

## KENAI PENINSULA BOROUGH

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> MIKE NAVARRE BOROUGH MAYOR

## MEMORANDUM

- TO: Kelly Cooper, Assembly President Kenai Peninsula Borough Assembly Members
- FROM: Max Best, Planning Director
- DATE: May 24, 2017
- **SUBJECT:** Vacation of the dedicated portion of Diamond M Ranch Road between Lots 3A and 5A as shown on Carrol Martin Subdivision Diamond M Resort Addition, Plat KN 2008-116; located within the N 1/2 Section 22 and SW 1/4 Section 15, T5N, R11W, Seward Meridian, Alaska, and within the Kenai Peninsula Borough; KPB File 2017-058V.

In accordance with AS 29.40.140, no vacation of a Borough right-of-way and/or easement may be made without the consent of the Borough Assembly.

During their regularly scheduled meeting of May 22, 2017, the Kenai Peninsula Borough Planning Commission granted approval of the proposed vacation by unanimous consent based on the following findings of fact. This petition is being sent to you for your consideration and action.

#### Findings

- 1. There is not a constructed road within the current ROW.
- 2. The new location of ROW will encompass the existing roadway.
- 3. Sufficient rights-of-way exist to serve the surrounding properties.
- 4. No surrounding properties will be denied access.
- 5. Per the submittal, the right-of-way proposed for vacation is not in use for access.
- 6. Homer Electric Association submitted a statement of reviewed/no comments.
- 7. Per the submittal, the alternative dedication will connect with the existing dedication of Diamond M Ranch Road per KPB 20.30.030.
- 19. Per the detailed drawing provided by the surveyor, the portion of Sports Lake Road proposed for vacation has not been constructed.

The Assembly has 30 days from May 22, 2017 in which to veto the decision of the Planning Commission. If the Commission receives no veto within the 30-day period, the decision of the Commission will stand.

Draft, unapproved minutes of the pertinent portion of the meeting and other related materials are attached.

cc: petitioners' w/minutes only

#### AGENDA ITEM F. PUBLIC HEARINGS

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#### STAFF REPORT

PC Meeting: 5/22/17

#### Purpose as stated in petition:

- 1) A roadway has not been built within Diamond M Ranch Road right of way. The new right of way dedication will be over the existing travel way; and
- 2) There is an existing well located within the ROW. The vacation of the ROW will allow the existing well to be used for a public water system.

Petitioners: Carrol Martin, Joanne Martin, Blair Martin, and Ronna Martin of Kenai, AK

<u>Notification</u>: Public notice appeared in the May 11, 2017 issue of the Peninsula Clarion as a separate ad. The public hearing notice was published in the May 18 issue as part of the tentative agenda.

Seven certified mailings were sent to owners of property within 300 feet of the parcels. One receipt had been returned when the staff report was prepared. Two public hearing notices were sent by regular mail to owners within 600 feet of the proposed vacation.

Eleven public hearing notices were emailed agencies and interested parties.

Pertinent KPB Departments were notified of the public hearing through an interdepartmentally shared subdivision database. The public hearing notice was emailed to Central Emergency Services.

Notices were mailed to the Kenai Post Office and Kenai Community Library with a request to be posted in public locations.

The notice and maps were posted on the Borough bulletin board and Planning Department public hearing notice web site.

#### Comments Received:

Homer Electric Association: reviewed/no comments.

KPB Addressing Officer: No objection to the proposed vacation.

KPB Road Maintenance: Do the new dedications cause any setback issues to existing structures?

River Center: The proposed vacation is not within a mapped flood hazard zone, and it is not within the Anadromous Habitat Protection District.

#### Staff Discussion:

The proposed alternative right-of-way is being dedicated atop an existing natural gas line. A 15-foot easement for the gas line underlies the proposed alternative dedication. Comments from ENSTAR were not available when the staff report was prepared. ENSTAR may not be willing to have a right-of-way dedicated atop their existing facilities.

