

CITY OF CORDOVA



**PARKS AND RECREATION COMMISSION
REGULAR MEETING,
Tuesday, January 24th 2017
6:00 PM at the Cordova Center, Mayors Conference Room**

AGENDA

Commission Chair

Wendy Ranney

Commission Members

Stephen Phillips, Karen Hallquist, Marvin VanDenBroek, Kara Johnson, Dave Zastrow, Miriam Dunbar

Parks and Recreation Director

Susie Herschleb

Administrative Assistant

Heather Brannon

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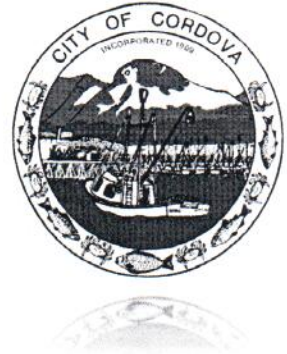
- A. CALL TO ORDER
- B. ROLL CALL: Wendy Ranney, Stephen Phillips, Karen Hallquist, Marvin VanDenBroek, Kara Johnson, Dave Zastrow, Miriam Dunbar, Susie Herschleb, and Heather Brannon.
- C. APPROVAL OF AGENDA
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- A1. Article on Ground Penetrating Radar
- A2. Easter Egg Hunt
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**From the Administrative Office of the City of Cordova Parks
and Recreation Department**

DATE: 1/19/17
TO: PARKS AND REC. COMMISSION
FROM: SUSAN HERSCHLEB / DIRECTOR
RE: DIRECTORS REPORT



Dear Commissioners,

SPIT AND NIRVANA UPDATE:

- (Please see attached e-mail thread on Easter Egg Hunt)
- Meeting with CRWP / Kristin Carpenter
 - I met with Kristin Carpenter (on 1/12/17) in order to refresh my memory. A few years back CRWP had discussed motorized recreation on Lake Eyak extensively; they were interested in relocating the boat ramp. I believe the idea of moving the ramp came about in conjunction with the culvert project that is in very close proximity to the existing boat ramp. The new culvert was/is meant to improve salmon habitat in the area and, obviously, the boat ramp is not good for salmon habitat. Not to mention, the boat ramp is located far too close to the City landing strip, causing a bit of conflict between these two user groups.

I did recall it was difficult to find anywhere on the lake that Salmon were not actively spawning however, I did not recall why specifically, the project was dropped. I asked for what reason the project fell through. She said that the only reason it was dropped was due to inadequate funding. Their perspective on salmon habitat and the location of the new boat ramp is that it would essentially be an exchange with advantages. If the old boat ramp was removed, the location would become a supportive environment (in front of the new culvert/spawning stream) for salmon. The new boat ramp would be disrupting salmon habitat (as the whole lake is habitat), however, it would not be located in front of a spawning stream and so would be justifiable.

- Phone conversation with Pam Smith.
 - Pam Smith called and asked if I knew when the next Community Conversation would take place. I have heard of no plans coming from the Historical Society and communicated this to her. She then asked what would be the best thing for the Parks and Rec. Dept. for the caucus to work on. I asked if they could discuss how they feel about recreating on the site. I feel that we need to know what their expectations are so that we can plan for and support their request. This can be done by placing appropriate signage at the site and depending on how they feel, planning to promote a new access point for recreation. She thought this was a good way for the Caucus to continue moving forward. I look forward with hearing from the Caucus.

- (Please see attached report on the underground radar work)
- I recommend putting off reviewing the Spit/ Nirvana in Master Plan until we have settled as a community on how to spend the 25k and we have a clear understanding of the Caucus's expectations on use.
- I suggest prepping to open the beach front at Skater's Cabin 10am-7pm, 7 days a week. I think it would be good to go ahead and order some signage well in advance. It can be approached as a quick fix at this time. It would be good to see how it works and its impact on rental revenue.

