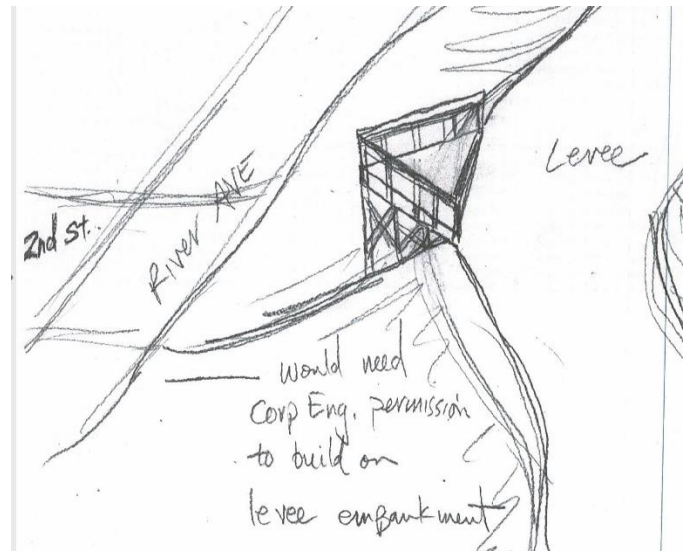


How About a Riverview Bench and/or Deck for sitting on the levee and watching the Kuskokwim?

The City is looking at the possibility of putting a river view deck with benches (or possibly just benches) to encourage people, especially elders, to walk for their health along the dike/levee, especially now that it has been cleared of brush and trees.



Three possible locations have been suggested to the City Council. The DOT would have to permit the lower location because it is on airport property; The location at the corner of First St. and River Ave. would involve a donation from the estate of Arlene Clay; And the Second St. location would be on the City treet right of way.



This sketch is for a 12' x 12' x 12' deck with bench seats.

Whatever shape the deck might take, it would require applying to the Army Corp of Engineers for a permit to encroach on the levee embankment.

Some of the issues to consider are:

Is the location convenient for viewing the river, and for walking the levee?

Is parking space needed;

Will having a deck increase traffic on the street, and would that be a problem?;

And will having a deck encourage kids to hang out there, and would that be a problem?

Please let the City know your opinions on this subject.

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Or talk to your City Council pers

The City is also beginning the long-range planning for an Elder Center and Library combined building.

We are just beginning the process of creating a design with the firm Architects Alaska, Inc. Now is the time to consider possible locations

And ideas of what the community would like a library and an elder center to be, and how it would best serve the community.

The first requirements of the design are that it be energy efficient and small enough to be affordable. And it would hopefully meet more than one community need...For example, if the Elder Center Library building did end up being located in the City Park, it would help address the park's future need for a restroom and outdoor lighting.

After the design is created the City will begin the process of applying for construction funds from organizations like the Ramussen Foundation.

While this project is in the design phase, the City is also working on creating improvements at the city park. Now that all our students are in one location, it is time to improve the park space so that it better serves the needs of the school and the rest of the community.

Exercise is critical to staying healthy and improving walking path safety is one of the highest priorities for the park. We plan to start by laying out the dimensions of a baseball field and making a walking trail around it.

We have asked Kuspuk if they would like to have a track at the park, and an ice rink was recently suggested at a City Council meeting.

Please let the City know what you would like to see in an elder center, library, and a city park.

