# **E. NEW BUSINESS**

Gruber Subdivision Ames Addition; KPB File 2024-046
 Edge Survey & Design, LLC / Ames
 Location: Stubblefield Drive
 Kalifornsky Area

Vicinity Map

4/18/2024





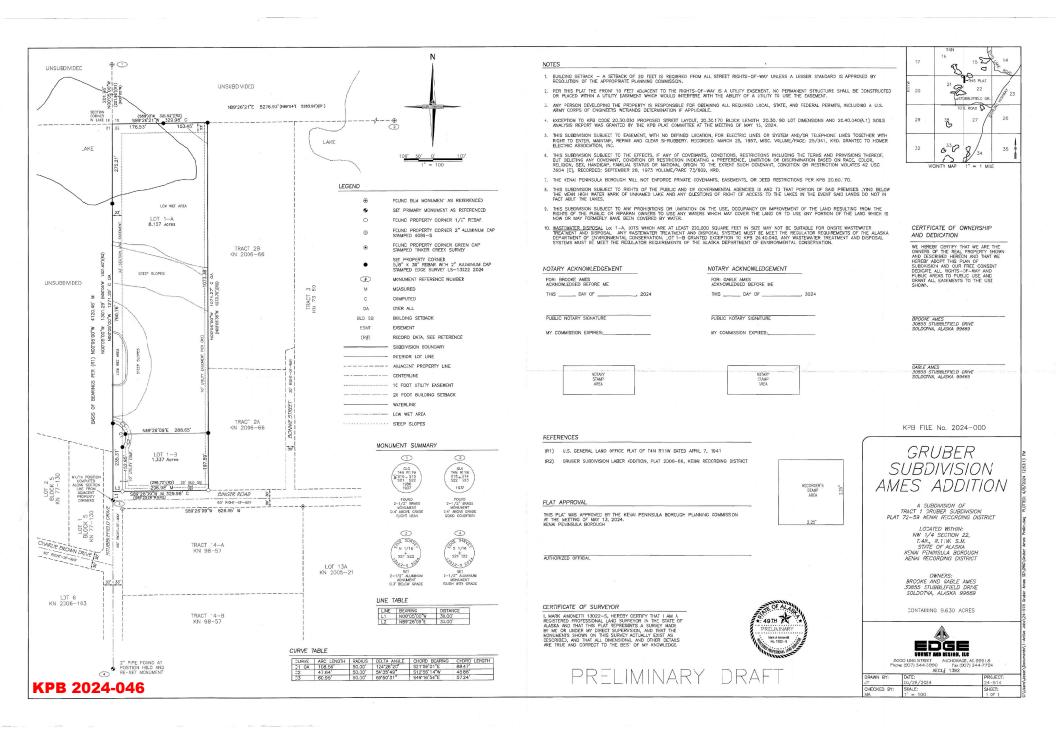


Aerial Map

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# ITEM #5 - PRELIMINARY PLAT GRUBER SUBDIVISION AMES ADDITION

KPB File No.	2024-046
Plat Committee Meeting:	May 13, 2024
Applicant / Owner:	Brook and Gable Ames of Soldotna
Surveyor:	Mark Aimonetti and Jason Young / Edge Survey and Design LLC
General Location:	Stubblefield Drin Kalifornsky area / Kalifornsky APC

Parent Parcel No.:	131-330-02
Legal Description:	Tract 1 of Gruber Subdivision KN 72-59
Assessing Use:	Residential
Zoning:	Rural Unrestricted
Water / Wastewater	Onsite
Exception Request	20.30.170, 20.30.030, 20.30.190, 20.40.040.A

#### STAFF REPORT

**Specific Request / Scope of Subdivision:** The proposed plat will subdivide a 9.630 acres parcel into two lots having sizes of 1.337 acres and 8.107 acres and a half dedication.

