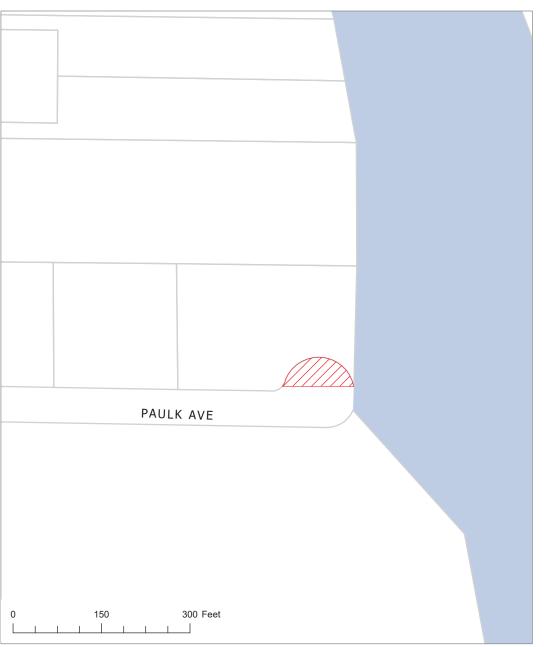
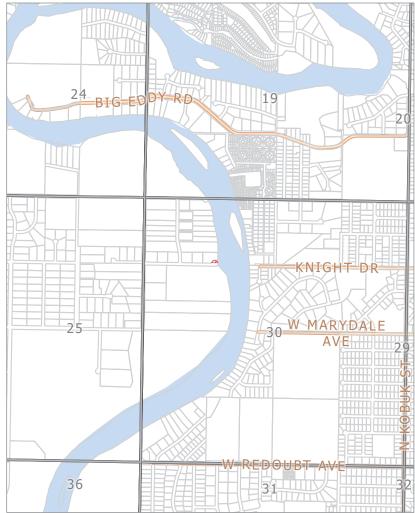
E. NEW BUSINESS

ROW Vacation; KPB File 2023-115V
 McLane Consulting / Asimakopoulos
 Request: Reconfigures the Pulk Ave. cul-de-sac by vacating & relocating the current bulb and associated utility easements of Jakes Estate Salmon Nest Addition, KN 1988-56