THE BUDGET CYCLE

- The Parks and Rec. Dept. was not funded the Rec. Ops Leader Position and was also reduced from 50k in temp employee funds to 25k. The pool's temp employee funds were reduced from 25k to 15k and the Parks temporary employee funds were reduced from 40k to 25k.
- I have begun the process of strategically planning for a restructure of the Recreation division with my City manager. My goal has been set; it is to maintain our programming (with minimal changes) with the resources available. This is a big job and will need my full attention. I will not be doing a full service audit with the Commission at this time. Should I need to vet changes in service; I will bring specific questions to the Commission.
- We have begun to ready Bidarki for after-hours access. This will save in temporary funds. The card swipe system will be set up in conjunction with a door lock. I have negotiated with the USCG for 24 hour access and we can expect in the future, after this project comes to fruition, a higher annual contribution in exchange. For this year, regular pass holders over the age of 16 will be allowed access 7 days a week 5am-10pm. Down the line we will calculate an additional fee for patrons who are not active duty USCG to have 24 hour access. Our lighting will all have motion sensors and the gymnasium upstairs will close with the facility (access will be blocked by a lock gate) until further notice. We will have facility usage agreements for use of the gymnasium. The administrative offices will close at 6pm

PROGRAMMING

- We have begun with our Iceworm events this week and we have spread the schedules over the two week period. In general the schedule is far less vigorous for staff. There should be no overtime and we will conflict less with other activities the week of Iceworm.
- (please see attached schedules)
- 6-8th grade basketball is up next you can expect to see registration forms the week after Iceworm.
- DTK date has been set for Saturday April 22nd – EARTH DAY... hahaha pretty funny considering our theme!
- (see attached letter for donations to the Silent Auction)
- I would like to place an agenda item on the next regular meeting; volunteer opportunities for DTK. I think I will most likely need help with the busy work of creating some table settings along with tasks related to the silent auction

QUARTERLY REPORT

- (please see attached)

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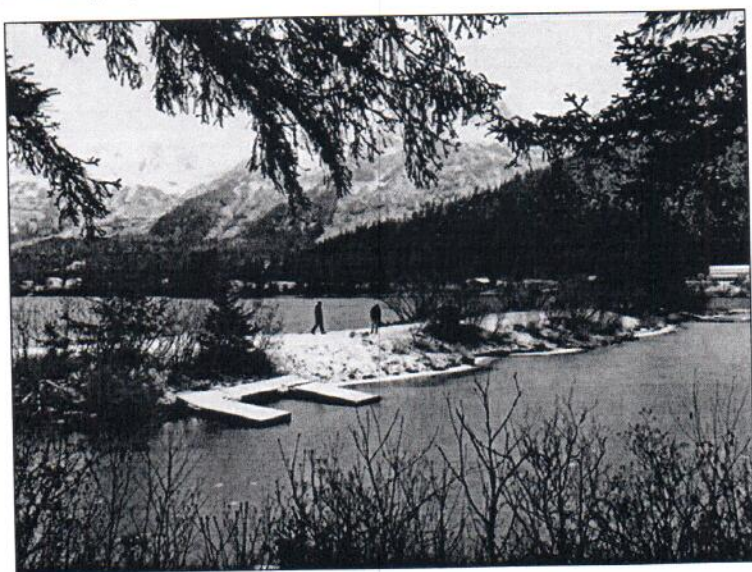
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Eyak Lake, Alaska: GPR Survey and Landscape Protection Plan

Posted on January 15, 2017



The view from the Spit across the southern part of Eyak Lake, an incredible cultural landscape. Image: AAI

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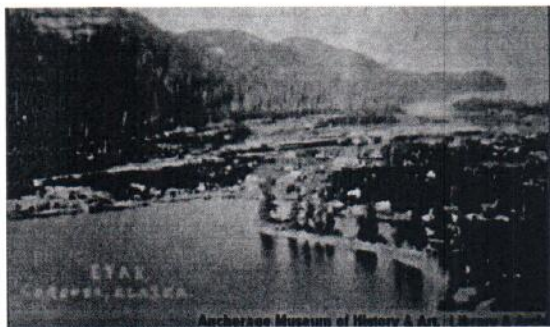
In August 2016, a team from Applied Archaeology International (AAI) were invited to the annual Eyak Cultural and Language Camp in Cordova, Alaska, hosted by Orca Adventure Lodge. The team included two archaeologists, three interns from the Kenaitze Tribe, and Elders from Australia – as part of AAI's annual cultural ranger internship and international cultural exchange program.

