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Jasmine Baker

Location:

Submitted At: 8:56pm 04-18-22

I am a 16-year-old girl who has grown up in Anchor Point and have been helping out with the food pantry for a few years now. I try to help out as much as I can and love interacting with the people of our small town. When I come on Mondays I am usually either filling the food bags or handing out warm hot chocolate or coffee. I love meeting new people and it has really helped me meet the people of our town. Being a part of the Anchor Point food pantry has been a blessing to me, to see that helping others is a wonderful thing and I'm glad that I can spend my time this way.

Travis Robotkay

Location:

Submitted At: 10:49am 04-18-22

My name is Travis Robotkay and I am with the Knights of Columbus 17517 in Homer. I am writing in support of the Anchor Point Food Pantry ordinance. Missy Marting is a very kind and caring person who will put others needs before her own. She regularly requests the knights to help with donations of food for the food pantry. They serve people in need from Ninilchik down to Anchor Point. The APFP participated in the Homeless Project Connect this past winter as a result of Missy's advocacy for people in need in her community. I support Missy and her efforts in getting land and building for the very important food bank. Thank you, Travis Robotkay
Knights of Columbus 17517

Chris Syme

Location:

Submitted At: 9:43pm 04-16-22

I have been a volunteer at the APFP since 2015 & now have the privilege of serving on the board as Secretary. We are a tenacious group of women who work well together and are committed to continuing the work of the Food Pantry in our community. You can see by looking at our plans that we are serious in establishing & sustaining a permanent home on this leased land. We have the support of many people & organizations that they are too many to name. But most are mentioned in our plans and/or have signed petitions in support of our acquiring this property. Please vote yes for the Anchor Point Food Pantry to lease the 3.52 acres so we can continue our commitment to our community and begin building a permanent site for our ministry.

Shari Daugherty

Location:

Submitted At: 5:19am 04-15-22

2022-07 - The Anchor Point Food Pantry does essential work serving borough residents from Ninilchik, south to eight mile and beyond. This small nonprofit group of citizens, provide food and ancillary services for, children, families, senior citizens, veterans and individuals in need, week in and week out. They have occupied several sites in the last few years, and now desperately need a permanent home. I would ask for the Borough's support of their request.

Shari Daugherty

Share the Spirit

Holiday Basket Coordinator

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Rick Hoover

Location:

Submitted At: 4:23pm 04-14-22

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Nichole Rudy

Location:

Submitted At: 1:21pm 04-14-22

Hello, my name is Nichole Rudy. I am choosing to comment on the meeting agenda topic pertaining to the Anchor Point Food Pantry, My family and I moved here in 2017. We knew no one in the area and had no idea how to adapt to Alaska living. At that point the food bank was housed in the Greatland Worship Center Church. Someone from the church came to my house and invited my family to to church and informed us that if we did not want to attend the church, the food bank was held on Monday nights. I chose to volunteer at the food bank when I could. Due to health reasons I could not do so very often. The volunteers running the food bank were so welcoming and made me feel so at home that I still volunteer and now am bookkeeper of the pantry. Without the food bank a lot of individuals in the Anchor Point area would not eat a healthy and substantial meal at least once a week, including children. Having their own land would making individuals feel more at home. Please help them obtain their goal of obtaining their land. Thank you !

Anchor Point Senior Center

Location:

Submitted At: 9:58am 04-14-22

The Anchor Point Senior Center greatly supports the Anchor Point Food Pantry and their mission to feed people in need. The Anchor Point Senior Center has worked closely with the AP Food Pantry over the years and support the designated location on School Street for a permanent Community Food Pantry.

Jeanette Shafer

Location:

Submitted At: 4:53pm 04-19-22

Anchor Point Food Pantry's possible lease was brought to my attention because I serve as the president of the Chapman School Parent Group, and the close proximity to the school makes it a topic of interest. When asking other parents and school staff members, almost nobody knew anything about the possible lease agreement until 2 weeks ago, and I hope parents are granted more time to voice their opinions. I see that a lot of time and effort went into the APFP Development Plan, and I understand that the construction season is very short and it makes sense to start site development as early as possible, but I hope that a few weeks would not be too damaging. It is public land, and the community and those who live/work nearby should be given the opportunity to voice their concerns or support.