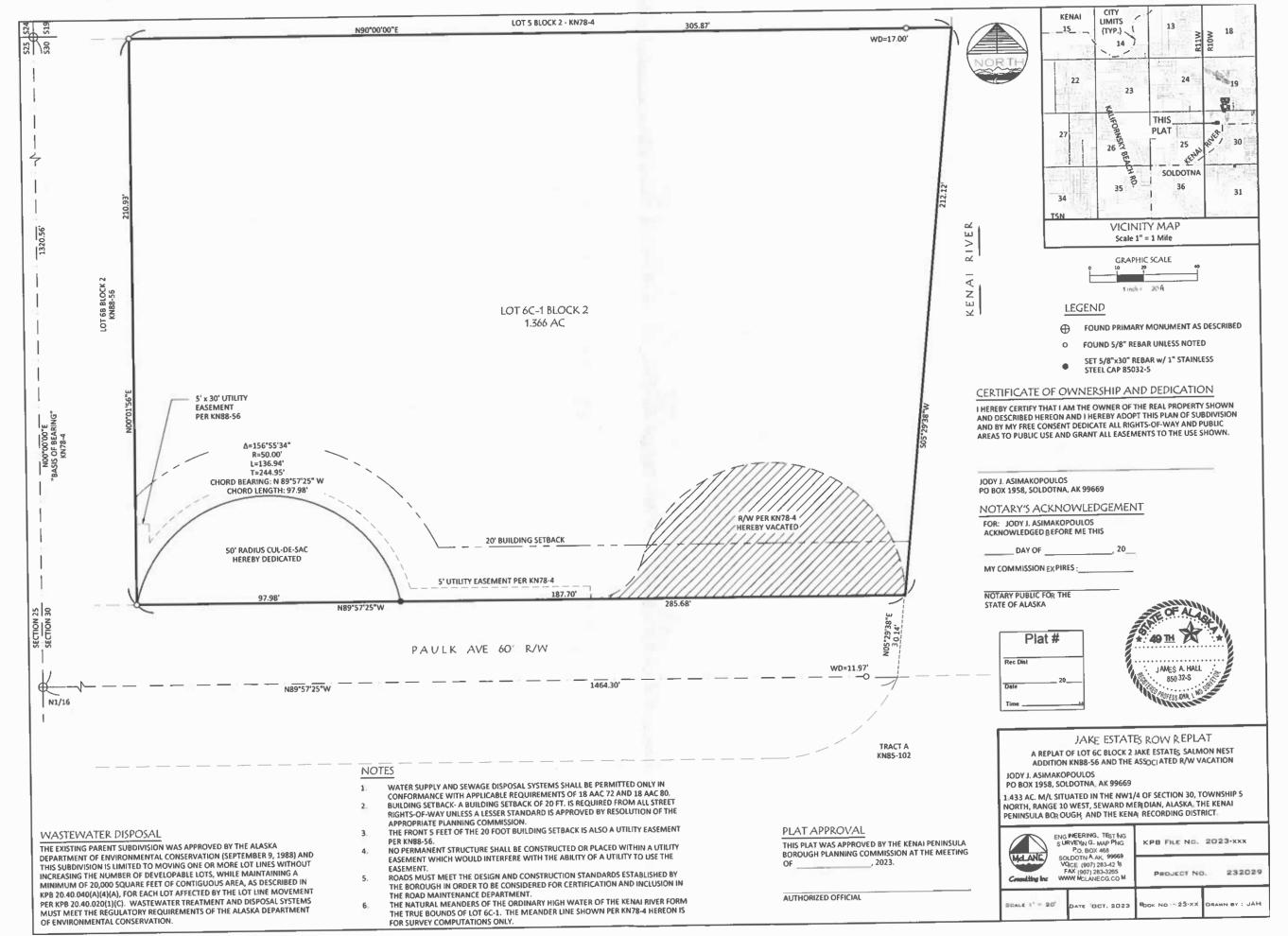
Kalifornsky Area / Kalifornsky APC





KPB File 2023-115V T 05N R 10W SEC 30 Kalifornsky





ITEM #3 - RIGHT OF WAY VACATION VACATE A PORTION PAULK AVENUE AND ASSOCIATED UTILITY EASEMENTS

KPB File No.	2023-115V	
Planning Commission Meeting:	November 13, 2023	
Applicant / Owner:	Jody Asimakopoulos of Soldotna, Alaska	
Surveyor:	James Hall / McLane Consulting Inc	
General Location:	Kalifornsky	
Parcels No.:	055-370-28	
Legal Description:	T 5N R 10W SEC 30 Seward Meridian KN 0880056 Jake Estates Sub	
	Salmon Nest Addn Lot 6C BLK 2	

STAFF REPORT

<u>Specific Request / Purpose as stated in the petition:</u> Alternate cul-de-sac will be relocated to the western side of lot 6C KN88-56. Current use of the backyard is limited with the majority of it being dedicated cul-de-sac. Relocation of cul-de-sac is better situated for current use of a turnaround area. All surrounding parcels remain with legal access including access to the Kenai River.

<u>Notification:</u> The public hearing notice was published in the November 8th issue of the Peninsula Clarion as part of the Commission's tentative agenda.

The public notice was posted on the Planning Commission bulletin board at the Kenai Peninsula Borough George A. Navarre Administration building. Additional notices were mailed to the following with the request to be posted for public viewing.

Library of Soldotna

Post Office of Soldotna

Six certified mailings were sent to owners of property within 300 feet of the proposed vacation. Two receipts had been returned when the staff report was prepared.

Public hearing notices were sent by regular mail to nine owners within 600 feet of the proposed vacation.