The camp is focused on Eyak language revitalization. The history of the Eyak language loss is often used as a cautionary tale for indigenous language workers. The first Alaska Native language to be determined "extinct", this resurgence in language care is a hard-won victory for Eyak people who continue to overcome many challenges in the face of difficulties. Jenna May, project director of the Eyak Cultural Foundation, has dedicated countless hours over the years to see the language project continue and flourish. With the help of linguist Dr. Michael Krauss, who has spent much of his life invested in the continuance of Alaska Native languages, especially Eyak, and his protégé Guillaume Leduey, the Eyak people and the Eyak language have been brought together once again.

During the camp's August installation, Eyak Elders and participants visited several cultural places, including the Eyak Lake Spit. The Elders voiced their concerns that human and natural processes are altering the landform, as that space is known as a traditional and historic burial ground. The AAI team informed them that they had recently been involved in a similar heritage management project in Australia, using non-invasive Ground Penetrating Radar (GPR) to locate unmarked burials. See: (<http://www.pasthorizonspr.com/index.php/archives/05/2016/protecting-the-resting-place-of-tommy-windich-part-i>). The AAI team committed to assisting the Eyak People with a survey of this landform, as in-kind support, and a gesture of gratitude for being invited and welcomed to the cultural camp.



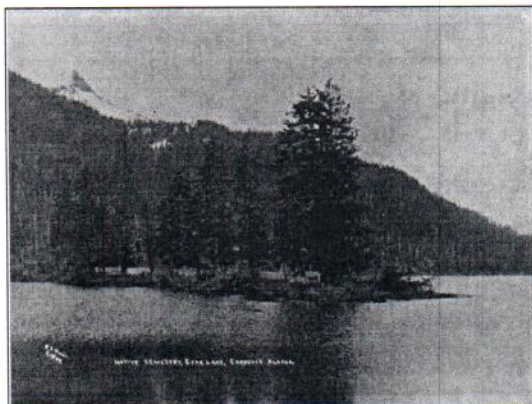
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Left: Aerial view of the Spit and Cordova, looking south. Image: Anchorage Museum of History & Art Library and Archives. Right: The Eyak Lake Spit, with visible grave-houses and crosses, looking north with Queen's Chair in the background. From Eyak Legends, Stories, and Photographs by John Johnson.

Eyak woman, Jen Smith, of the Eyak Caucus, coordinated the project:

"The Spit is a natural landform in the southern part of Eyak Lake, and has been used as a recreational area for many years. However, this is also the resting place of our ancestors, as well as important salmon spawning grounds to which Eyak people are intertwined. This history, like much Eyak history in Cordova, has been elided, and overlooked, often deliberately. Bringing attention and awareness to this important history and the ongoing concerns is the crux of this project, which the Caucus created to work with our Elders, our communities, and specialists, in order to weave together our combined knowledges and to demonstrate the continuing significance of this place."



