enhance and maintain existing structures and parks and playgrounds. This is an opportunity to expand and develop and further cultivate relationships and partnerships in the community. She thinks the Master Plan was very informative and although it is a few years old is still very relevant. She is excited about moving forward on different projects and gathering support from the community.

Jan Newman, resident of the Palmer area for 26 years, lives on Lazy Mountain. She has raised her family here and has seen a fair number of changes in the last couple of decades. She is also a spearhead of the Grow Palmer Project which is a public food project in town. Her excitement and motivation for being part of this Board stems from building a healthy strong community, which includes parks and trails that she has used extensively herself over the years, and to also bring together the community agencies and residents in and outside of the city to work towards building something that can thrive and continue. She thinks signage and wayfinding is hugely important and believes we have the potential to make Palmer a destination in Alaska. A large part of that is having a strong parks, trails, and recreational system for people to navigate themselves as well as visitors.

2. Election of Chair.

Helene Antel was duly nominated and unanimously elected Chair of the newly-formed Board and agreed to serve for the initial period until November, 2015.

Stephanie Allen was duly nominated and unanimously elected Vice Chair of the Board and agreed to serve for the initial period until November, 2015.

3. Review of Board Duties.

Ms. Garley directed attention to the packet for copy of PMC Chapter 2.22, which governs the Parks, Recreation, and Cultural Resources Advisory Board; suggested keeping it for reference at future meetings. She explained the purpose of the board is to develop, support, and advise the City Council, that on matters pertaining to city parks and recreational facilities and cultural programs, the board will not be the final decision maker but will be advising, prioritizing projects, and making recommendations based on how the board thinks dollars and resources should be spent. Another important purpose is to make recommendations to the Council on placement of memorials and plaques. Ms. Garley went over Board duties and responsibilities (2.22.020), explained the minimal budget, responsibilities related to the Golf Course, and answered questions related to the duties. Also in the packet for reference is Ordinance 15-019 governing the operation of all city boards and commissions and a handout from the City Clerk on the Parliamentary Process, Roberts Rules, Committee of the Whole, Voting, and information on the Open Meetings Act. Ms. Garley emphasized the importance of board members adhering to the directions of the Open Meetings Act.

4. Presentation and Discussion of Palmer Parks, Trails, and Recreational Facilities Master Plan.

Ms. Garley highlighted and summarized the status of the city parks and facilities described in the Master Plan. She explained the background and history of the Babb Arboretum, noting that many people are not aware that it even exists, that it is a priority of the city council to bring it back. Questions of staff and informal discussion took place putting forth various ideas as Ms. Garley led board members through the Master Plan for city parks.

City Manager Joe Hannan briefly addressed the board with other matters for the board to consider and to question staff about, such as the museum, the visitor's center, the museum's plan for the future, the library and the art collection, available funding. He thanked board members for their commitment of time stating that a board such as this is way overdue and believes the possibilities for the city are unlimited. He encouraged joint meetings with the City Council and to ask for some of the things that are needed.

Ms. Garley informed regarding the art collection contained in the Library and initiated discussion on making it more readily available to share the art with the public. She further informed regarding the Visitor's Center (owned by the City and operated by the Palmer Museum of History and Art), the art collection contained in the Visitor's Center, and the Gardens adjacent to the Visitor's Center. Ms. Garley also spoke to the Quad, Depot/Community Center, Friday Fling area, Shane Woods Memorial Trail (Depot north to Skateboard Park), trail design (Depot to Fairgrounds).

Ms. Garley concluded by distributing a handout and discussed the Alaska Historic Preservation Conference, to be held in Anchorage on October 20-22, 2015; believes it will be very informative and if board members are interested in attending to let her know via email and she will reserve a seat.

G. BOARD MEMBER COMMENTS:

Board Member Newman commented that she is trying to sort out how best to proceed. There are many things that need to be addressed, so do you start with funding and then look at particular areas that you want to develop, enhance, or improve, or do you look at those areas that you want to develop, enhance, or improve and then try to find the funding?

Board Member Allen expressed appreciation to Ms. Garley for the wonderful summary and overview. She was wondering how Palmer city trails fit into or in relation to the master plan for trails of the Mat-Su Health Foundation. Board Member Helm informed that the Mat-Su Health Foundation is now doing funding through the Mat-Su Trails and Parks Foundation, and they are still evolving and sorting things out, noting there has been some interaction with the City and she hopes there is more interaction. Further discussion ensued regarding connecting existing trails.

Board Member Ehmman commented that funding seems to always be the problem, but also people in general are unaware or informed of what is out there, and thinks it should be a function of the Board to inform the public. She herself was not aware of some of these parks and trails and plans to go to each one. She also thinks it is important to have a connection with the Borough.

Ms. Garley suggested one the first things to tackle would be to have a sign at every park.

Chair Antel commented that she is overwhelmed with how little she knows, but is excited by how much there is to be done, and encouraged everyone to spend some time thinking about priorities. It is important as a group for us to establish a short list of priorities in that you have to want something in particular before asking for money. She suggested coming up with one or two projects to start and perhaps in the process of trying to obtain funding for that project, we can learn more generally about how to apply for funding, how to make connections with other community organizations, and how to work on things like connectivity between trails. She thinks good signage identifying existing parks and trails is probably more manageable. She also will be visiting the parks but is not sure where they all are; asked if there was a brochure or pamphlet available that says "welcome to the City of Palmer trail system?" Ms. Garley directed attention to the City's website where you will find a list of city parks and by clicking on each one will give you its location and information about it.

Ms. Antel continued that it is important to have a brochure or pamphlet in the Visitor's Center that would guide tourists out on our trails talking about how beautiful Palmer is. She is overwhelmed but not deterred, that we should be practical – limited objectives, maximum effort toward achievement; suggested being goal-oriented and actually accomplish something instead of just talking.

Board Member Helm commented with regard to volunteer jobs, like mowing grass at Wilson Park, there are so many resources in this state and we can't expect government to do everything. Volunteers are absolutely crucial to almost every level of government, whether it's the City, the Borough, the State. If people living near Wilson Park, for example, and are using it, maybe it just needs to be suggested to volunteer. Further discussion ensued regarding soliciting volunteers to help with maintenance of neighborhood parks. Ms. Helm also talked about and advocated the importance of signs, that they make a huge difference, discussing the Crevasse Moraine Trail System as an example.

Ms. Garley will try to have Public Works Director, Tom Healy, and Crew Leader, Scott Johnson to talk about what they would like to see from the Board as they build their budgets for next year.

Ms. Garley reminded at next meeting to consider changing the September 3 meeting because of the holiday weekend.

H. ADJOURNMENT:

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 8:31 p.m.

Next meeting: August 6, 2015.

Helene Antel, Chairman

Sandra Garley, Community Development Director



New Business



**CITY OF PALMER
PARKS, RECREATION & CULTURAL RESOURCES
ADVISORY BOARD
INFORMATION MEMORANDUM 15-001**

SUBJECT: Concepts for new or upgraded parks

AGENDA OF: August 6, 2015

ACTION: Discussion of potential for new parks

On the following agenda pages are information and maps of potential park improvements for the City. Each concept is its own agenda item.