Imagery indicates a large structure very close to the proposed alternative right-of-way dedication. The

alternative right-of-way dedication may need to be designed to avoid creating encroachments in the building setback required by KPB 20.30.240.

Per Kenai Watershed Forum 2013 Cook Inlet Wetlands Mapping, neither the alternative right-of-way nor the existing right-of-way is affected by low wet areas.

Per KPB GIS 4-foot contours terrain within the alternative and existing right-of-way is flat.

#### Surveyor's Findings

- 1. There is not a constructed road within the current ROW.
- 2. The new location of ROW will encompass the existing roadway.

#### **Platting Staff Findings:**

- 3. Sufficient rights-of-way exist to serve the surrounding properties.
- 4. No surrounding properties will be denied access.
- 5. Per the submittal, the right-of-way proposed for vacation is not in use for access.
- 6. Homer Electric Association submitted a statement of reviewed/no comments.
- 7. Per the submittal, the alternative dedication will connect with the existing dedication of Diamond M Ranch Road per KPB 20.30.030.

STAFF RECOMMENDATION: Based on the above findings, staff recommends approval of the vacation as petitioned, subject to:

- 1. Submittal of a final plat in accordance with Chapter 20 of the KPB Code within a timeframe such that the plat can be recorded within one year of vacation consent.
- 2. Compliance with recommendations by ENSTAR, GCI, and ACS.
- 3. The alternative right-of-way will create no encroachments.

#### KPB 20.70.110:

A vacation of a street right-of-way, public area, or public easement within the borough outside of the limits of cities may not be made without the consent of the borough assembly. The assembly shall have 30 calendar days from the date of approval in which to veto the planning commission decision. If no veto is received by the planning director within the specified period, the city or borough shall be considered to have given consent to the vacation.

KPB 20.70.120:

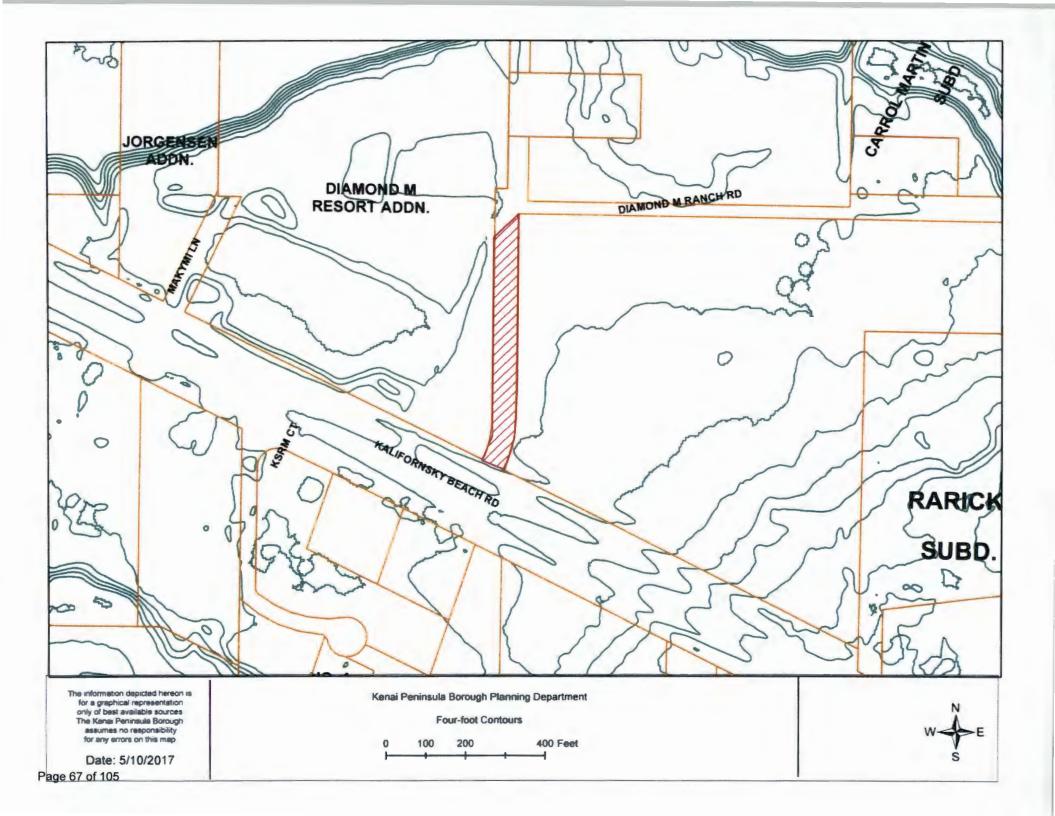
- A. Denial of a vacation petition is a final act for which no further consideration shall be given by the Kenai Peninsula Borough.
- B. Upon denial by the planning commission, no reapplication or petition concerning the same vacation may be filed within one calendar year of the date of the final denial action except in the case where new evidence or circumstances exist that were not available or present when the original petition was filed.

