Kenai Peninsula Borough

Planning Department

MEMORANDUM

TO: Wayne Ogle, Assembly President Kenai Peninsula Borough Assembly Members

FROM: Max Best, Planning Director

DATE: November 14, 2018

RE: Vacate the Marianberry Lane right-of-way as dedicated on Hostetter Subdivision No. 2 Amended, Plat HM 2002-7 in the Ninilchik area and the associated 10-foot wide utility easements adjoining the Marianberry Lane right-of-way as granted by Hostetter Subdivision No. 2 Amended, Plat HM 2002-7. Location: within the S1/2 SE1/4 of Section 26, Township 1 South, Range 14 West, Seward Meridian, Alaska, within the Kenai Peninsula Borough; KPB File 2018-128V.

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 November 13, 2018, the Kenai Peninsula Borough Planning Commission granted approval of the proposed right-of-way and utility easement vacations by unanimous consent based on the following findings of fact. This petition is being sent to you for your consideration and action.

Findings:

- 3. Marianberry Lane serves Tract C, Tract D, and the unsubdivided remainder of Hostetter Subdivision No. 2.
- 4. Per the preliminary plat that will finalize the vacations, if approved, Tract C, Tract D, and the unsubdivided remainder will be combined into a 9-acre and 118-acre tract.
- 7. Marianberry Lane does not serve adjoining or adjacent acreage parcels.
- 8. If the vacations are approved, finalization will be accomplished by recording Hostetter 2018 Replat.
- 9. Hostetter 2018 Replat provides a 30-foot dedication for German Avenue across its entire northern boundary.
- 10. All adjoining parcels front existing rights-of-way and/or section line easements.
- 11. No adjoining or adjacent acreage parcels will be denied access.
- 12. KPB Roads Department submitted a statement of no comments.
- 13. Per the submittal, the right-of-way proposed for vacation has not been constructed.
- 14. Per the submittal, the right-of-way proposed for vacation is not being used for access.

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 given by Scott Huff

PC Meeting: 11/13/18

<u>Purpose as stated in petition</u>: The existing right-of-way to be vacated only serves as access to Tracts C and D Hostetter Subdivision No. 2. The lot lines of this property are going to be removed and the owners don't want an unnecessary right-of-way extending across the property.

Petitioners: Rhoda M. Dolifka and Dale L. Dolifka of Soldotna, AK.

<u>Notification</u>: Public notice appeared in the November 1 issue of the Homer News as a separate ad and the November 8 issue as part of the Commission's tentative agenda.

Public notices were sent by certified mail to 5 owners within 300 feet of the proposed vacations. All receipts have been returned.

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Public notices were mailed to the Ninilchik Community Library and Ninilchik Post Office with a request to post in public places.

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

Comments Received:

ACS: No objections.

ENSTAR: No comments, recommendations, or objections.

KPB Addressing: Existing street/names are correct. No Marianberry Lane addresses have been issued.

KPB Planner: No material site or local option zone issues.

KPB Roads Department: No comments.

River Center: Not within a flood hazard area. It is partially within the Habitat Protection District.

State Parks: No comments.

Staff Discussion:

Finalization of the vacations, if approved, will be by recording Hostetter 2018 Replat. Two different preliminary plats were submitted. In response to an inquiry from staff, the surveyor stated the only right-ofway proposed to be vacated is Marianberry Lane. German Avenue is not proposed to be vacated. Unfortunately, this clarification came too late to be included in the newspaper ad and the public hearing notices that were mailed and emailed.

Hostetter 2018 Replat is scheduled to be reviewed by the Plat Committee on November 26. The Plat Committee will need to consider exceptions to KPB 20.30.030 (extension and dedication of right-of-way) and 20.30.170 (block length) for the preliminary plat. Extra right-of-way and/or slope easements may be required to accommodate steep terrain within the right-of-way being dedicated for German Avenue. The deed parcel adjoining the subject property contains 1.25 acres so it is too small to be further subdivided. Right-of-way dedication for German Avenue adjoining the deed parcel may need to be expanded in accordance with KPB 20.30.110.