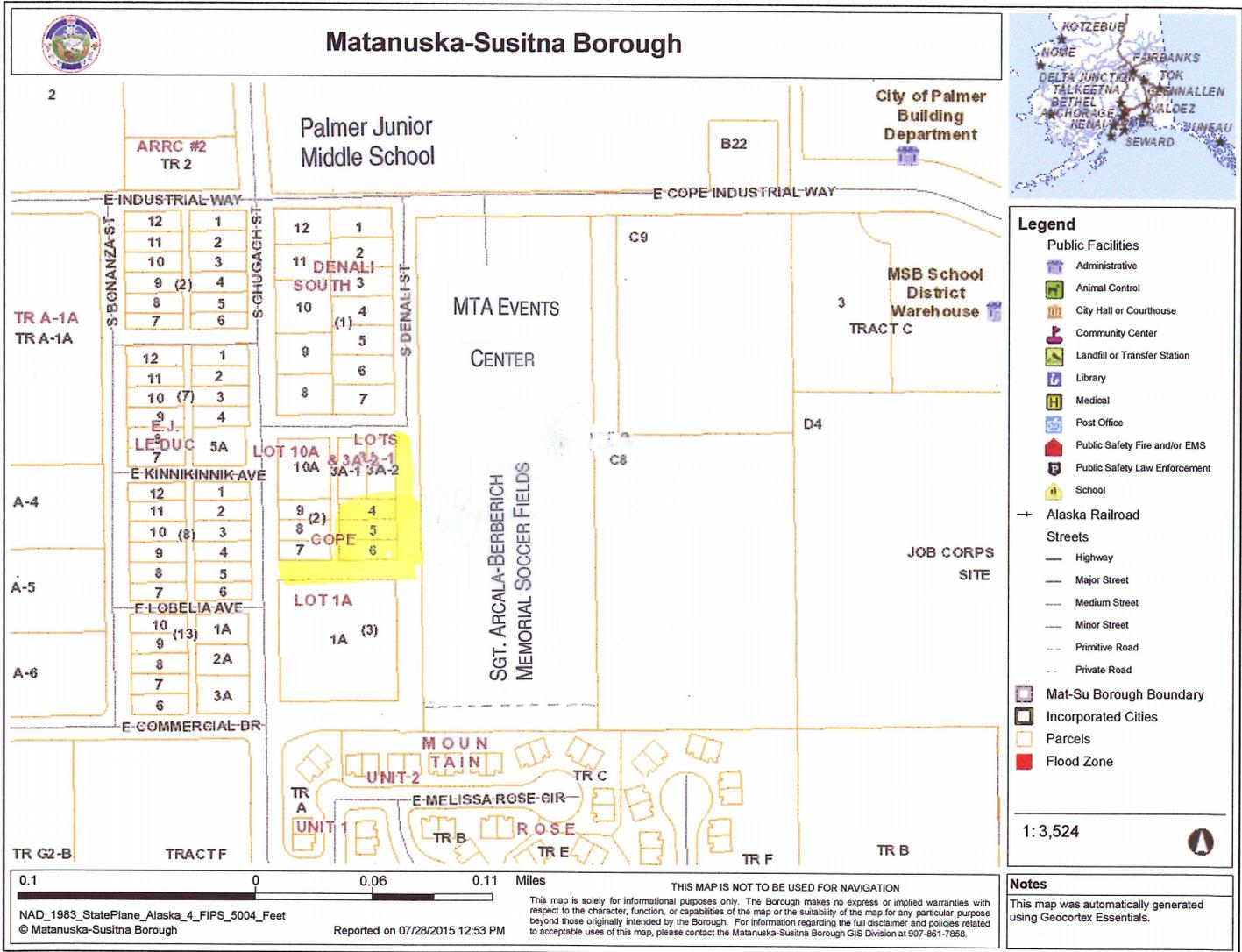
a) I was approached by one of the neighboring property owners about creating a park or playground on 0.48 acres owned by the City by the MTA Events Center. Her concept is to use this small area for a playground/ park that would not only give children in nearby apartments a place to play, it could provide a play area for families of children on one of the soccer teams using the adjacent Sgt. Arcala-Berberich fields. The neighborhoods in this general area and community as a whole need to determine the need for recreational uses for this small area.

b) The City submitted a grant application to the Land and Water Conservation Fund (LAWCON) to acquire 20 + acres in three parcels along the Glenn Highway. The City has been awarded \$85,000 by LAWCON toward the purchase price of \$170,000 for these parcels. The City has also submitted applications to assist in purchasing this land to both the Wells Fargo Foundation and the Mat-Su Trails & Parks Foundation. The northern two parcels would provide a natural connection between the trails in and around the Mat River Park and the DOT separated paths along the Old Glenn Highway. The southern parcel will be used for less active recreational uses to protect the eagle nesting in the area. Once the City acquires the parcels, the community needs to be engaged in planning the trails and other uses.

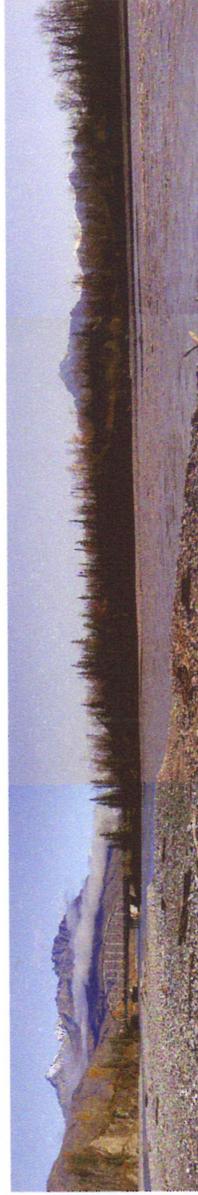
c) In 2008, the City constructed a Skateboard Park on leased land along Alaska Railroad r-o-w on S. Valley Way. Since that time, the City has added fencing and paved the parking lot at the Skateboard Park. There is renewed interest in upgrading the skating elements of the park and perhaps adding other features to make this a more engaging recreational area for teens. The metal skating elements were originally purchased from American Ramp Company. Prices for upgraded skating ramps were requested from American Ramp and are part of the information in your packet. The company supplied two examples of upgrades for our consideration. The second upgrade to the skating elements also includes information for a skills bicycling course to the south of the Skateboard Park on land that the City also leases from the railroad.

Potential park would be located in highlighted area; includes a total of 0.48 acres (Lots 4, 5 & 6) owned by the City, plus a portion of the r-o-w for two unconstructed roads - E. Lobelia Avenue and S. Denali Street.

a)



Potential Partnership: Land, Water, Conservation Grant Public Acquisition



1 View from Matanuska River gravel bar towards the George Palmer Bridge (left) and the Kopperud's northern parcels (right)

Proposed North Parcel Acquisition Goals:

- 1) Protect water quality, salmon habitat, and public river access through community acquisition of industrially zoned land.
- 2) Restore the historic site's natural character with a focus on pedestrian river access, regional trail connectivity, and providing a gateway scenic attraction.

Proposed Southern Parcel Acquisition Goals:

- 1) Protect water quality, salmon habitat, and public river access through community acquisition of industrially zoned land.
- 2) Retain a 330' natural buffer on the shoreline while expanding day-use parking capacity near the highway in support of Matanuska River, floodplain, and trail/path links.

Supporting Language in Adopted City and Borough Plans

City of Palmer Plans

Parks, Trails and Recreational Fields Master Plan (2011)

Vision Statement of Palmer Parks, Trails and Recreation: "Palmer parks and trails connect our community." (page 8)

"Major attractions in the City that should be connected include the Matanuska River." (page 14)

"Consider developing natural surface trails along the Matanuska River, from the Palmer Golf Course northwards to the Matanuska River," etc. or within some segments therein." (page 35)

Primary Priorities: "Multi-use trails to enhance connectivity within the community; Multi-use trails that connect to regional trails outside the community." (page 49)

Secondary Priorities: "Improve existing or develop new river / creek access areas." (page 49)

Comprehensive Plan (2006)

Take advantage of Palmer's distinctive historic character as an "economic engine" to draw visitors, to retain and attract residents, and support local businesses. "Capitalize on character." (page 3-2)

"Encourage High Quality, Attractive Development with Ready, Access to Parks and Green Space." (page 3-3)

Encourage new attractions to draw people off the Glenn Highway. "We need new businesses, more things for people to do." (page 3-3)

"Improve the major gateway entry points to downtown, to create a better sense of arrival and better brand for the community." (page 6-20)

"Support efforts to improve community attractions, including cultural facilities, trails and access to open space. Improve linkages between attractions." (page 7-5)

"Enhance area-wide recreational trail systems. Improve connections between industrial areas, downtown, and recreational areas." (page 8-5)

Mat-Su Borough Plans

Matanuska River Management Plan (2010)

"Develop recreation access and opportunities throughout the river corridor." (Goal 5, page 55)

Matanuska River Park Master Plan (2013)

"Options are considered for extending the public riverfront experience up and down stream."

