

CITY ADMINISTRATOR'S REPORT JANUARY WORK SESSION



BEACH

The logs have been placed and the “no vehicle” signs have been installed.

Does the Council want to have a work session to discuss what actions, if any, the Council would like to take (e.g. improvements, CRMA amendments, etc.?) For example, do we want to construct the hardened paths? If so, what type of hardening do we want – planks, compacted dirt, gravel, a combination? How far to construct the hardening? Does the Council want to construct a pavilion? We could consider doing the pavilion as an Endowment Grant for CY2021.

Council member Taylor has the following comments for discussion:

1. Interesting that the defined area of the agreement includes all of Tract B, not just B2. I think we should recommend a rewrite to eliminate the BFF property of Tract B-1 and therefore limit the beach park provisions to Tract A and Tract B-2. That would eliminate conflicts between CRMA provisions and the infrastructure and operations of the BFF.
2. Land uplift has been substantial and a great deal more land is always, or almost always, above the highest tides. We should note that in the CRMA, indicating that a substantial area of the park is beyond the original Tract boundaries, but is still to be managed within the park as above the mean high tide line. That area, both facing Icy Passage and the Salmon River estuary will continually expand with uplift for the foreseeable future.
3. We should remove the indication that we would not control ATV traffic on the sands below the vegetation. I would replace that with a statement that such traffic will be prohibited for both the protection of the beach strand and the peaceful use by other recreational users.
4. The council needs to make a decision on parking on the West side. If we decide to provide for it, we need to address that in updates to the management plan. Perhaps describe how far from the road the parking area will extend, before being bounded by appropriate barriers.
5. Camping is provided for in the existing DRMA and even suggests that it is allowed for up to 14 days. We should modify that to say the City may close the area to all camping or may develop a limited camping area with regulations for such use. (I doubt well move to allow camping.)
6. We do need to update the management plan to provide for any construction on the west side and for any continuation of parking there. I don't know if placing the logs counts as “construction” but installing a fence probably would. We need to move with all deliberate speed to provide for changes to what we intend to—and may do—there.
7. On the east side we should note that access beyond the bounded parking area toward the beach for launching and retrieving kayaks or small boats will be by foot only. No motorized vehicles will be allowed beyond the parking area limits on the uplands.
8. We should also indicate our plan to install a pavilion on the east side near the parking lot—final location TBD.
9. The management plan text should clearly refer to the plan drawing. The drawing should be modified to eliminate the indicated parking within B2 and instead show it in the strip of B2 lying between the BFF and the road where the old tanks were.
10. We should mark the areas of the drawn plan beyond the vehicle barriers clearly as closed to motor vehicles.
11. There is a statement that the City will maintain open views and to do so will manage the spread of spruce on the uplands. I recommend that be made provisional—stating that the City “may” manage the spread of spruce in the future. I'm not sure that doing so is either appropriate or economically feasible. With the continued land uplift the beach moves out into Icy Passage opening new treeless surfaces similar to those presently existing.
12. We may need to clearly state that beach management provisions shall not intrude on or limit accepted uses of the DOT ROW on Dock Road. The City will work cooperatively with DOT to achieve shared goals for public and agency use of the ROW consistent with requirements in the Quieting Title.

If any actions are taken that change the CRMA, an amendment request should be to DNR.



ROADS COMMITTEE

Is the Council interested in reestablishing the Roads Committee? If so, I suggest that we take one member from each of the 6 road service areas and a Council member. Currently, roads issues are handled by the Mayor, Council member Taylor, and me – working with the road maintenance contractor. Attached is the draft Roads Plan that could be a topic for a work session if the Roads Committee is reestablished, or for the Council if preferred.



CIP

A draft CIP Plan will be sent on Friday, January 3. Since the work session meeting agenda is light, would the Council like to discuss the projects either at the January 6 work session, the January 13 General Meeting or set a CIP work session?

STEEL FLOAT

We have an estimate from a local business for moving the steel float of \$4,000 for each moving event and we supply the labor (e.g. Harbormaster plus any others needed.) Since ADOT will move the steel float after the bridge repairs, the first event we will need to cover will be in FY21. Items to consider include the condition of the float (will it need repairs, etc.), the anchoring system, or any other expenses we may not yet be aware of. ADOT will be beaching the float to clean and inspect the float during the State dock work this spring, that will give us a good idea of any additional costs.



STRATEGIC PLAN

The Strategic Plan survey has been distributed and closed January 2nd. The Strategic Plan work session to discuss the survey analysis and future survey's is scheduled for January 15 at 5:30.



DOING BUSINESS IN GUSTAVUS

The work session to discuss changes to Title 4 pertaining to the requirement for a City business license and the collection and payment of sales tax is scheduled for January 8 at 5:30.



MARINE FACILITIES ADVISORY COMMITTEE

The MFAC has met 3 times. The first meeting (Dec 18) covered organizational and procedural issues, and a brief discussion about the Facility Use Agreement and Fee Schedule. The second meeting (Dec 27) discussed the FUA and fees and determined that incorporating the core content into Title 8 may be a more effective way to accomplish the objectives. The third meeting (Jan 2) was a review of the draft Title 8 amendments, a draft resolution to amend the fee schedule, and a draft amended vessel registration. A copy of the documents was sent out on Jan 2 to the Council for consideration. **Does the Council wish to discuss?** Options could include sending direction back to the MFAC, moving the items to the January 13 General Meeting, make changes to the documents, and do nothing.

FERRY TERMINAL CLOSURE

REMINDER: The ferry terminal will be closed from March 3 – May 31, 2020 for work to improve the facility. **Note:** If the ferry is late coming out of the mandatory layup and misses the March 3 closure date there will not be another opportunity until the terminal work is complete.