Findings:

- 1. Per KPB GIS mapping, the unnamed creek crossing Tract C and Tract D, which parallels Marianberry Lane, is anadromous.
- 2. Per the River Center review, the unnamed stream is part of the Habitat Protection District and is protected by KPB 21.18.
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- Slopes greater than 20 percent have been shown and labeled.
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STAFF RECOMMENDATION: Based on Findings 3, 4, and 7-14 staff recommends approval of the vacations as petitioned, subject to:

- 1. Consent of the KPB Assembly.
- 2. Grant utility easements requested by the utility providers.
- 3. 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.

KPB 20.70.110:

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KPB 20.70.120:

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- 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

Chair Pro Tem Carluccio opened the meeting for public comment. Seeing and hearing no one wishing to speak, Chair Pro Tem Carluccio closed public hearing and opened discussion among the Commission.

MOTION: Commissioner Bentz moved, seconded by Commissioner Whitney to approve the vacation as petitioned subject to consent of the KPB Assembly, grant utility easements requested by the utility providers, and submittal of a final plat in accordance with Chapter 20 of the KPB Code.

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

MOTION: Commissioner Bentz moved, seconded by Commissioner Whitney to cite staff report findings 3, 4, and 7 through 14.

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Charlie Pierce Borough Mayor

November 15, 2018

KENAI PENINSULA BOROUGH PLANNING COMMISSION NOTICE OF DECISION

MEETING OF NOVEMBER 13, 2018

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Please contact the Borough Clerk's office (907-714-2160 or 1-800-478-4441 toll-free within the borough) for additional information.

This notice and unapproved minutes of the subject portion of the meeting were sent November 15, 2018 to:

Peninsula Surveying, LLC 10535 Katrina Boulevard Ninilchik, AK 99639

Ron and Ruth D. Sterling 2811 Monarch Cir. Anchorage, AK 99516-2067 Dale L. and Rhoda M. Dolifka PO Box 498 Soldotna, AK 99669-0498

F. PUBLIC HEARINGS

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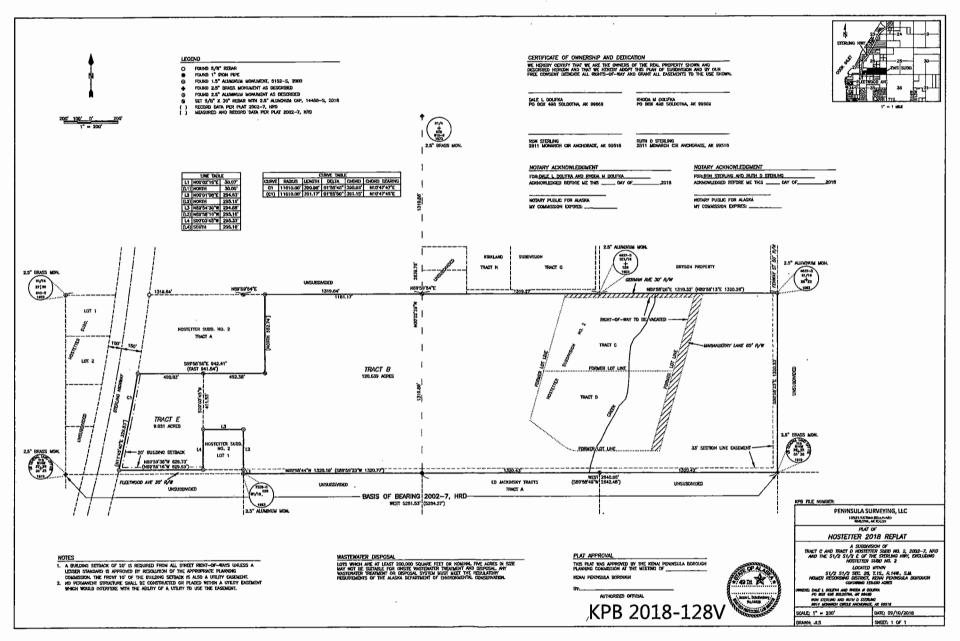
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