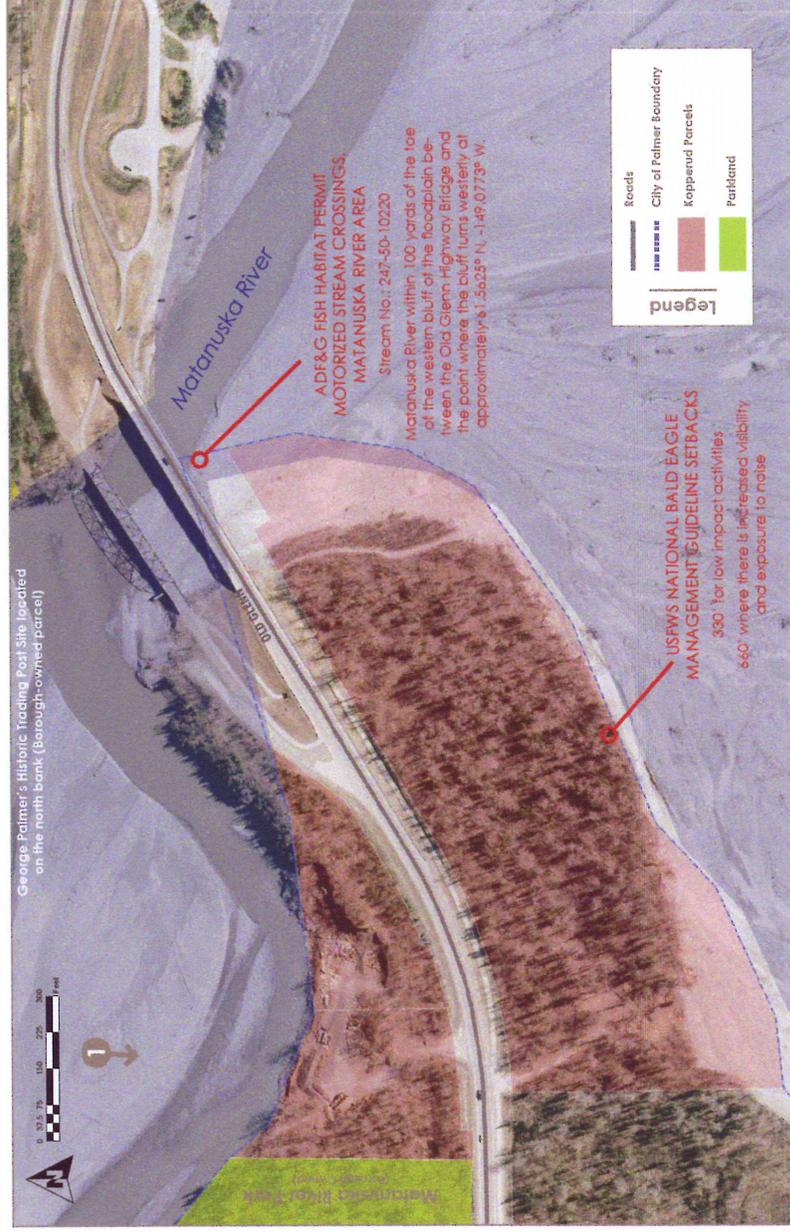
"Potential waterfront private parcel acquisitions and/or easements are explored to provide public access and/or extend the riverfront trail."

"As the regional population grows, the potential for creating a public riverfront attraction is explored. . . takes full advantage of the site views, and attracts residents and visitors."

"Engage residents in appreciating Palmer's historical river connections, including the Dena'ina and Ahna trade route between the interior and saltwater, and George Palmer's trading post across the river through river access and interpretation."

Parks and Open Space Plan

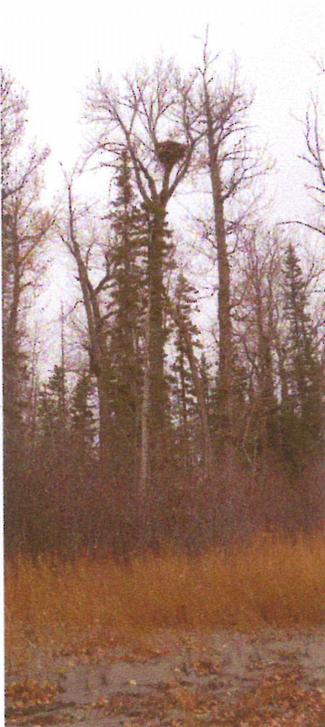
"Protect and preserve natural resource areas." (Goal P-2)