Fourteen public hearing notices were emailed to agencies and interested parties as shown below;

State of Alaska Dept. of Fish and Game

State of Alaska DNR

State of Alaska DOT

State of Alaska DNR Forestry

Emergency Services of CES

Alaska Communication Systems (ACS)

ENSTAR Natural Gas

General Communications Inc, (GCI) Homer Electric Association (HEA)

<u>Legal Access (existing and proposed):</u> This area is located off of Kalifornsky Beach Road to E Poppy Lane, Poppy Ridge Road, Bonita Avenue, then Paulk Avenue. Paulk Avenue and portions of Bonita Avenue are borough maintained with maintenance ending just before the driveway of the subject property. The cul-de-sac bulb is adjoining the Kenai River to the east providing access to the river. The applicants have contacted the River Center and Platting staff prior to submittal of the application and were very clear the access to the river will remain, but relocating the cul-de-sac bulb will help reduce the amount of bank loss. The applicants indicated the soils are silty and having the parking area moved to the west will reduce damage to the river banks.

The portion of Paulk Avenue right-of-way will remain 60-feet-wide all the way to the river.

A new dedication to replace the vacated right-of-way is proposed on the west side of the lot.

The RSA Director has reviewed the design and indicated the location of the proposed bulb will provide better turnaround area for the public and neighbors..

Block length for the area is not compliant due to the Kenai River to the east and a large unsubdivided parcel to the south currently owned by State of Alaska Fish and Game. **Staff recommends:** the plat committee concur an exception is not required.

KPB Roads Dept. comments	Out of Jurisdiction: No
	Roads Director: Griebel, Scott Comments: The public river access appears to be preserved. The shift of the traffic bulb away from the proximity to the river bank is a positive from both a construction and habitat preservation perspective. There is some history of Paulk ROW encroachments by adjacent residents. Public access to the resource is the intent of the dedication and should be protected.
SOA DOT comments	No comments – Engineering

<u>Site Investigation:</u> This area is located within a mapped flood hazard area, floodway, and habitat protection area for the Kenai River. *Staff recommends:* the corresponding notes for these items be added to the final submittal including the panel map provided by the Floodplain-Planner.

This area is generally flat with a slight decline towards the river to the east.

The current location for the bulb area falls within the classified Riverine wetland. The proposed location will be outside of any classified wetlands.

KPB River Center review	See attachments
	A. Floodplain Reviewer: Hindman, Julie Floodplain Status: IS in flood hazard area Comments: Flood Zone: A4,B,Floodway Map Panel: 020012-2045C In Floodway: True Floodway Panel: 020012-0013
	B. Habitat Protection Reviewer: Aldridge, Morgan Habitat Protection District Status: IS totally or partially within HPD Comments: i:0#.w kpb\maldridge
	C. State Parks Reviewer: VACANT Comments:

<u>Staff Analysis:</u> 30 feet of Paulk Avenue and the bulb area was granted by Jake Estate Subdivision, KN 78-4. A matching 30-feet was dedicated by Channel Shores Subdivision, KN 85-102.

Lot 6 of KN 78-4 was subdivided into three lots by Jake Estates Salmon Nest Addition, KN 88-56. No other platting actions have happened for this lot.

Alaska Fish and Game owns the large tract on the south side of Paulk Avenue and were sent a notice of the subdivision plat. 60-feet of the right-of-way will remain to the river to continue public access.

There are utilities in the area and all service providers were sent the design for review. Homer Electric Association Inc. (HEA) did provide a comment regarding a power pole in the current utility easement of the main right-of-way of Paulk Ave. Prior to any road development **staff recommends** the developer contact HEA and the KPB Roads Department for all needed permits.

