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BOROUGH MAYOR

MEMORANDUM

TO: Kelly Cooper, Assembly President
Kenai Peninsula Borough Assembly Members

THRU: Mike Navarre, Borough Mayor *MN*

FROM: Max Best, Planning Director *MB*

DATE: April 25, 2017

SUBJECT: Ordinance 2017-08; An ordinance authorizing a Community Trail Management Agreement with Tsalteshi Trail Association.

The Kenai Peninsula Borough Planning Commission reviewed the subject Ordinance during their regularly scheduled April 24, 2017 meeting.

A motion passed by unanimous consent to recommend approval of Ordinance 2017-08, authorizing a Community Trail Management Agreement with Tsalteshi Trails Association, Inc..

In the Ordinance, please make the following amendment to the last WHEREAS statement:

WHEREAS, the KPB Planning Commission at its regularly scheduled meeting of April 24, 2017, recommended approval by unanimous consent.

Attached are the unapproved minutes of the subject portion of the meeting.

AGENDA ITEM F. PUBLIC HEARINGS

- 3. Ordinance 2017-08; An ordinance authorizing a Community Trail Management Agreement with Tsalteshi Trail Association.

Memorandum & Staff Report given by Marcus Mueller

PC Meeting: 4/24/17

Tsalteshi Trails Association, Inc. ("TTA") has developed, maintains and manages 25 kilometers of Nordic ski trails on borough land near Skyview High School, south of Soldotna. TTA has applied for a Community Trail Management Agreement ("CMTA") to establish a new multi-use trail system in the landfill buffer across from Central Peninsula Landfill.

Tsalteshi Trails proposes a new southern trail system that would be on the Borough's landfill buffer lands across from the Solid Waste landfill. These are lands that the Borough owns and manages as buffer space to the regional landfill.

A CTMA has been prepared that provides a framework and set of management tools that can be used to implement a Trail Management Plan in balance with other interests of the borough.

The trail facilities proposed are year-round, non-motorized; human-powered which would be groomed in the winter for multiple uses and maintained in the summer also for multiple uses. The Trail Management Plan would allow for "administrative amendment" where modifications are consistent with the general scope authorized by the assembly. "Major amendments" that introduce significant changes in location, use, fees, or regulations, would go before the assembly for additional approval.

This is the first implementation of the Borough's Code for community trail management agreements. They have had this code on the books since 2009. It provides a template form for community trail management agreements that could then be used in other contexts such as Snomads, Caribou Hills Cabin Hoppers, Kachemak Bay Water Trails, US Forest Service, Manitoba Huts, and other types of trail management groups and systems. This template is designed to house a variety of different trail contexts.

The Planning Commission's recommendations will be provided prior to the hearing on this ordinance.

Consideration of this ordinance is appreciated.

END OF MEMORANDUM AND STAFF REPORT

Chairman Martin opened the meeting for public comment. Seeing and hearing no one wishing to speak Chairman Martin closed the public comment period and opened discussion among the Commission.

MOTION: Commissioner Ruffner moved, seconded by Commissioner Isham to recommend approval of Ordinance 2017-08, authorizing a Community Trail Management Agreement with Tsalteshi Trails Association, Inc.

VOTE: The motion passed by unanimous consent.

CARLUCCIO YES	ECKLUND YES	ERNST YES	FOSTER ABSENT	GLENDENING YES	ISHAM YES	LOCKWOOD YES
MARTIN YES	MORGAN YES	RUFFNER YES	VENUTI YES	WHITNEY YES		11 YES 1 ABSENT

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- 4. Vacate the 66-foot section line easement running through the east side of Tract E1 as shown on Folz Subdivision, Snowden Addition, Plat SW 98-33. The section line easement being vacated is unconstructed and located within the SE 1/4 Section 27 and SW 1/4 Section 26, T1N, R1W, Seward