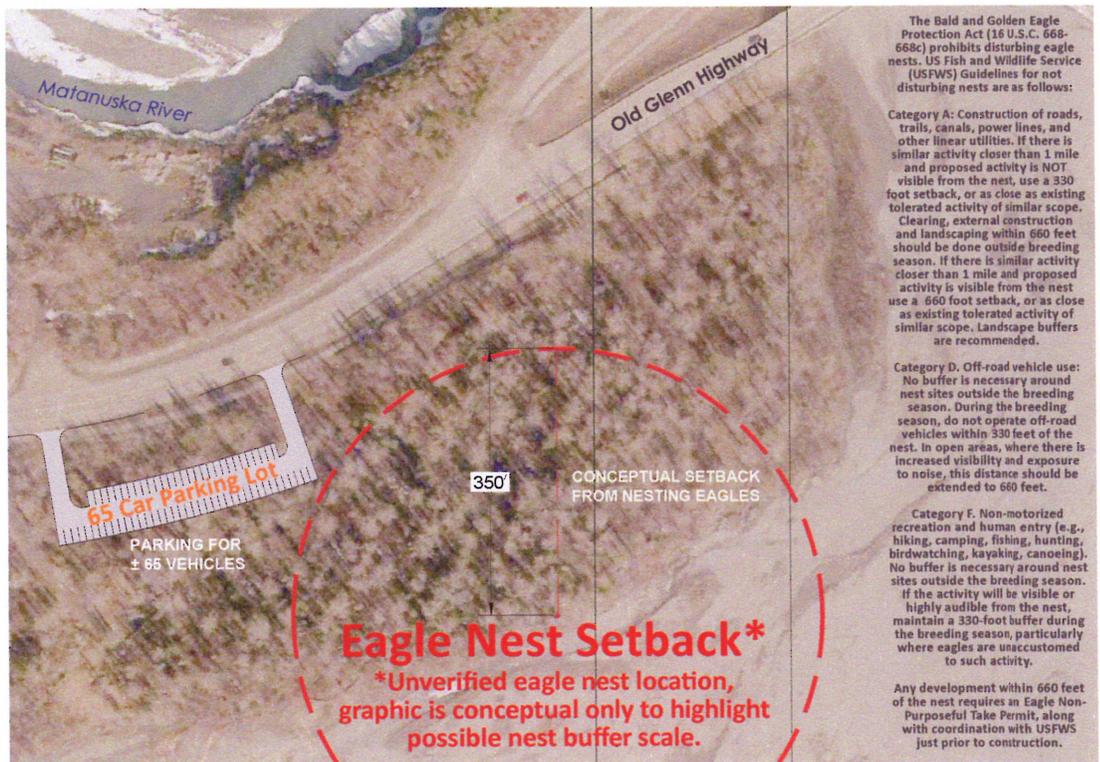
Kopperud Family Parcels



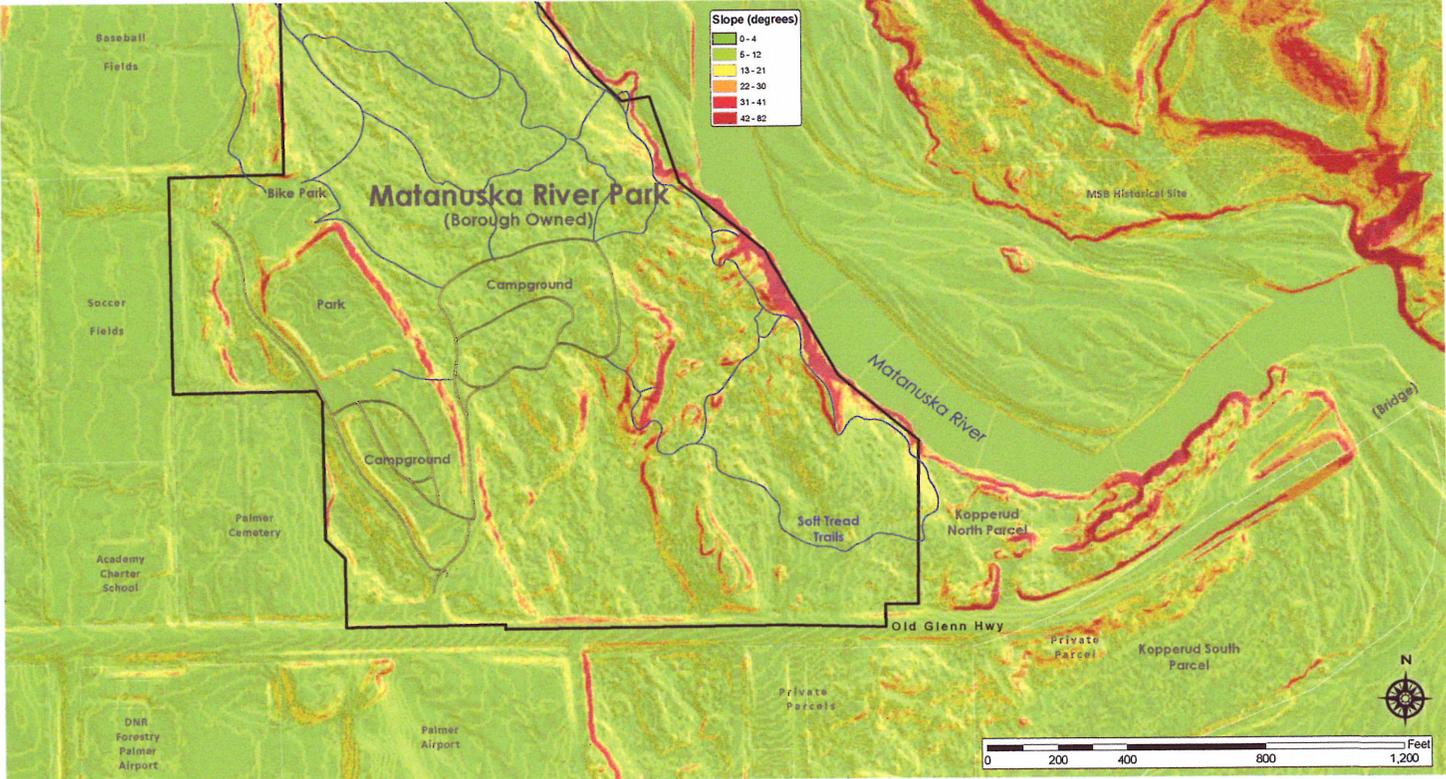
Potential Partnership: Land, Water, Conservation Grant Public Acquisition



This large eagle's nest is located on the southern side of the Kopperud parcel, along the riverbank.



Potential Partnership: Land, Water, Conservation Grant Public Acquisition



Kopperud Family Parcels

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City of Palmer Skateboard Park

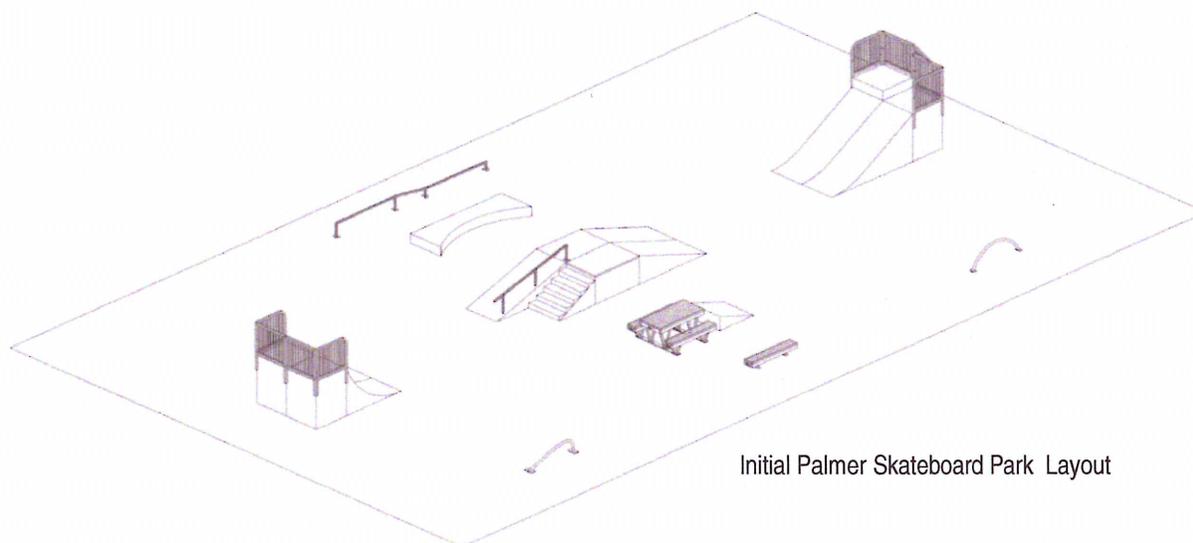
July 3
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Planning document to support the development of a Skateboard Park
in the City of Palmer.

Palmer Community Development Department

Design

Information from www.skateparkguide.com indicated a skatepark needs to be a minimum of 10,000 square feet in area to provide space for all skill levels. HDL's design for the Palmer skateboard Park includes a 50' x 200' paved surface which meets this minimum area recommendation. The balance of the property provides space for future expansion of the paved skating surface. The initial Palmer Skateboard Park layout shown below was designed with input from the local skateboarders.



Initial Palmer Skateboard Park Layout

On May 21, 2008 Kirsten Kuhn, Programs Manager for the Tony Hawk Foundation, provided the City feedback on the initial Palmer Skateboard Park layout that had been submitted to them as part of a Palmer Skateboard Association grant application. Enclosed with Ms. Kuhn's letter were Tony Hawk's specific comments on the proposed layout. Hawk suggested adding a Pyramid side to the Funbox ramp in the center of the park to add a new option for skatepark users. He further suggested converting the Funbox by adding one side to form the Pyramid by repositioning the Grind Box and Grind Rail along the perimeter of the skate surface.

The American Ramp Company engineering representative has reviewed Hawk's suggestions and will amend the initial layout to include Tony Hawk's suggestions when he is in Palmer to oversee the installation of the equipment listed in Table 1 from June 30 – July 3.

All design elements such as stairs, ramps, quarter pipes and rails will be spaced so participants maneuvering on one element are able to complete a maneuver and recover without interfering with other participants and without entering another element. Participants of differing skill levels will have access to design elements of their skill level without crossing areas requiring greater skill levels. The layout will provide plenty of space, recommended to be not less than ten feet, of flat bottom to transition between obstacles. Skaters will be able to flow from one element onto the next element without crossing paths with other skaters.

five foot change in elevation makes this high spot an excellent area from which to catch the activity on the skating surfaces. As part of a future project this area could be expanded to encompass all the land between the skating surface and Arctic Avenue by adding more picnic tables, benches, and trees.

