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TO: Homer Planning Commission
FROM: Julie Engebretsen, Deputy City Planner
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SUBJECT: Hornaday Park Land Acquisition

Introduction

There is a large parcel of land for sale, directly west of Hornaday Park. Park facilities including the campground road and one campsite are estimated to encroach over 130 feet onto this land. Staff recommends a work session be scheduled to discuss this property and some potential solutions. I have spoken with one of the listing agents and she is aware of the encroachment. She said she would present any solutions to the land owner for his review. The land is almost 40 acres, and listed for \$929,000.

There are a couple possible solutions, and they are fairly technical. Staff recommends a work session on Wednesday March 11, 4:00pm, for one hour to review some possible solutions. A final recommendation back to Council can be voted upon at the following Thursday regular meeting.

Analysis

The City clearly has some improvements on this neighboring lot. As a responsible land owner, now is the time to work through a resolution with the current land owner. Solutions include moving these improvements off the lot, or buying and replatting the properties so the City owns the land where the road and campsite are. The process of moving lot lines has many rules and I suggest taking the time to think about some big picture solutions in the area. Related planning efforts in this area include the Karen Hornaday Park plan, and the Woodard Creek Plan.

Staff Recommendation: Have a work session to discuss some solutions. Staff will provide some scenarios ahead of time for your input.

Attachments

1/31/2020 Map
Area Map