#### **Location and Legal Access (existing and proposed):**

Legal access to the plat is from Sterling Highway at Tote Road near milepost 101.5 to Stubblefield Dr north to the subdivision. Binger Road is on the south side of the plat with a 60' dedication, and on the west is a half dedication of Stubblefield Drive ending in a cul-de-sac. An exception to KPB 20.30.030, Street Layout, has been requested for the length of the cul-de-sac along the west side and extension of Stubblefield Dr on the west.

The plat is not completing a vacation of right-of-way. The plat is dedicating right-of-way in the southwest corner with a half cul-de-sac at the end of Stubblefield Drive.

The subdivision is affected by a section line easement as shown on the drawing. The easement should be shown on both sides of the section line if they exist on both sides.

Block length is not compliant in the area of this subdivision. An exception to 20.30.170 Block length has been requested.

# Lot 1-A being long in depth exceeds the length to width ratio and an exception to KPB 20.30.190 Lot Dimensions has been requested.

KPB Roads Dept. comments	Out of Jurisdiction: No
	Roads Director: Griebel, Scott Comments: No RSA comments or objections.
SOA DOT comments	

# **Site Investigation:**

There are improvements on the property along with structures. There are several sheds and a house located on Lot 1-B along with a well and a septic system.

There are steep areas shown on the plat, identified as steep slopes. Staff recommends: the surveyor identify the

direction of slope with either an arrow or label top and toe.

There are wetlands located on the plat which are indicated as low wet areas. The River Center review did not identify any FEMA flood hazard areas or habitat protect districts. Having indicated wet areas **Staff recommendation**: Place the following note on the final plat indicating "Any person developing the property is responsible for obtaining all required local, state, and federal permits, including a U.S. Army Corps of Engineers wetland determination if applicable."

KPB River Center review	A. Floodplain
	Reviewer: Hindman, Julie Floodplain Status: Not within flood hazard area Comments: No comments
	B. Habitat Protection
	Reviewer: Aldridge, Morgan Habitat Protection District Status: Is NOT within HPD Comments: No comments
State of Alaska Fish and Game	

#### **Staff Analysis**

The parcel was previously an aliquot part being the NW1/4 NW1/4 of Section 22, Township 4 North, Range 11 West, SM, Alaska. Gruber Subdivision KN 72-59 divided the NW1/4 NW1/4 of Section 22 into four tracts and one dedication for Binger Road. Tract 1 is now being subdivided by this platting action.

A soils report will be required for Lot 1-B, an exception to KPB 20.40.010 Wastewater disposal has been requested.

Per the preliminary Certificate to Plat, beneficial interest holders do not affect the proposed plat. Notification per KPB 20.10.100 will not be required unless the final Certificate to Plat states the property is affected by beneficial interest holders.

There does not appear to be any encroachments to or from the property across lines. There is a structure located on the property to the east that appears close to the property line. The surveyor should take note of its location to the property line when doing the field work.

The property is not within an advisory planning commission.

The subdivision plat has been reviewed and generally complies with the 2019 Kenai Peninsula Borough Comprehensive plan.

#### **Utility Easements**

HEA made comments as follows: the 10' utility easement listed as being by KN 2006-66 should be referenced to KN 72-59 on the east side of the plat.

The affected utility providers were emailed the subdivision plat public hearing notice as part of the routine notification process. **Staff recommends** to grant utility easements requested by the utility providers or work with the utility providers to obtain approval.

Utility provider review:

HEA	See comments above
ENSTAR	
ACS	

GCI	
CHUGACH	
ELECTRIC	
TELALASKA	

KPB department / agency review:

<b><u>KPB department / agency r</u></b> Addressing	Reviewer: Leavitt, Rhealyn
	Affected Addresses:
	30788 STUBBLEFIELD DR
	00,00 0,05522,1225 511
	Existing Street Names are Correct: Yes
	List of Correct Street Names: STUBBLEFIELD DR, BINGER RD, BONNIE ST, CHARLIE BROWN DR
	Existing Street Name Corrections Needed:
	All New Street Names are Approved: No
	List of Approved Street Names:
	List of Street Names Denied:
	Comments:
	30788 STUBBLEFIELD DR WILL REMAIN WITH LOT 1-B
Code Compliance	Reviewer: Ogren, Eric
	Comments: No comments
Planner	Reviewer: Raidmae, Ryan
	There are not any Local Option Zoning District issues with this proposed
	plat.
	Material Site Comments:
	There are not any material site issues with this proposed plat.
Assessing	Reviewer: Windsor, Heather
	Comments: No comment

# **STAFF RECOMMENDATIONS**

**CORRECTIONS / EDITS** 

Add KPB No 2024-046 to title block

### KPB 20.25.070 - Form and contents required

**Staff recommendation**: final plat submittals must comply with 20.25.070. Additional information, revisions, and/or corrections are required as noted below.

C. The location, width, and name of existing or platted streets and public ways, railroad rights-of-way, and other important features such as section lines or political subdivisions or municipal corporation boundaries abutting the subdivision;

## Staff recommendation:

Show the temporary turnaround to the west from KN77-130

D. A vicinity map, drawn to scale showing location of proposed subdivision, north arrow if different from plat orientation, township and range, section lines, roads, political boundaries, and prominent natural and manmade features, such as shorelines or streams;

#### Staff recommendation:

Label some of the prominent lakes on the map (eg. Echo Lake, Ashana Lake, Teack Lake, Leisure Lake, Reflection Lake, etc.)

F. The location, width and name of existing and platted streets and public ways, railroad rights-of-way, easements, and travel ways existing and proposed, within the subdivision;

#### Staff recommendation:

Label the temporary turnaround shown on the parent plat

G. The status of adjacent lands within 100 feet of the proposed subdivision boundary or the land status across from any dedicated rights-of-way that adjoin the propose subdivision boundary, including names of subdivisions, lot lines, block numbers, lot numbers, rights-of-way; or an indication that the adjacent land is not subdivided:

#### Staff recommendation:

Correct the plat label number to the east

M. Approximate locations of slopes over 20 percent in grade and if contours are shown, the areas of the contours that exceed 20 percent grade shall be clearly labeled as such;

#### Staff recommendation:

Show direction of slope with an arrow or label top and toe

#### **KPB 20.30 - Subdivision Design Requirements**

**Staff recommendation**: final plat submittals must comply with 20.30. Additional information, revisions, and/or corrections are required as noted below.

#### **KPB 20.40 - Wastewater Disposal**

**Staff recommendation**: final plat submittals must comply with 20.40. Additional information, revisions, and/or corrections are required as noted below.

20.40.010 Wastewater disposal.

Platting Staff Comments:

Staff recommendation: comply with 20.40.

#### **KPB 20.60 – Final Plat**

**Staff recommendation**: final plat submittals must comply with 20.60. Additional information, revisions, and/or corrections are required as noted below.

#### 20.60.180. Plat notes.

- A. Plat notes shall not be placed on a final plat unless required by borough code or by the planning commission in order to promote or protect the public health, safety, and welfare consistent with borough and state law.
- B. Revision of, or not carrying forward, an existing plat note from the parent plat will adhere to KPB 20.50.010. Separate advertising of the plat note removal is not required, Notification of the requested change will be sent by regular mail to all owners within the subdivision (parent plat and subsequent replats) as shown on the borough tax rolls. Upon approval by the planning commission, the revision or removal of the record plat note shall be finalized by recording a planning commission resolution or subdivision plat. **Staff recommendation:** Place the following notes on the plat.
  - Roads must meet the design and construction standards established by the borough in order to be considered for certification and inclusion in the road maintenance program (KPB 14.06).

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20.60.190. Certificates, statements, and signatures required.

