



# City of Homer

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## Memorandum 20-004

TO: Mayor Castner and Homer City Council  
THROUGH: Julie Engebretsen, Deputy City Planner  
FROM: Parks, Art, Recreation and Culture Advisory Commission  
DATE: October 23, 2019  
SUBJECT: Budget recommendation

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At the regular meeting of October 17, 2019, the Parks, Art, Recreation and Culture Advisory Commission unanimously recommended approval of city acceptance of the land donation.

Unapproved Minutes Excerpt:

### **NEW BUSINESS**

A. Nature Conservancy Land Donation, Homer Spit

Deputy City Planner Engebretsen provided an overview of how in 2001 the City acquired conservation properties on the Spit. One parcel of that land is still owned by The Nature Conservancy (TNC), who has recently reached out to the City wishing to donate the land to a local entity to continue the stewardship of the land. Ms. Engebretsen explained that the City is amenable to the transfer; it is stated in our Comprehensive Plan to acquire lands on the outside of the Spit for public enjoyment. A resolution will be before City Council at their next meeting and the City Manager is seeking a motion of support to accept the land donation.

LOWNEY/FAIR MOVED THAT THE CITY ACCEPT THIS LAND AS A DONATION.

Commissioner Lowney voiced her full support of accepting the land donation. She opined that they should be protecting as much as possible on the Spit, and it comes at no cost. Commissioner Fair agreed in support of the donation.

VOTE: NON OBJECTION: UNANIMOUS CONSENT.

Motion carried.