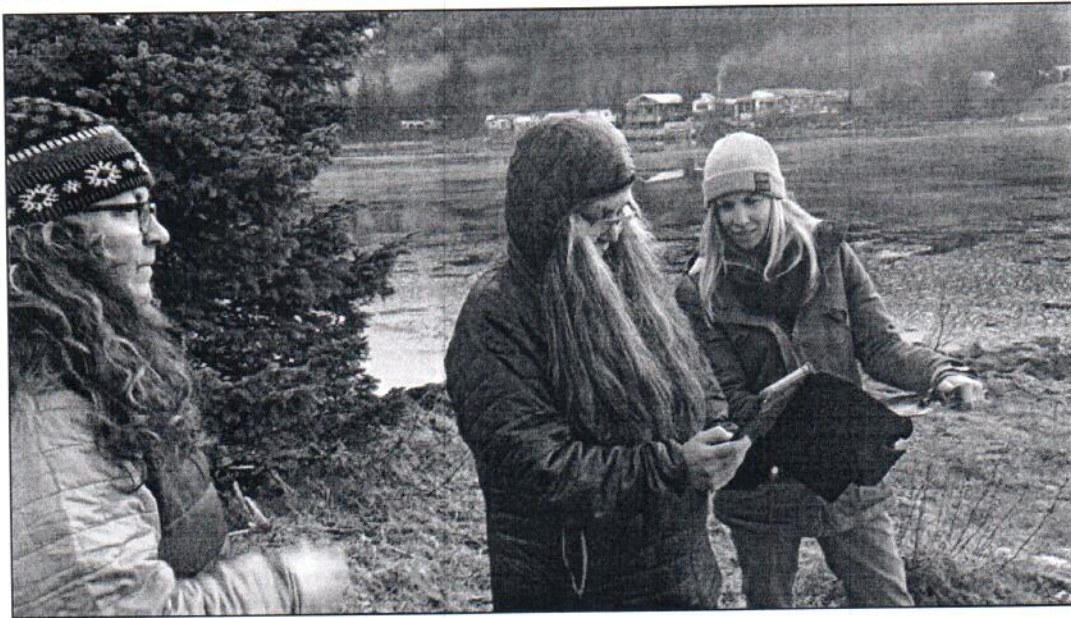
Eyak Lake Spit with visible grave-houses, with Mt. Eyak in the background. From Eyak Legends, Stories, and Photographs by John Johnson

Pam Smith, of the Eyak Caucus, and Eyak Elder, also coordinated the project:

"Our Elders know this place, this landform, as a spiritual place. We also know this place as a traditional, and a historical burial ground. It was time to start to protect and to heal this sacred place."

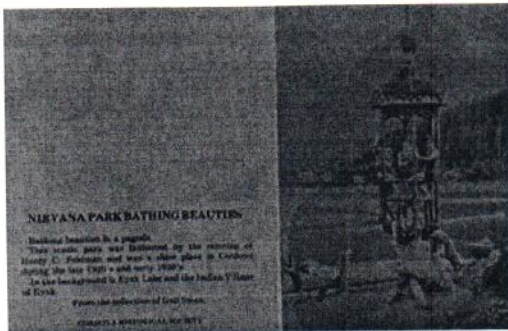
Historical Background Context

While the Eyak Lake Spit has always been a burial ground for the Eyak people, the space has not always been treated as such. In 1935, a newspaper clipping in the Cordova newspaper details the excavation of over 25 Eyak bodies from the Spit location to be reburied in one single coffin in the Pioneer Cemetery, which was meant originally for those only of Anglo descent. During the time of the excavation, the Spit was remade into a festive swimming hole by immigrant Henry C. Feldman, which he renamed "Nirvana Park", to represent his fascination with Buddhist religion. The Eyak burial location of the Spit was transformed into a park and recreation area for the incoming settlers, railroad workers, and recently arrived residents as the new town of Cordova grew up around and atop Eyak village sites, subsistence areas, and burial locations.



Eyak Elder Pam Smith (centre), working with archaeologists, (left) Heather Hall (USFS) and Genevieve Carey (AAI).

In addition, the history of grave robbery of Eyak and Alaska Native burial sites in the Cordova area is well documented. Long-time mayor and Cordova figure "Doc" Chase was personally responsible for the appropriation of the largest collection of Eyak cultural belongings, which he both thieved and manipulated out of Eyak ownership. The only known Eyak totem pole was taken by Chase from the Alaganik village site, and cut in two so it might fit in his office in the local bank building—a building that would later be destroyed in a fire along with all of those Eyak belongings. Another legacy of Chase was his propensity for robbery of graves not just for items, but also for human remains. In the early 1900's, one of the resting Eyak bodies buried at the Spit was excavated and stolen by Chase, and subsequently sold to the Smithsonian Museum. In 1993, the body was repatriated to the Eyak people, and was appropriately reinterred at the Spit.