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As a community member (separate from Chapman Parent Group) I have the following concerns:
1) Feasibility. I applaud the APFP for consistently supplying meals in our community for several years, that takes money, time, and organization. While this plan looks wonderful it also looks very expensive. I don't have a good feel for just how expensive, but it seems reasonable for taxpayers to ask for an estimated cost for at least the Near Term Development Phase to help gauge feasibility. Just keeping a road/parking lot plowed in the winter can be a large expense! A cost estimate would help everyone involved be on the same page, help the community decide if the location proposed (public land) is reasonable/best, and would give the APFP a fundraising goal if nothing else. 2) I'd like to suggest adding a requirement for some type of formal security presence to the lease agreement/Development Plan. Security personnel is a proactive step in assuring the recipients of the food, the volunteers, Chapman students, and residents of the surrounding area that the APFP intends to operate in a safe, secure manner- safe traffic flow, parking, playground etc.

I'm requesting two weeks to let parents and community members submit their comments. It is in APFP's interest to let the community be heard, the organizers might be pleasantly surprised by public support no matter what location is deemed to be the most suitable.

Thanks,
Jeanette Shafer

Jill Gunnerson

Location:
Submitted At: 2:00pm 04-19-22

The Anchor Point community is growing and with the cost of food prices we will increasingly need the services of the Food Pantry. Finding an easily accessible home for their services is important to them providing for the needs of our community. This proposed location is central in Anchor Point and would be an ideal Food Pantry location. Giving them a permanent location shows the Borough supports the need of a Food Bank and allows them to grow. They will be able to store more food, reach more people in need and find more volunteers with a home in Anchor Point. Anchor Point has recreational areas for children and adults to get outside, but we only have one organization providing to those in our community with food insecurities. This lease proposal is not being rushed into as it has been in consideration for over a year. The need is growing the time is now.

Thank you for your consideration,
Jill

Debra Leisek

Location:
Submitted At: 9:11am 04-19-22

The Anchor Point Food Bank has diligently provided a vital service to the entire Community of Anchor point for many years. These are volunteers who give their time and energy to helping others. They have worked hard and the KPB can show them their justified support in helping them attain the home base they need to be able to continue their extremely important work. As a Realtor, I have seen the good they do for others that cannot be measured in mere monetary worth. Please give them the consideration they have more than earned.

Thank you
Debra Leisek,
Broker Bay Realty

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Mary Trimble

Location:

Submitted At: 1:27pm 04-18-22

I am on the Anchor Point Advisory Planning Commission and was out of state at our last meeting on April 7 so was not able to vote. The following comments were to be read into the record but that was not done so I am submitting my comments now.

I would like to make my opinion noted about the disposition of the borough 3.5 acres. I have heard from people in the community; parents and teachers at Chapman, and the school district of interest in this property for the school and they are questioning why they had no knowledge of the lease that is on the table. I feel strongly that as an advisory board we should make clear to the planning commission and assembly the schools interest and that it is not prudent to rush into a lease with the Food Pantry.

Additionally, there is no other borough land available close to the school except this particular borough parcel. Chapman School (K-8) built in 1958 occupies only 4.5 acres which includes all the buildings and staff parking leaving only about half of that for the children which is totally inadequate. This 3.5 acres could be used for school activities such as track, biathlon events, skiing and a bike park like Kachemak City just built. Uses that benefit the children and better prepare them for leaving Anchor Point. Tying this property up with a lease leaves potentially 30 years before the school has another chance at this opportunity. Please take time to inquire with the School District and the Anchor Point parents about their interests and don't rush into an irreversible decision.

Thank you for your consideration.

Mary Trimble