**Staff recommendation**: comply with 20.60.190. Add the date of May 13, 2024 to the Plat Approval

#### **EXCEPTIONS REQUESTED:**

A. KPB 20.30.170 Block Length and 20.30.030 Street Layout

<u>Surveyor's Discussion:</u> Asking to not dedicate right-of-way along West boundary extending Stubblefield Drive and along North boundary.

#### Findings:

- 1. Steep terrain and a small lake make ROW dedication not practical.
- 2. North boundary section line segment along this parcel land locked by lakes.
- 3. West and North boundary subject to 33 foot section line easement, which provides utility and public access.
- 4. Stubblefield Drive extended with this platting action up to steep terrain with half cul-de-sac dedication.

# Staff Discussion:

20.30.170. - Blocks—Length requirements.

Blocks shall not be less than 330 feet or more than 1,320 feet in length. Along arterial streets and state maintained roads, block lengths shall not be less than 800 feet. Block lengths shall be measured from centerline intersections.

20.30.030. - Proposed street layout—Requirements.

A. The streets provided on the plat must provide fee simple right-of-way dedications to the appropriate governmental entity. These dedications must provide for the continuation or appropriate projection of all streets in surrounding areas and provide reasonable means of ingress for surrounding acreage tracts. Adequate and safe access for emergency and service vehicle traffic shall be considered in street layout.

#### Findings:

- 5. This proposed cul-de-sac matches the existing right-of-way to the west.
- 6. Access to the property will not be denied with the granting of the exception.
- 7. With the temporary turnaround to the west, this dedication makes a complete cul-de-sac.

Staff reviewed the exception request and recommends granting approval.

Staff recommends the Committee select the findings they determine are applicable, make additional findings if needed, tie the findings to the following standards, and vote on the exception in a separate motion.

Unless prohibited under this title, the commission (committee) may authorize exceptions to any of the requirements set forth in this title. Application for an exception shall present the commission (committee) with substantial evidence, justifying the requested waiver or exception stating fully the grounds for the application and the facts relied upon. All exceptions must be requested and granted at the time of preliminary plat approval. Exceptions may not be requested with a final plat submittal.

The committee shall make findings of fact meeting the following standards before granting any exception:

- 1. That special circumstances or conditions affecting the property have been shown by application; **Findings 1-3 appear to support this standard.**
- 2. That the exception is necessary for the preservation and enjoyment of a substantial property right and is the most practical manner of complying with the intent of this title;

Findings 1, 2 appear to support this standard.

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3. That the granting of the exception will not be detrimental to the public welfare or injurious to other property in the area in which said property is situated.

Findings 5-7 appear to support this standard.

#### B. KPB 20.30.190 Lot Dimensions

#### Surveyor's Discussion:

Asking for exception to length to width ratio

### Findings:

- 1. Parent parcel original long narrow shape limits design options
- 2. Length to width ratio for proposed Lot 1-A, 1:3.1, just 83 feet to long.
- 3. Steep terrain and a water body limits design options.

#### Staff Discussion:

20.30.190. - Lots—Dimensions.

A. The size and shape of lots shall provide usable sites appropriate for the locality in which the subdivision is located and in conformance with the requirements of any zoning ordinance effective for the area in which the proposed subdivision is located. Generally, lots shall be square or rectangular. Lots shall be at least 60 feet wide on the building setback line. The minimum depth shall be no less than 100 feet, and the average depth shall be no greater than three times the average width.

#### Findings:

4. When both lots are taken into consideration for the average ratio, it is below the required 1:3 at 1:2.6.

Staff reviewed the exception request and recommends granting approval.

Staff recommends the Committee select the findings they determine are applicable, make additional findings if needed, tie the findings to the following standards, and vote on the exception in a separate motion.

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The commission (committee) shall make findings of fact meeting the following standards before granting any exception:

- 1. That special circumstances or conditions affecting the property have been shown by application; Findings 1-4 appear to support this standard.
- 2. That the exception is necessary for the preservation and enjoyment of a substantial property right and is the most practical manner of complying with the intent of this title;
  - Findings 1-4 appear to support this standard.
- 3. That the granting of the exception will not be detrimental to the public welfare or injurious to other property in the area in which said property is situated.
  - Findings 1-4 appear to support this standard.