- **Fencing** – Fencing will be installed along the southwest side of the skatepark and between the north side of the park and Arctic Avenue. The fence will be a two rail wooden fence similar to the one at the Palmer Visitor’s Center. This rail fence will include a plastic coated metal web backing that makes it a better barrier. In the future, this decorative fencing should be installed around the perimeter of the entire skatepark to help keep dogs and young children from running into the area being used by the skateboarders and to protect spectators or passersby from being struck by skateboarders, in-line skaters or errant skateboards. Fencing will make controlling access easier if the skateboard park has to be closed for maintenance or because of weather conditions (rain, snow or ice). Completion of the perimeter fencing will need to be part of a future construction project.
- **Lighting** - Lights will be needed if the park is to be used beyond summer season and should be considered in any future construction project at the skatepark.

Other Recommendations and Comments from Other Alaska Skatepark Operators

The skatepark must be visible from the street to enable observation of the skatepark by public safety personnel. This will require selection of low-growing landscaping material in the landscaping design.

Water or ice on the skating surfaces makes them very dangerous as the metal surfaces do not provide tractions needed to control the skateboards when wet. The City needs to develop a method for closing the facility during wet or icy conditions. Unalaska and Ketchikan close their parks when weather conditions may lead to hazardous skating.

The City should not rent the skatepark for parties or offer lessons for skateboarding or in-line skating without carefully considering the increased liability. If the park is rented for parties or events, a permitting process needs to be developed that will address the cost of additional liability insurance, crowd control, noise, etc.

Public safety personnel should aggressively enforce the park rules and other City ordinances by regularly driving by, observing and citing violators.

Spectators should not be allowed on the designated skating surface.

Several sources recommended fences be designed so as not to create an oppressive or prison yard atmosphere.

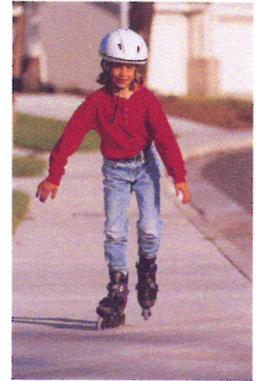
Safety Gear

Skateboarding and in-line skating are hazardous recreational activities. The question of whether to require skaters to wear safety gear to use the skatepark was discussed with the City’s insurance carrier, Alaska Public Entity Insurance (APEI). Since the Palmer

facility is unsupervised, the City does not have an effective method to enforce mandatory safety equipment use. According to APEI, making the use of safety equipment mandatory without rigorous enforcement is ultimately more of a liability risk than simply posting a strong recommendation to use safety gear.

A review of other Alaska and outside communities' requirements indicates that 80% of Alaskan communities recommend skaters use safety equipment but have not made their use mandatory. Of the eight communities outside Alaska that were reviewed, 50% recommend skaters use safety equipment but have not made their use mandatory.

- Unalaska, AK - recommended
- Juneau, AK - recommended
- Sitka, AK - recommended
- Wasilla, AK – recommended
- Ketchikan, AK - mandatory use of helmet, knee pads, elbow guards
- Merrimack, NH - recommended
- Phoenix, AZ - recommended
- Loveland, CO – recommended
- Avon, OH - recommended
- New Haven CT - mandatory use of helmet, knee pads, wrist pads, elbow guards
- Stockton, CA – mandatory use of helmet and knee pads
- Great Falls, MT - mandatory use of helmet; other gear recommended
- Costa Mesa, CA – mandatory use of helmet, knee pads and elbow guards



In the Public Skatepark Development Guide, Peter Whitley comments that “*Helmet and pad policies can increase the Parks Department’s liability. While each state has its own policies regarding recreational space, helmet and/or pad policies can create a degree of administrative responsibility on behalf of the managing organization. If helmet and/or pads are to be required, these rules must be strictly enforced or else the policy will simply be ignored.*”

Maintenance

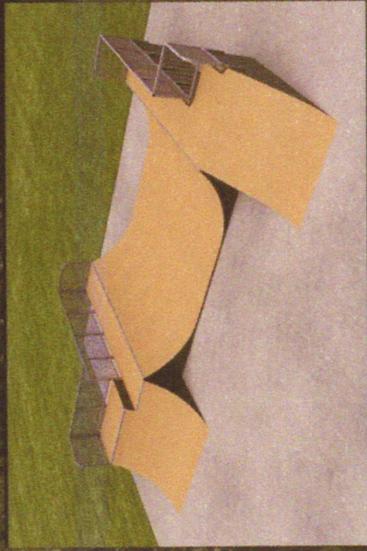
Having a regular maintenance schedule is highly recommended by the Skate Park Association of America. Weekly maintenance inspections should be conducted and documented using checklists. The steel ramps being used in the Palmer facility should not require more than a cursory weekly inspection to identify any major structural failures. According to the Public Skatepark Development Guide, a meticulous monthly inspection for signs of rust, corrosion and moisture should be conducted. All repairs should be completed in a timely fashion and documented. Records of these inspections and repairs should be maintained in one location for at least five years.

Skatepark maintenance should also include cleaning the parking lot and pathway leading into the facility, regular trash removal, and removal of any graffiti.



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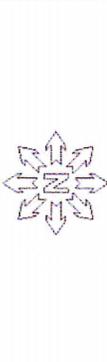
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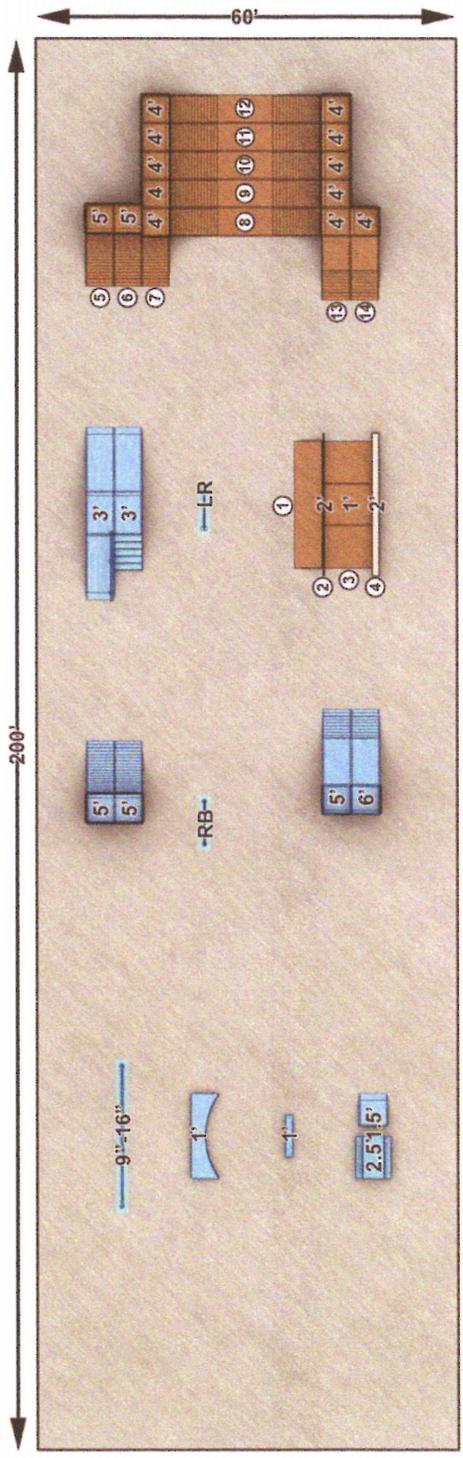


CUSTOMER APPROVAL DATE

PARK ENCLOSED? Yes
 PRO SERIES ✓
 X SERIES -
 STEALTH SERIES -
 STEALTH CLASSIC SERIES -

PROJECT NAME
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DESIGN NO. 5919



Existing ramps highlighted in blue.