Historical photos that demonstrate the transformation of the Spit. Left: Image from the Cordova Historical Society. Right: Image courtesy Dixie Lambert

Several years later, at the Eyak Culture Camp in 2016, the Eyak Caucus was formed to bring awareness and protection to this significant location. With the help of Eyak elders, and the AAI team, the Eyak Caucus, and more than 50 Eyak people who support their initiatives, is hoping to accomplish just that.



Left: 1993 repatriation ceremony. Photo courtesy of Pam Smith. Right: Eyak and Australian Elders gather around the repatriated grave, 2016. From left to right: Pam Smith, Ernest Michael Harry, Irene Davey, Jo Anna Westmoreland, and Wossi Davey (Bardi Jawi, northern Western Australia). Photo courtesy of Jen Smith.

After several months of planning, attending community meetings, compiling historical and archival information, reconnecting the Eyak people, the Eyak Caucus and the City of Cordova collaborated to make sure that GPR survey of the Spit was done in November, 2016. The City of Cordova, via funds from a grant given by the Rasmuson Foundation meant to renovate the Spit and surrounding park area, arranged the AAI team to carry out a GPR survey of the Spit in November, 2016.

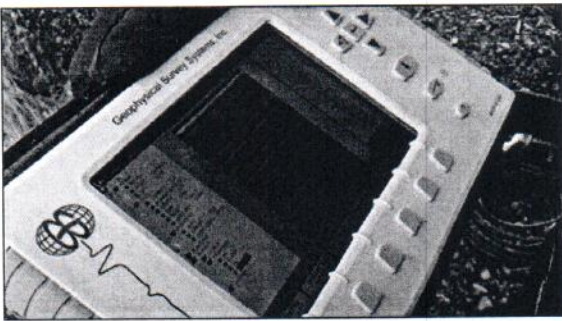
The field survey took place between the 19th and 22nd of November, 2016, coordinated by David Guilfoyle and Genevieve Carey, GPR operator from BE Surveys (Australia), Stuart Buckett, and US Forest Service (Cordova District) Archaeologist Heather C. Hall. The use of the Forest Service GPR equipment was critical to the mission of the project and also served as a refresher in GPR techniques for burial identification for staff.



The team borrowed a GPR unit from the US Forest Service. Image: AAI

Stuart explains the system of the ground-penetrating radar (GPR) and the results:

"GPR is geophysical device that uses radar pulses to create an image of the subsurface structure. It is a non-destructive tool that has many applications, and is perfectly suited for locating unmarked burials and grave sites. It is an area of technology that is rapidly improving allowing for even better data capture and image results. Although the Eyak Spit presented difficult terrain, obstacles and soil conditions, the GPR gave us reliable readings in many locations that there were indeed subsurface anomalies that fitted the characteristics of burial sites."



The GPR screen displays live imagery of depths and sub-surface anomalies. Image: AAI

The survey team ran north-south and east west transects with the GPR across all accessible areas along the Spit. Certain areas were not possible to survey due to a large retaining wall, rocks and dense thickets of brush. The early winter conditions assisted the effort, with light snow fall providing a smoothed ground surface that also helps the GPR imagery.

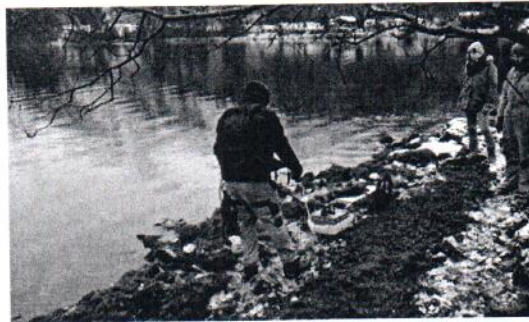
The survey resulted in eight identified sub-surface features showing disturbed soil profiles at similar depths (70-100cms), size and shape. Each feature was oriented almost exactly eastwest. The configuration of these features and the consistency of the results indicate that each are formal burial sites, and further confirms that the Spit is a burial ground.