### C. KPB 20.40.010 Soils Analysis Report for proposed Lot 1-B

### Surveyor's Discussion:

Asking to not provide a soils analysis report and engineer signature on final plat.

#### Findings:

- 1. Proposed Lot 1-B has an existing functioning septic system installed by certified installer.
- 2. Documentation of existing septic system on file with Alaska DEC. File provided.
- 3. Septic documentation diagram depicts well draining soils and deep ground water.
- 4. Proposed Lot 1-B has 39,000 square feet available for septic system, which is adequate space for a replacement system, Exhibit provided.
- 5. No neighboring wells within 200 feet of Lot 1-B or other limiting factors to available usable area for replacement septic system.

#### Staff Discussion:

20.40.010. - Wastewater disposal.

A. All lots within a proposed subdivision in the Kenai Peninsula Borough must meet the following applicable standards of this chapter for wastewater disposal.

#### Findings:

6. Adjacent lots will not be denied installation of a septic system with the granting of this exception.

#### Staff reviewed the exception request and recommends granting approval.

Staff recommends the Committee select the findings they determine are applicable, make additional findings if needed, tie the findings to the following standards, and vote on the exception in a separate motion.

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- 1. That special circumstances or conditions affecting the property have been shown by application; Findings 1, 2 appear to support this standard.
- 2. That the exception is necessary for the preservation and enjoyment of a substantial property right and is the most practical manner of complying with the intent of this title;

Findings 1-5 appear to support this standard.

- 3. That the granting of the exception will not be detrimental to the public welfare or injurious to other property in the area in which said property is situated.
  - Findings 5. 6 appear to support this standard.

**Staff recommendation**: place notes on the final plat indicating any exceptions granted by the Plat Committee with the meeting date.

#### **RECOMMENDATION:**

### SUBJECT TO EXCEPTION(S) GRANTED, STAFF RECOMMENDS:

- GRANT APPROVAL OF THE PRELIMINARY PLAT SUBJECT TO STAFF RECOMMENDATIONS, AND
- COMPLIANCE WITH KPB 20.25.070 (FORM AND CONTENTS), KPB 20.25.080 (PETITION REQUIRED), KPB 20.30 (DESIGN REQUIREMENTS); AND KPB 20.40 (WASTEWATER DISPOSAL), AND
- COMPLIANCE WITH KPB 20.60 TO ENSURE ADMINISTRATIVE APPROVAL OF THE FINAL PLAT.

NOTE: 20.25.120. - REVIEW AND APPEAL.

A PARTY OF RECORD MAY REQUEST THAT A DECISION OF THE PLAT COMMITTEE BE REVIEWED BY THE PLANNING COMMISSION BY FILING A WRITTEN REQUEST WITHIN 15 DAYS OF NOTIFICATION OF THE DECISION IN ACCORDANCE WITH KPB 2.40.080.

A DECISION OF THE PLANNING COMMISSION MAY BE APPEALED TO THE HEARING OFFICER BY A PARTY OF RECORD WITHIN 15 DAYS OF THE DATE OF NOTICE OF DECISION IN ACCORDANCE WITH KPB 21.20.250.