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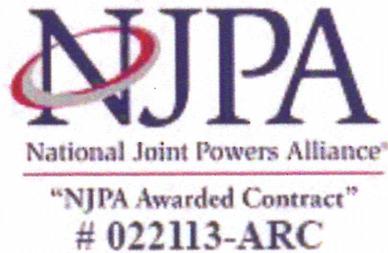
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Item	Obstacle	Height	Width	Length
1	Bank Ramp (Wedge)	1.0'	18.0'	7.0'
2	Grind Rail (Round)	1.0'	2"	20.0'
3	Wedge, Flat, Wedge	1.0'	8.0'	18.0'
4	Grind Ledge	1.0'	1.0'	20.0'
5	Quarter Pipe	5.0'	4.0'	12.0'
6	Quarter Pipe	5.0'	4.0'	12.0'
7	Quarter Pipe	4.0'	4.0'	7.0'
8	Half Pipe	4.0'	4.0'	30.0'
9	Half Pipe	4.0'	4.0'	30.0'
10	Half Pipe	4.0'	4.0'	30.0'
11	Half Pipe	4.0'	4.0'	30.0'
12	Half Pipe	4.0'	4.0'	30.0'
13	Bank Ramp	4.0'	4.0'	9.0'
14	Bank Ramp	4.0'	4.0'	13.0'

Subtotal	\$71,629.14
Freight	TBD
Supervised Installation	\$5,150.00
Framework Enclosures	\$7,162.91
TOTAL	\$83,942.05
Estimated Monthly Payment, 5 Year Term	\$1,755.71

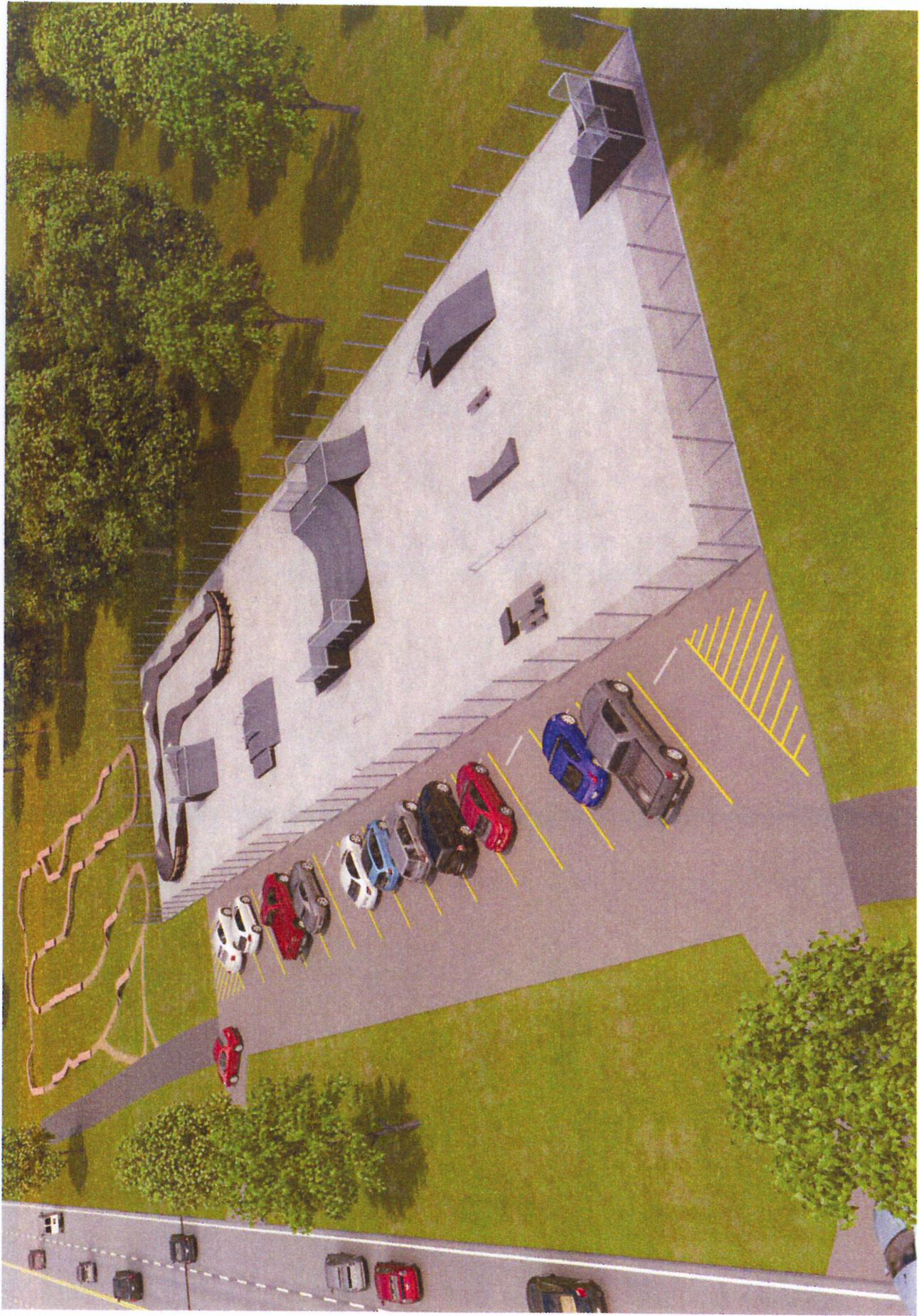
Notes:

- Estimated Monthly Payment is based on a Tax-Exempt Municipal Lease. Final rates are subject to credit review and/or market changes in the index rate. For more options/information please contact our Finance Partner:
 - Joel Quam with NCL at 866-763-7600 or jquam@LeaseServicingCenter.com
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Pumptrack

<u>Item #</u>	<u>Equipment</u>	<u>Height</u>	<u>Width</u>	<u>Length</u>	<u>Price</u>
1	The Addison Pumptrack (Lumberjack Series)	3'	57'	71'	\$48,478.26
	Subtotal				\$48,478.26
	Freight				TBD
	Installation				\$4,847.83
	Total				\$53,326.09

Skatepark Phase 2

<u>Item #</u>	<u>Equipment</u>	<u>Height</u>	<u>Width</u>	<u>Length</u>	<u>Price</u>
2	Quarter Pipe	5.0'	4.0'	14.0'	\$4,071.28
3	Quarter Pipe	5.0'	4.0'	14.0'	\$3,711.28
4	Quarter Pipe	5.0'	4.0'	14.0'	\$4,071.28
5	Wedge, Flat, Stair	1.5'	4.0'	17.0'	\$4,622.36
6	Grind Rail, Kinked (Round)	1.5'	2"	14.0'	\$560.00
7	Wedge, Flat, Wedge	2.0'	6.0'	20.0'	\$6,774.72
8	Grind Rail, Kinked (Round)	1.5'	2"	14.0'	\$560.00
9	Wedge, Flat, Stair	1.5'	4.0'	17.0'	\$4,802.36
10	Grindbox	1.0'	4.0'	10.0'	\$3,116.53
11	Grind Rail (Round)	1.0'	2"	20.0'	\$1,200.00
12	Bank Ramp	4.0'	4.0'	9.0'	\$1,595.82
13	Bank Ramp	4.0'	4.0'	17.0'	\$4,813.02
14	Half Pipe	4.0'	4.0'	30.5'	\$8,050.06
15	Half Pipe	4.0'	4.0'	30.5'	\$7,700.06
16	Half Pipe	4.0'	4.0'	30.5'	\$8,400.06
17	Half Pipe	5.0'	4.0'	33.0'	\$8,546.84
18	Half Pipe	5.0'	4.0'	33.0'	\$8,366.84
	Subtotal				\$80,962.48
	Freight				TBD
	Installation				\$8,096.25
	Framework Enclosures for Pro Series Equipment				\$8,096.25
	Total				\$97,154.98