20.65.050 - Action on vacation application

- D. The planning commission shall consider the merits of each vacation request and in all cases the planning commission shall deem the area being vacated to be of value to the public. It shall be incumbent upon the applicant to show that the area proposed for vacation is no longer practical for the uses or purposes authorized, or that other provisions have been made which are more beneficial to the public. In evaluating the merits of the proposed vacation, the planning commission shall consider whether:
 - 1. The right-of-way or public easement to be vacated is being used;

Staff comments: Yes

- 2. A road is impossible or impractical to construct, and alternative access has been provided; **Staff comments:** *No, just impractical and destructive. Alternative proposed in better location.*
- The surrounding area is fully developed and all planned or needed rights-of-way and utilities are constructed;

Staff comments: Yes

4. The vacation of a public right-of-way provides access to a lake, river, or other area with public interest or value, and if so, whether equal or superior access is provided;

Staff comments: 60 feet of right-of-way will still remain, but the cul-de-sac bulb is being relocated for river bank protection.

5 The proposed vacation would limit opportunities for interconnectivity with adjacent parcels, whether developed or undeveloped;

Staff comments: No affect to adjacent parcels

- 6. Other public access, other than general road use, exist or are feasible for the right-of-way; **Staff comments:** Access via end Paulk Rd will remain open.
- 7. All existing and future utility requirements are met. Rights-of-way which are utilized by a utility, or which logically would be required by a utility, shall not be vacated, unless it can be demonstrated that equal or superior access is or will be available. Where an easement would satisfactorily serve the utility interests, and no other public need for the right-of-way exists, the commission may approve the vacation and require that a utility easement be granted in place of the right-of-way.

Staff comments:

8. Any other factors that are relevant to the vacation application or the area proposed to be vacated. **Staff comments:**

A KPB Planning Commission decision denying a vacation application is final. A KPB Planning Commission decision to approve the vacation application is subject to consent or veto by the KPB Assembly, or City Council if located within City boundaries. The KPB Assembly, or City Council must hear the vacation within thirty days of the Planning Commission decision.

The Assembly will hear the vacation at their scheduled December 12, 2023 meeting.

If approved, <u>Jakes Estates ROW Replat</u> will finalize the proposed right of way vacations. A subdivision plat will not be accompanying this vacation and will be finalized under 20.10.080 – Vacation Plat.

KPB department / agency review:

KPB department / agency		
Addressing	Reviewer: Leavitt, Rhealyn	
	Affected Addresses:	
	45730 PAULK AVE	
	Existing Street Names are Correct: Yes	
	List of Correct Street Names:	
	PAULK AVE	
	Existing Street Name Corrections Needed:	
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	All New Street Names are Approved: No	
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	List of Approved Street Names:	
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	Comments:	
	No additional comments	
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Code Compliance	Reviewer: Ogren, Eric	
	Comments: Current Imagery shows multiple ROW encroachments. Limits	
	public access to the River.	
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	
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Utility provider review:

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HEA	Power pole G6-30-1720 is currently located in the outer 10 foot utility corridor of the right of way, which is an approved location. After the right of way dedication, the pole will be out of compliance, but twill be grandfathered. Any improvements to the cul-de-sac will require the pole to be relocated at the cost of the road developer.
ENSTAR	
ACS	No objections
GCI	

RECOMMENDATION:

Based on consideration of the merits as per KPB 20.65.050(D) as outlined by Staff comments, Staff recommends <u>APPROVAL</u> as petitioned, subject to:

- 1. Consent by KPB Assembly.
- 2. Compliance with the requirements for preliminary plats per Chapter 20 of the KPB Code.
- 3. Grant utility easements requested by the utility providers.

4. Submittal of a final plat within a timeframe such that the plat can be recorded within one year of vacation consent (KPB 20.70.130).