**END OF STAFF REPORT** 

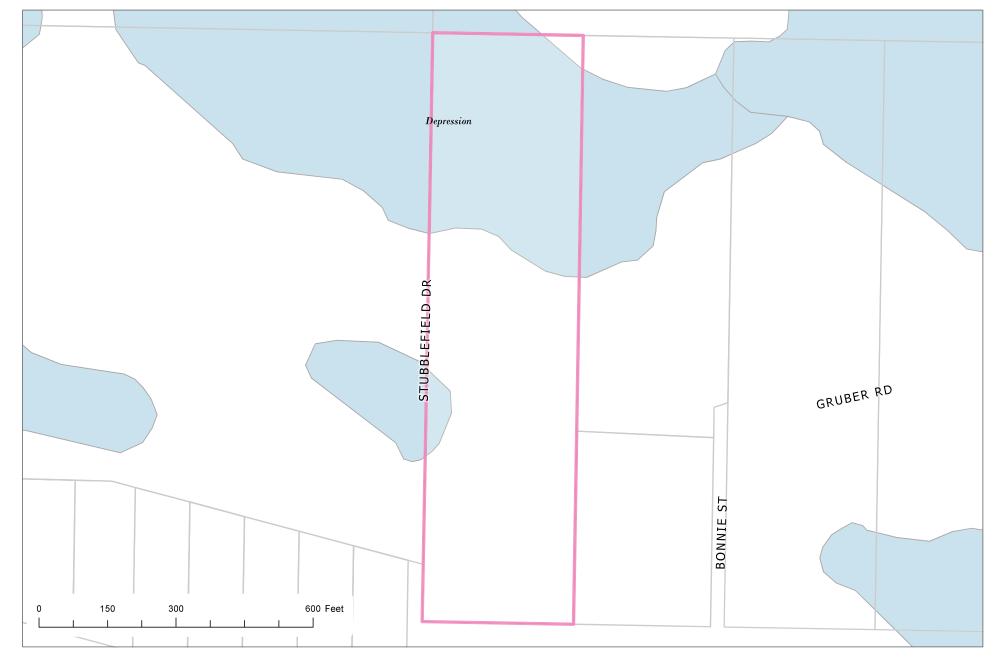
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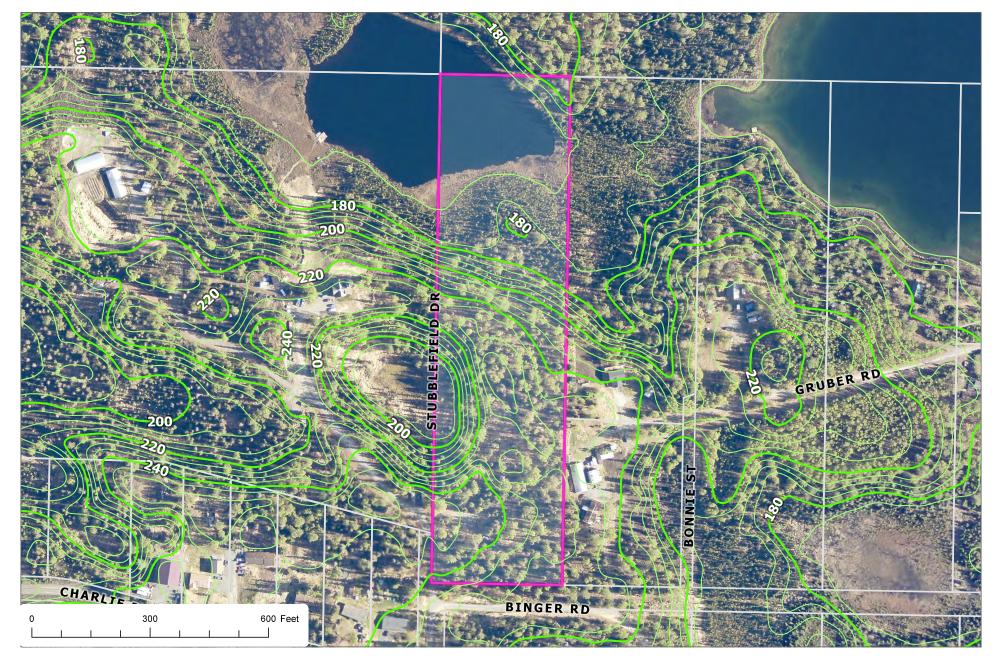




Aerial with 5-foot Contours

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### - KPB NOTE: See PC Resolution 2003-21