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Skills Course

<u>Item #</u>	<u>Equipment</u>	<u>Height</u>	<u>Width</u>	<u>Length</u>	<u>Price</u>
S1	Zig Zag Roller	2'	2.5'	61.9'	\$8,646.96
S2	Roller Corner (90 Deg)	2'	2.5'	20.6'	\$4,019.56
S3	A-Frame (5.5 Deg)	1'	2'	15'	\$1,395.22
S4	Zig Zag 90 Deg Corner	2'	3'	21.8'	\$5,303.01
S5	Rolling Byway	2'	3'	74.3'	\$14,355.18
S6	Zig Zag Short (30 Deg)	1'	2.5'	24.2'	\$3,308.28
S7	180 Deg Turn	1'	3'	22.5'	\$3,829.14
S8	Nessy 2 Bumps (2'P, 1'V)	2'	2.5'	31.7'	\$4,241.84
S9	Zig Zag S Corner	2'	3'	36.5'	\$6,795.93
S10	A-Frame (11 Deg)	2'	2.5'	19'	\$1,986.36
S11	180 Deg Turn	1'	3'	22.5'	\$3,829.14
S12	Mountain Top Twin Peaks	2'	3'	54.2'	\$7,752.58
S13	Roller	2'	2.5'	18.7'	\$2,279.80
S14	Roller	2'	2.5'	18.7'	\$2,279.80

Subtotal \$70,022.80

Freight TBD

Installation \$7,002.28

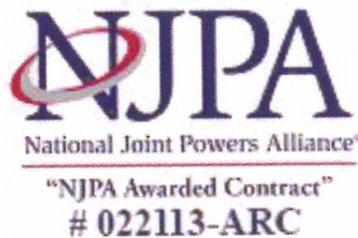
Total \$77,025.08

Grand Total \$227,506.14

Estimated Monthly Payment, 5 Year Term \$4,572.87

Notes:

- For supervised community build in lieu of full installation, call for revised quote.
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CITY OF PALMER
PARKS, RECREATION & CULTURAL RESOURCES ADVISORY BOARD
Resolution No. 15-001

**A Resolution of the Parks, Recreation & Cultural Resources Advisory Board
In Support of City's Mat-Su Trails & Parks Foundation Grant Application**

WHEREAS, the City of Palmer is seeking funds to acquire three parcels of land encompassing 20.6 acres including waterfront land along the Matanuska River to be developed with trails to connect Mat-Su Borough, City and Alaska Department of Transportation trails systems; and

WHEREAS, two goals in the Palmer Parks, Trails and Recreational Fields Master Plan of 2011 are developing natural surface trails along the Matanuska River and adding multi-use trails that connect to regional trails outside the community; and

WHEREAS, the Palmer Comprehensive Plan of 2006 calls for the development of area-wide recreational trails that improve connections between residential areas, Downtown, schools and recreational areas; and

WHEREAS, the 2012 Matanuska River Park Master Plan explored potential waterfront private parcel acquisitions to provide public access and to extend river connections; and

WHEREAS, the City has prepared an application requesting \$10,000 from the Mat-Su Trails & Parks Foundation to assist in funding the purchase of these three parcels from the current owner; and

WHEREAS, the Board finds that moving these privately held parcels into public ownership and developing trails that connect City, Borough and State trails systems is in the best interest of the community;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Palmer Parks, Recreation & Cultural Resources Advisory Board supports and endorsed the attached Mat-Su Trails and Parks Foundation Grant Application.

Passed and approved by the Parks, Recreation & Cultural Resources Advisory Board of Palmer, Alaska, this 3rd day of August, 2015.

Helene Antel, Chair

Sandra Garley, Director of Community Development

MSTPF LETTER OF INTENT

1. Name of Project _Matanuska River Parcel Acquisition

2. Brief description of proposal, including objective

The City of Palmer is seeking funds to purchase three parcels (Shown as #1,#2A and #2B on attached map, Potential Partnership: Land, Water, Conservation Grant Public Acquisition, Kopperud parcels) encompassing 20.6 acres of Matanuska Riverfront property. The parcels will ultimately be developed with trails to connect MatSu Borough and City of Palmer's trail system. The acquisition will preserve public access to the Matanuska River. The purchase will also preserve 16.2 acre parcel that is home to two bald eagle nests.

When acquired by the City, these parcels will connect the Borough's largest and most heavily used regional park to the City and Borough trail system as well as providing public river access which is otherwise unavailable for nearly 10 miles. The acquisition was initiated by community trails and conservation groups and brought to the City for leadership in coordinating the acquisition. The parcels also have local historical relevance being adjacent to the City founder's homestead.

The City is a willing buyer and multiple outdoor recreation and habitat preservation groups that are ready to act on purchase based on a successful grant award from MSTPF.

Acquisition is the first step in developing improved trails and integrating the land into the Borough and City trails system. The 16 acre area of eagle habitat will be protected with future enhancement to be determined through a community collaboration process. It is the City's intent to work collaboratively on an overall management plan for all of the parcels which will include trails, outdoor recreation, public river access, education, interpretation and habitat protection.

3. Location: 3345 N. Old Glenn Hwy Legal: T18N R23 Section 34 Lots B5, B6

4. Site Ownership or Easement Noel and Leif Kopperud, owners

5. Total Project Cost \$170,000

6. Amount Requested from MSTPF \$10,000

7. Contact Info:

Organization City of Palmer

Point of Contact Joe Hannan 907.863.0740

(jhannan@palmerak.org) or Sandra Garley 907.761.1322

(sgarley@palmerak.org)

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Timeline for Fall 2015 Grant Cycle:

August 7: applicant Letters of Intent due to kimryals@matsutrails.org

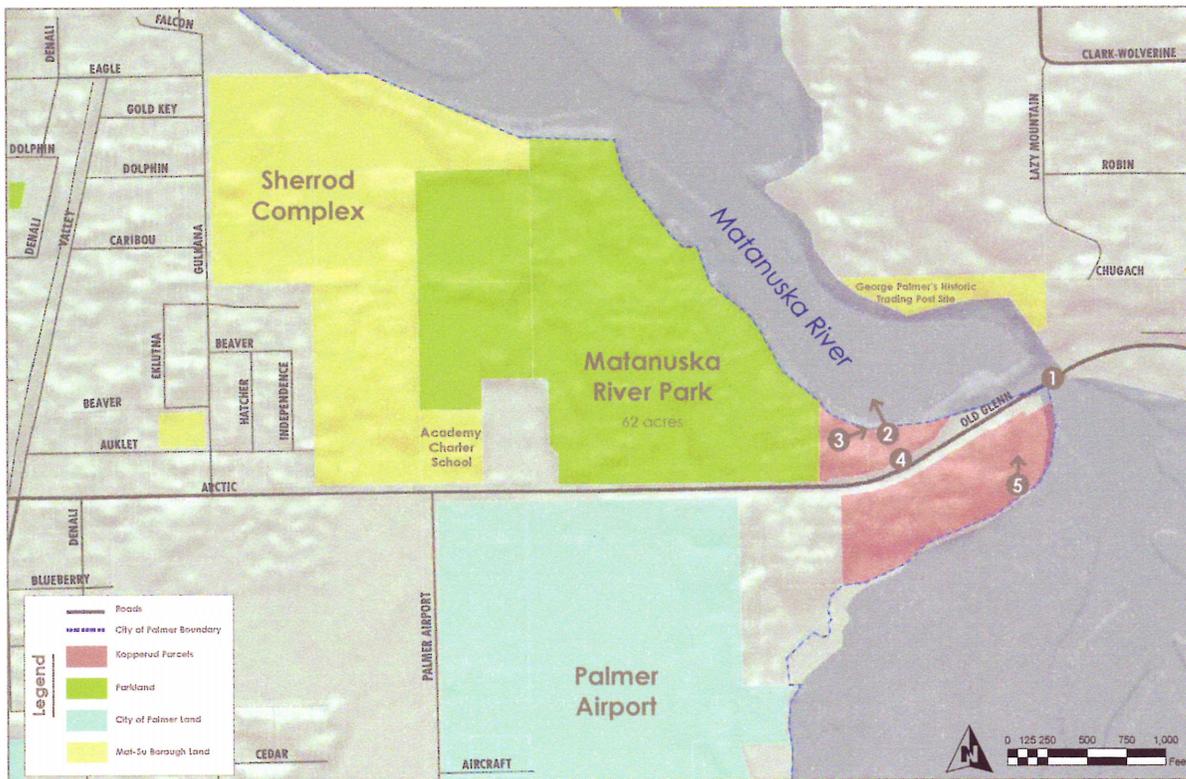
August 12: select applicants invited to submit a full grant application