The team during a pre-start meeting, with snow fall assisted the GPR survey and imagery. Image: AAI

David Guilfoyle (AAI) noted the importance of Western and cultural science working together:

"There is a critical need for researchers in heritage and environmental science to always work together with Elders, and integrate cultural science. Too often, we work in isolation, and so the plans and research is limited, and the result is situations like this – the mismanagement of a sacred place and critical ecological habitat."



Left: The team work to identify and map sub-surface anomalies. Right: GPR survey of a feature at the shoreline (note yellow flagged markers to the right).

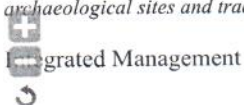
Threats and Impacts

There is a very high risk for human skeletal material to be exposed in this area, the Spit remains an unstable system. This threat may be exasperated through wind and water erosion, coupled with recreational impacts. Vehicle use has deflated the ground surface, creating additional issues.

The team is now developing a protection plan for the area. Each of the locations need to be monitored regularly to ensure that they remain stable and secure of recreational impacts, erosion, and long-term damage to the associated ecological system that they are linked to.

David Guilfoyle is focused on the short- and long-term management actions:

"The area is heavily used by visitors who perhaps do not understand cultural protocols or respectful ways of being on the land; namely, being accompanied by Traditional Owners or asking permission to enter places. The indirect evidence of inappropriate recreational use is in the form of fireplaces, beer cans, vehicle tracks, and general disturbances. This uninformed use would be upsetting to the Spirits and Old People, and requires some form of regulation, in tandem with education and awareness measures. This uninformed use is also breaking state and federal laws relating to the protection of archaeological sites and traditional cultural properties, such as burial sites."



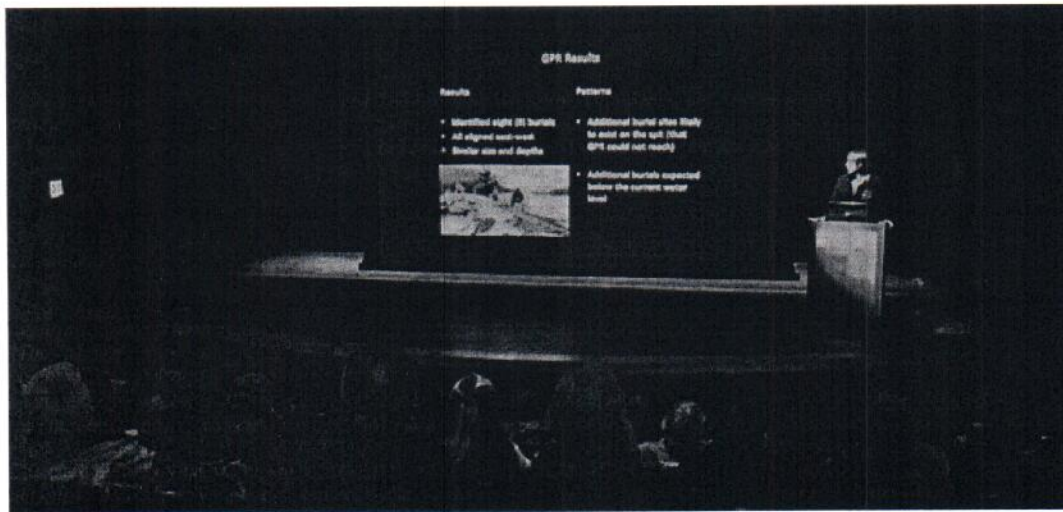
Genevieve Carey (AAI archaeologist) says that it is not about prosecution or creating conflict, but education and awareness, demonstrating why cultural heritage protection and planning is of direct benefit to everyone:

"The project is beyond this site, this landform. The Spit landform was once a thriving salmon spawning ground, now under threat from sedimentation, run-off, and rising water (due to the loss of functional outlets near Odiak Pond). Given the importance of salmon as part of the cultural identity of Eyak People, and indeed the livelihoods of the wider community of Cordova, restricted use of this area will serve the dual purpose of protecting the cultural and natural values – the burials, the salmon."