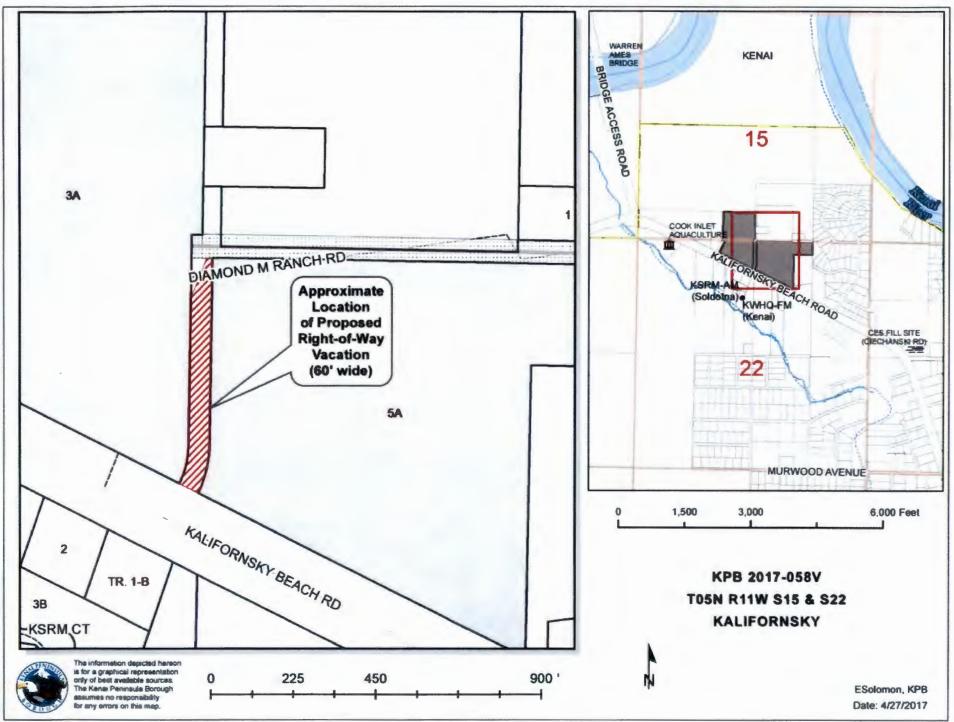
#### KPB 20.70.130:

THE FINAL PLAT MUST BE RECORDED WITHIN ONE YEAR OF THE VACATION CONSENT IN KPB 20.70.110.