KPB 20.65.050 – Action on vacation application

- H. A planning commission decision to approve a vacation is not effective without the consent of the city council, if the vacated area to be vacated is within a city, or by the assembly in all other cases. The council or assembly shall have 30 days from the date of the planning commission approval to either consent to or veto the vacation. Notice of veto of the vacation shall be immediately given to the planning commission. Failure to act on the vacation within 30 days shall be considered to be consent to the vacation. This provision does not apply to alterations of utility easements under KPB 20.65.070 which do not require the consent of the assembly or city council unless city code specifically provides otherwise.
- I. Upon approval of the vacation request by the planning commission and no veto by the city council or assembly, where applicable, the applicant shall have a surveyor prepare and submit a plat including the entire area approved for vacation in conformance with KPB 20.10.080. Only the area approved for vacation by the assembly or council may be included on the plat. The final plat must be recorded within one year of the vacation consent.
- J. A planning commission decision denying a vacation application is final. No reapplication or petition concerning the same vacation may be filed within one calendar year of the date of the final denial action except in the case where new evidence or circumstances exist that were not available or present when the original petition was filed.
- K. An appeal of the planning commission, city council or assembly vacation action under this chapter must be filed in the superior court in accordance with the Alaska Rules of Appellate Procedure.

The 2019 Kenai Peninsula Borough Comprehensive Plan adopted November, 2019 by Ordinance No. 2019-25. The relevant objectives are listed.

Goal 3. Preserve and improve quality of life on the Kenai Peninsula Borough through increased access to local and regional facilities, activities, programs and services.

- Focus Area: Energy and Utilities
 - Objective A Encourage coordination or residential, commercial, and industrial development with extension of utilities and other infrastructure.
 - Strategy 1. Near Term: Maintain existing easements (especially section line easements) in addition to establishing adequate utility rights of way or easements to serve existing and future utility needs.
 - Strategy 2. Near Term: Maintain regular contact with utility operators to coordinate and review utility easement requests that are part of subdivision plat approval.
 - Strategy 3. Near Term: Identify potential utility routes on Borough lands.
- Housing
 - Objective D. Encourage efficient use of land, infrastructure and services outside incorporated cities by prioritizing future growth in the most suitable areas.
 - Strategy 1. Near Term: Collaborate with the AK Department of Transportation, incorporated cities within the borough, utility providers, other agencies overseeing local services, and existing communities located adjacent to the undeveloped areas that are appropriate for future growth, to align plans for future expansion of services to serve future residential development and manage growth.

Goal 4. Improve access to, from and connectivity within the Kenai Peninsula Borough

- Focus Area: Transportation

- Objective B. Ensure new roads are developed in alignment with existing and planned growth and development.
 - Strategy 2. Near Term: Establish subdivision codes that dictate road construction standards to accommodate future interconnectivity and/or public safety.
 - Strategy 3. Near Term: Identify areas of anticipated growth to determine future access needs.