September 4: grant applications due to Executive Director Kim Ryals

September 14-25: MSTPF site visits to potential projects

September 30: applicants notified of award (or decline)

Potential Partnership: Land, Water, Conservation Grant Public Acquisition



1 George Palmer Bridge, Mat River



2 View east from property



3 View north from property



4 Road access off Old Glenn/Arctic



5 Forest/River/Gravel Access



Kopperud Family Parcels

Potential Partnership: Land, Water, Conservation Grant Public Acquisition



1 View from Matanuska River gravel bar towards the George Palmer Bridge (left) and the Kopperud's northern parcels (right)

Supporting Language in Adopted City and Borough Plans

City of Palmer Plans

Parks, Trails and Recreational Fields Master Plan (2011)

Vision Statement of Palmer Parks, Trails and Recreation: "Palmer parks and trails connect our community." (page 8)

"Major attractions in the City that should be connected include the Matanuska River." (page 14)

"Consider developing natural surface trails along the Matanuska River, from the Palmer Golf Course northwards to the Matanuska River Park, or within some segments therein." (page 55)

Primary Priorities: "Multi-use trails to enhance connectivity within the community; Multi-use trails that connect to regional trails outside the community." (page 49)

Secondary Priorities: "Improve existing and develop new river / creek access areas." (page 49)

Comprehensive Plan (2006)

Take advantage of Palmer's distinctive history and character as an "economic engine" to draw visitors, to retain and attract residents, and support local businesses. "capitalize on character." (page 3-2)

"Encourage High Quality, Attractive Development with Ready Access to Parks and Green Space." (page 3-3)

Encourage new attractions to draw people off the Glenn Highway. "We need new businesses, more things for people to do." (page 3-3)

"Improve the major gateway entry points to downtown, to create a better sense of arrival and better brand for the community." (page 6-20)

"Support efforts to improve community attractions, including cultural facilities, trails and access to open space. Improve linkages between attractions." (page 7-5)

"Enhance area-wide recreational trail systems. Improve connections between residential areas, downtown, schools, institutional areas, recreation areas." (page 8-5)

Mat-Su Borough Plans

Matanuska River Management Plan (2010)

"Develop recreation access and opportunities throughout the river corridor." (Goal 5, page 55)

Matanuska River Park Master Plan (2013)

"Options are considered for extending the public riverfront experience up and down stream."

"Potential waterfront private parcel acquisitions and/or easements are explored to provide public access and/or extend the riverfront trail."

"As the regional population grows, the potential for creating a public riverfront attraction is explored. . . takes full advantage of the site views, and attracts residents and visitors."

"Engage residents in appreciating Palmer's historical river connections, including the Dena'ina and Ahna trade route between the interior and saltwater, and George Palmer's trading post across the river through river access and interpretation."

Parks and Open Space Plan

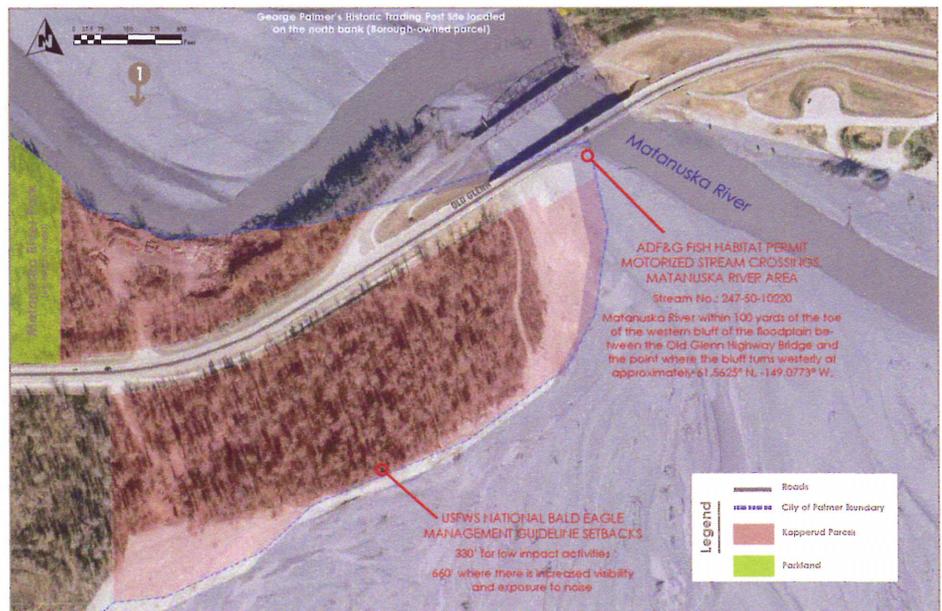
"Protect and preserve natural resource areas." (Goal P-2)

Proposed North Parcel Acquisition Goals:

- 1) Protect water quality, salmon habitat, and public river access through community acquisition of industrially zoned land.
- 2) Restore the historic site's natural character with a focus on pedestrian river access, regional trail connectivity, and providing a gateway scenic attraction.

Proposed Southern Parcel Acquisition Goals:

- 1) Protect water quality, salmon habitat, and public river access through community acquisition of industrially zoned land.
- 2) Retain a 330' natural buffer on the shoreline while expanding day-use parking capacity near the highway in support of Matanuska River, floodplain, and trail/path links.



Kopperud Family Parcels

Potential Partnership: Land, Water, Conservation Grant Public Acquisition



Noel, Leif, Ross & Karl
Kopperud Matanuska River
2 parcels, joint ownership

TOTAL AREA: ~ 20 ACRES
TOTAL VALUE: ~ \$170,500

1 Northwest

Size: 2.29 Acres
Address: 3345 N Old Glenn Hwy.
Legal: T18N R2E Section 34 Lot B6
Approximate Cost:* \$45,800

2A Northeast

Size: 2.27 Acres
Address: 3357 N Old Glenn Hwy.
Legal: T18N R2E Section 34 Lot B5
Approximate Cost:* \$14,964

2B South

Size: 16.12 Acres
Address: 3357 N Old Glenn Hwy.
Legal: T18N R2E Section 34 Lot B5
Approximate Cost:* \$109,736

*2014 Mat Su Borough Tax Assessment value; this cost may be adjusted to reflect new information, or potentially lowered for a partial community donation, similar to Matanuska River Park.



Kopperud Family Parcels

2015 Parks, Recreation & Cultural Resources Advisory Board Meetings

Meeting Date	Meeting Type	Meeting Time	Notes
September 3, 2015		7:00 PM	Change to later date?
October 1, 2015	Regular	7:00 PM	
November 5, 2015	Regular	7:00 PM	
December 3, 2015	Regular	7:00 PM	