END OF STAFF REPORT







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#### PLAT COMMENTS FROM KENAI PENINSULA BOROUGH REVIEWERS

# 2017-058V: Carrol Martin Subdivision Diamond M Resort 2017 Addition Vacation of Portion of Diamond M Ranch Rd.

Scott Huff Monday, May 22, 2017

#### 1. LOZD and Material Site Comments

Reviewer: Wall, Bruce NOT located within an LOZD

### 2. Kenai River Center (Floodplain, Habitat Protection, and State Parks)

A. Floodplain

Reviewer: Harris, Bryr Floodplain Status: Not within flood hazard area Comments:

#### **B. Habitat Protection**

Reviewer: Carver, Nancy Habitat Protection District Status: Is NOT within HPD Comments:

C. State Parks

Reviewer: Russell, Pam Comments: No Comments

#### 3. Addressing and Streets

Reviewer: Henson, Carrie Affected Addresses: 41125 KALIFORNSKY BEACH RD - WILL BE RETAINED ON LOT 5B 48500 DIMAOND M RANCH RD - WILL BE RETAINED ON LOT 3B 48512 DIAMOND M RANCH RD - WILL BE RETAINED ON LOT 3B 48522 DIAMONDM RANCH RD - WILL BE RETAINED ON LOT 3B

**Existing Street Names are Correct: True** 

List of Correct Street Names: DIAMOND M RANCH RD MAKYMI LANE KALIFORNSKY BEACH ROAD **Existing Street Name Corrections Needed:** 

All New Street Names are Approved: False

List of Approved Street Names:

List of Street Names Denied:

Comments: NO OBJECTION TO THE VACATION

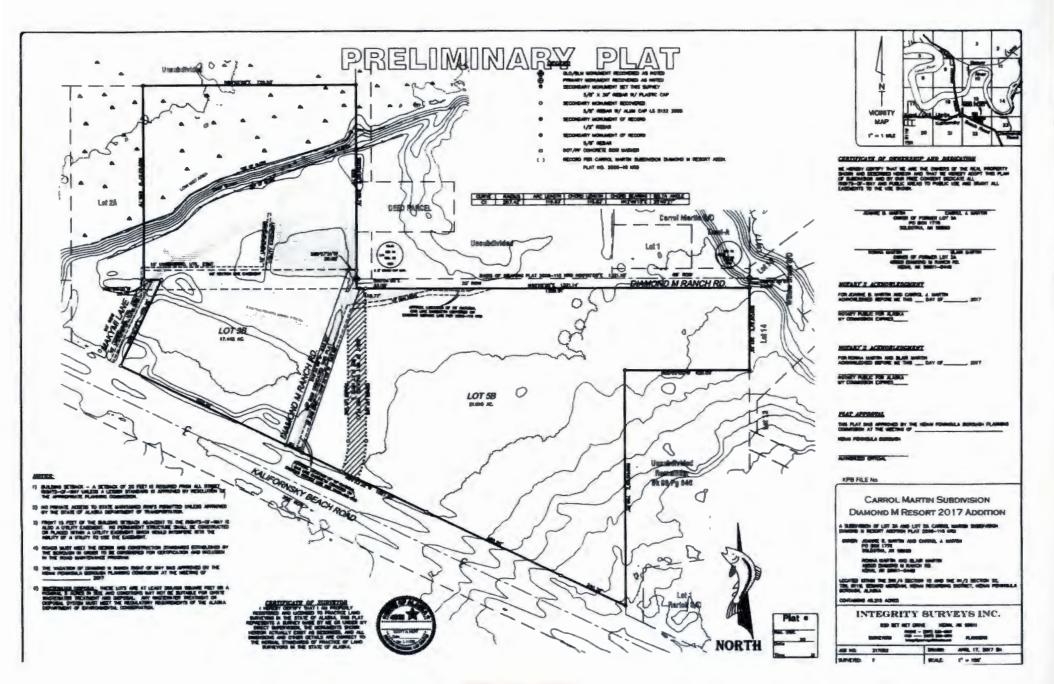
4. Code Compliance

Reviewer: Shears, Jennifer Comments:

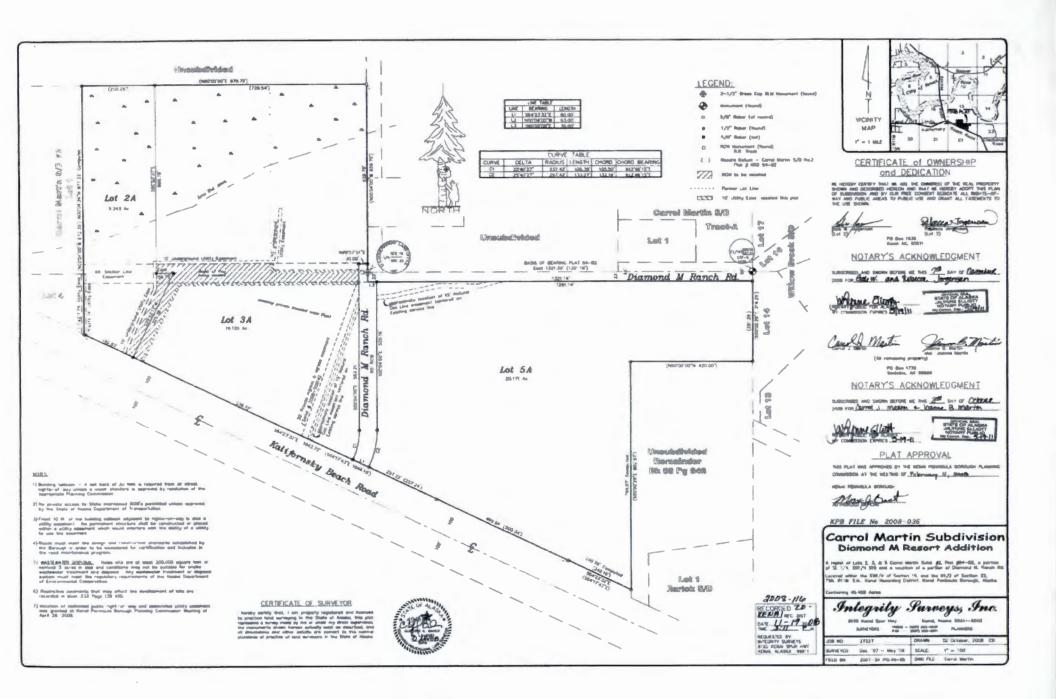
#### 5. Road Maintenance

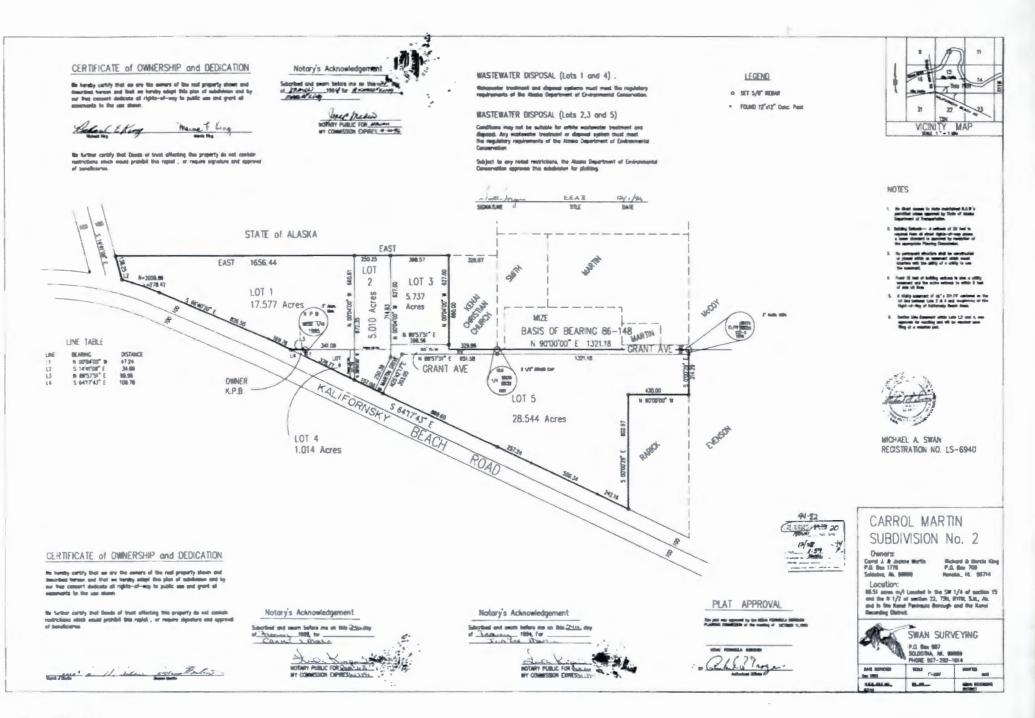
Roads Reviewer: Knackstedt, Henry Out of Jurisdiction: False Comments: Do the new dedications cause any setback issues to existing structures?

