

Kenai Peninsula Borough
Planning Department

MEMORANDUM

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

THRU: Charlie Pierce, Borough Mayor *ch*

FROM: Max J. Best, Planning Director *mb*

DATE: January 29, 2020

RE: Resolution 2020-011; A Resolution Authorizing the Acquisition by Donation of 20 Acres of Land Located in the Seward Area on Behalf of the Seward Bear Creek Flood Service Area.

The Kenai Peninsula Borough Planning Commission reviewed the subject Resolution during their regularly scheduled January 27, 2020 meeting.

A motion passed by unanimous consent to recommend approval of Resolution 2020-011.

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

WHEREAS, the KPB Planning Commission, at its regularly scheduled meeting of January 27, 2020, recommended approval by unanimous consent.

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

AGENDA ITEM F. PUBLIC HEARINGS

3. Resolution 2020-___; A Resolution Authorizing the Acquisition by Donation of 20 Acres of Land Located in the Seward Area on Behalf of the Seward Bear Creek Flood Service Area.

Staff Report given by Marcus Mueller

PC Meeting: January 27, 2020

The property owners had approached the Kachemak Heritage Land Trust and they put them in touch with the Flood Service Area. The property is situated in the historic braidplain of the Resurrection River. It is near the Seward airport and is within the City of Seward. The Borough received the adjacent property several years ago by way of donation. There would be no cost for the property but there will be closing fees that are being estimated at \$600. The property would be managed for conservation and future flood mitigation.

END OF STAFF REPORT

Chair Martin asked if anyone from the public wished to comment on this item. Seeing and hearing no one wishing to comment, Chair Martin closed public comment and opened discussion among the Commission.

MOTION: Commissioner Morgan moved, seconded by Commissioner Ernst, to forward to the Assembly a recommendation to approve Resolution 2020-011 to authorize the acquisition of donated land on behalf of the Seward Bear Creek Flood Service Area.

Commissioner Morgan was curious why the Kachemak Heritage Land Trust forwarded this onto the Borough. Mr. Mueller said that the Kachemak Heritage Land Trust was initially contacted because the owners were very interested in donating for conservation purposes. His understanding is that the Kachemak Heritage Land Trust must consider administration costs that are particular to their organization when they take property. It was felt that the Flood Service Area would be a better fit.

MOTION PASSED: Seeing and hearing no discussion or objection, the motion passed by unanimous consent.