END OF STAFF REPORT



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Aerial Map

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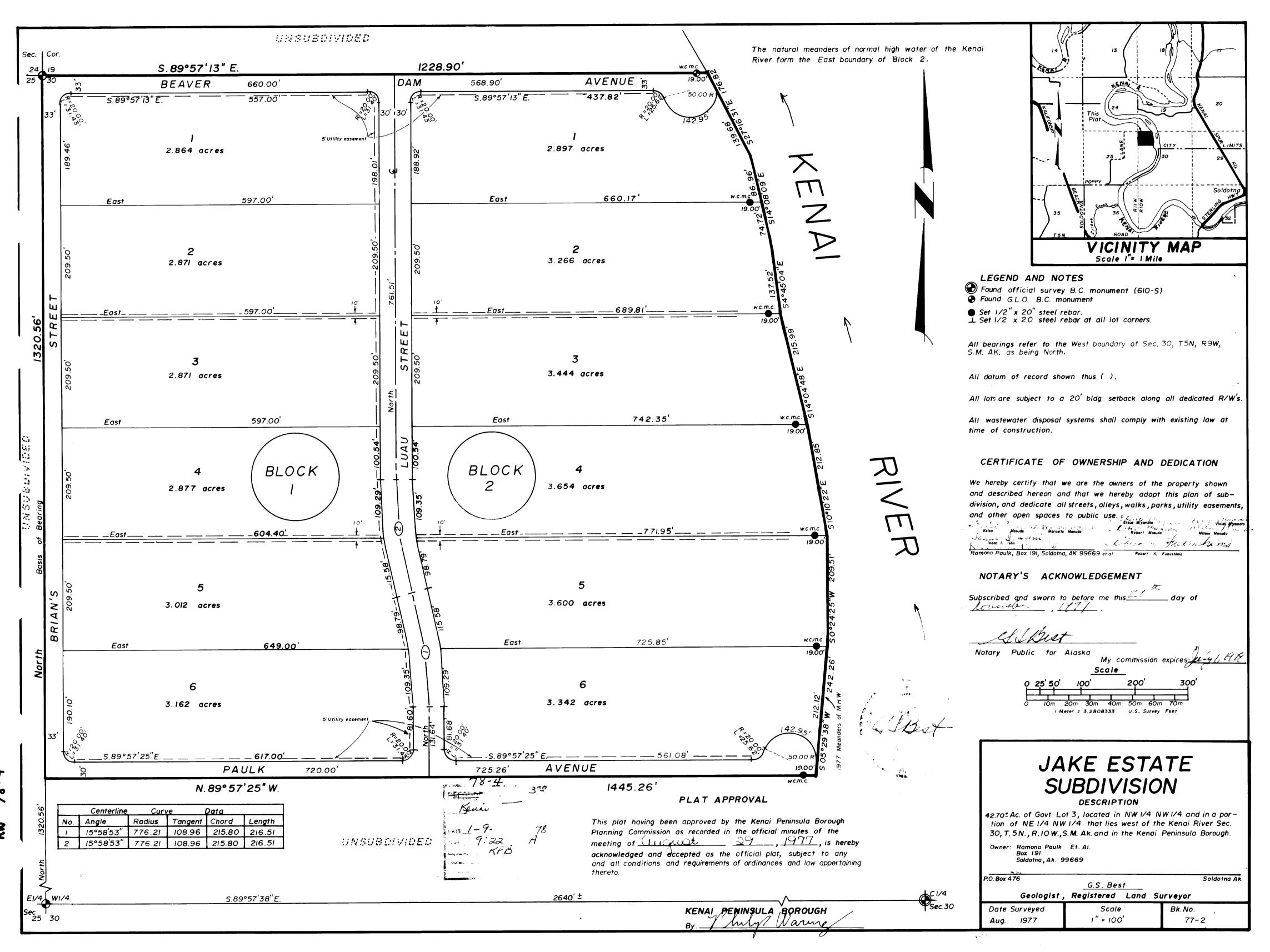


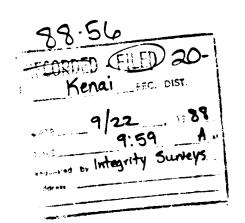
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Aerial with 5-foot Contours

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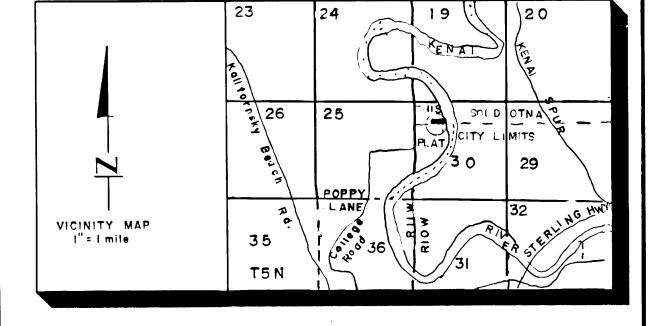
FLOOD PLAIN NOTE .

LOTS WITHIN THIS SUBDIVISION MAY BE LOCATED WITHIN A DESIGNATED FLOOD HAZARD AREA. DEVELOPEMENT MUST COMPLY WITH CHAPTER 21 OF THE KENAI PENINSULA BOROUGH CODE OF ORDINANCES. A SURVEY TO DETERMINE THE ELEVATION OF THE PROPERTY MAY BE REQUIRED PRIOR TO CONSTRUCTION.