Roads Director: Malone, Patrick Comments: No comments



KPB 2017-058V





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#### Petition to Vacate Public Right-of-Way/Easement/Platted Public Area Public Hearing Required

Upon receipt of complete application with fees and all required attachments, a public hearing before the Planning Commission will be scheduled. The petition with all required information and attachments must be in the Planning Department at least 30 days prior to the preferred hearing date. By State Statute and Borough Code, the public hearing must be scheduled within 60 days of receipt of complete application.

	\$500 non-refundable fee to help defray costs of advertising public hearing. City Advisory Planning Commission. Copy of minutes at which this item was acted on, along with a copy of City Staff Report.				
2	Name of public right-of-way propose Carrol Martin Sub. Diamon M Resort Addn. Subdiv	d to be vacated ision, filed as Plat No.		i by the plat of	
-	Kenal Recording District.		_		
	Are there associated utility easements to be			No	
	Are easements in use by any utility company				
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	Recording District. (C	lopy of recorded do	cument must	be submitted with	
	petition.)				
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	parcels the vacated area will be attached t labeled on the sketch.	to. Proposed alternativ	ve dedication	is to be shown and	
	Has right-of-way been fully or partially const	ructed?	Ves	No No	
	is right-of-way used by vehicles / pedestrians		Ves	No.	
Is alternative right-of-way being provided?			Ves.	No	
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peas	e see attached submittal letter				
way, and	petition must be signed (written signature) by easement, or platted public area proposed to legal description of his/her property. nitted By: Name: <u>Scott Hufl - Inlegrity Surveys</u> Address <u>820 Set Net Dr.</u> Kenal, AK 99611	o be vacated. Each p	etitioner must	-	
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ROW Easement Vacation Petition & Procedures Revised 2/21/14



21 April 2017

Paul Voeller, Platting Officer Kenai Peninsula Borough 144 North Binkley St. Soldotna, AK 99669

Re: Carrol Martin Subdivision Diamond M Resort 2017 Addition showing the vacation of Diamond M Ranch Road.

Mr. Paul Voeller,

Please find attached the preliminary plat submittal for Carrol Martin Subdivision Diamond M Resort 2017 Addition. This subdivision will be vacating Diamond M Ranch Road and then dedicating it in a different location. A roadway has not been built within Diamond M Ranch Road right of way. The new right of way dedication will be over the existing traveled way.

There is an existing well located within the ROW. The vacation of the ROW will allow the existing well to be used for a public water system.

The following findings support the ROW vacation

- 1. There is not a constructed road within the current ROW.
- 2. The new location of ROW will encompass the existing roadway.

The following exceptions are being requested for the subdivision plat.

KPB 20.30.170 - Block Length

The following findings support the exception request.

- Diamond Ranch Road has been dedicated to the eastern boundary.
- There is no ROW to the east (within Willow Brook Subdivision) for a ROW to connect to.
- Lot 5B is a large field. If it is subdivided in the future then a ROW dedication can occur at that time to provide a connection from the east end of Diamond M Ranch Road back to Kalifornsky Beach Road.
- All lots front on a dedicated ROW

Should you have any questions, please feel free to call me. Thank you for your efforts on this project.

Sincerely,

Scott Huff, RLS Integrity Surveys