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C2	90'10'56"	20.00	31.48
73	73'23'57"	20.00	25.62
7,4	131° 41′ 53″	50.00	121.91

LOT 5 LOT 5 725.77 S89'58'13"W (EAST 725.85') wcmc/ 286.79 206.56 213.42 BLOCK 1 BLOCK 2 6B LOT 6 1.32 Ac. 1.00 Ac. 1.00 Ac. 10' X 30' UTILITY 2 1/2"BC EASEMENT 168.60 206.56 S25 S30 S89'57'25"E 561.08 (561.08') 1445.26') BASIS OF BEARING (N89'57'25"W FOUND WOME DISTURBED $P \quad A \quad U \quad L \quad K \qquad \qquad A \quad V \quad E \quad N \quad U \quad E$ REPLACED WITH 5/8" RBR



CERTIFICATE of OWNERSHIP and **DEDICATION**

I HEREBY CERTIFY THAT I AM THE OWNER(S) OF THE PROPERTY SHOWN & DESCRIBED HEREON & THAT __ I __ HEREBY ADOPT THIS PLAN OF SUBDIVISION & DEDICATE ALL RIGHT-OF-WAYS & PUBLIC AREAS TO PUBLIC USE & GRANT ALL EASEMENTS TO THE USE SHOWN.

P.O. BOX 191 SOLDOTNA, ALASKA 99669

NOTARY'S ACKNOWLEDGEMENT

SUBSCRIBED AND SWORN BEFORE ME THIS 8 DAY OF AUGUST 1988 FOR RAMONA M. PAULK

NOTARY PUBLIC FOR ALASKA /2/89
MY COMMISSION EXPIRES 8/12/89

PLAT APPROVAL

THIS PLAT WAS APPROVED BY THE KENAI PENINSULA BOROUGH PLANNING COMMISSION AT THE MEETING OF 7-25-88

K.P.B. FILE NO. 88-058

SURVEYORS

JAKE ESTATES SALMON NEST ADDITION

A RESUBDIVISION OF LOT6 BLOCK 2 JAKE ESTATES SUBDIVISION LOCATED WITHIN THE NI/2 NW I/4 SEC. 30, T 5N, RIOW, S.M. KENAI RECORDING DISTRICT, KENAI PENINSULA BOROUGH, ALASKA

CONTAINING 3.32 Ac INTO 3 PARCELS

INTEGRITY SURVEYS P.O. BOX 1831

SOLDOTNA, ALASKA 99669 262 - 9461

PLANNERS

FIELD BOOK: 88 - 4 JOB NO.: 88- 23 FILE NAME : JAKE ESTATES D4 DISK NO. : PLATTED: AUGUST 88 JULY 88 SURVEYED: SCALE: | " = 60" DRAFTED: CB / JS CHECKED: CB SHEET:

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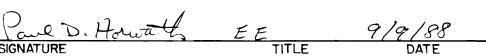
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CB CHORD BEARING

CERTIFICATE OF APPROVAL BY THE ALASKA DEPARTMENT OF ENVIRONMENTAL CONSERVATION THIS SUBDIVISION HAS BEEN REVIEWED IN ACCORDANCE WITH 18 AAC 72.065 AND IS APPROVED, SUBJECT TO ANY NOTED RESTRICTIONS.



NOTES:

I) PROPOSED LAND USES ARE RECREATIONAL, RESI-DENTIAL & AGRICULTURAL.

2) A SETBACK OF 20 FEET IS REQ'D FROM ALL STREET RIGHT-OF-WAYS UNLESS A LESSER STANDARD IS APPROVED BY RESOLUTION OF THE APPROPRIATE PLANNING COMMISSION.

3) ALL WASTEWATER DISPOSAL SYSTEMS SHALL COMPLY WITH EXISTING LAWS AT THE TIME OF CONSTRUC-TION.

4) THE FRONT 5 FEET OF BUILDING SETBACK IS RESERVED AS A UTILITY EASEMENT

5) DUE TO HIGH WATER TABLE ALL LOTS WILL REQUIRE ENGINEERED MOUND DISPOSAL SYSTEM WITH ADEC APPROVAL PRIOR TO INSTALLATION, 18 AAC 72.060.