Jen Smith agrees:

"The Spit is a significant cultural place that exudes the actions and continued presence of our ancestors, and represents the potential futurities of the Eyak people. In this way, it describes our connection with the land across time, and is imbued with meaning on many levels. Moreover, reflecting critically about this place allows Eyak people to take this matter into their own hands, to speak for themselves and for their ancestors who have lived in this area for thousands of years."

There are culturally-zoned areas based on ancestral connections, and this knowledge relates to sustainable management of not only the Spit but the lake system itself. The team are planning to develop a project to work with the Eyak Caucus, who represent the Eyak Elders (and youth) to map the integrated knowledge systems, traditional place names, and places of significance – which will have practical benefit for future planning and management at all levels.



The AAI team presenting the results of the GPR survey at a community meeting in Cordova. Image: AAI

David Guilfoyle:

"The social value of places is an important consideration for cultural heritage management, with the notion that heritage is not static or fixed, but requires active participation by people. Cultural heritage management is then about providing pathways for Elders and youth to lead cultural restoration projects on the ground, which includes additional cultural mapping, site surveys, on-ground protection and a voice in long-term management plans, including regional environmental plans."

Pam Smith reflects on time spent on the Spit,

"It is a good feeling to be out here (on the Spit), surrounded by the mountains, water and fish. We need to respect our ancestors and their burials, and protect this place for the generations to come."

This is an exciting step for the Eyak people and the Eyak Caucus as they work to make alliances and work together with local, state-wide, and international organizations and entities. These budding relationships are seen to further empower Eyak initiatives to protect the resting places of their ancestors, to learn more about their histories, and hopefully to empower other Alaska Native groups in the Cordova area. The Eyak Caucus says that it is looking forward to bringing back the AAI team at a time when many of the Eyak people who do not live in Cordova can also participate in learning about the GPR technology, and being involved and included in these promising projects. Eyak man Garrett Swenson explains his perspective:

"Eyak culture has suffered significant losses throughout history. I feel that now is a more important time than ever to protect what we still have and that the GPR surveying was a crucial step towards accomplishing that goal. The Spit has been a known burial ground for hundreds of years and the fact that there is official data to support this is exciting. I look forward to the awareness and preservation this will provide for the resting place of our ancestors."

This has been a moment of re-experiencing trauma of compacted colonial acts, but it is also a moment of jubilation and resurgence. Eyak woman Sheryl Hartman reflects on her own experience:

"I am very happy this happened, to think that after all these years, the Eyak people are being heard and being recognized. We are almost gone, and it's very sad. Trying to save an Eyak burial site before it's gone forever, just like the Eyak People. I was raised to be proud of who I was, and to be honest, I wasn't for a while growing up in Cordova. But as I grew older, I realized how I felt was wrong, and I was hurting myself and the Eyak People. I proudly tell everyone what I am, and honestly, most of them have never heard of the Eyak People or where we are from. I am very proud to stand with the Eyaks and let the Eyak People and burial sites be saved."

The opportunity to bring together the desire of Eyak people to protect and cherish their sacred places, and the technology made available by the AAI team has been cause for much celebration that has reverberated throughout the Eyak community. Eyak woman Debbie Lankard-Swenson shares her opinion,

"Thank goodness this issue was discussed at the culture camp, and the archaeologists being there was a godsend. My personal feeling is that their presence at culture camp is our ancestors helping us, and they are leading us in a direction that we need to go. The archaeologists doing some of the work on the land of the Spit with that quick turn around was amazing, and it shed a whole new light about what is being addressed. Yes there are bodies there, yes it is a burial ground—it's not a question if this ever happened, it's yes, it happened and what are we going to do about it. Growing up in Cordova near the Spit, we spent a lot of time recreating down there, and when I had my kids I took them down there, too. Had we known what we know now, it would have been more of an educational history experience instead of just a playground. I'm so glad that this is happening."

Creating thoughtful dialogue around the largely forgotten history of the Spit has been a practice of both learning from our pasts, and how that can help us to make the right decision moving forward. In looking both ways, the Eyak people have taken this moment to learn from the conditions of colonial violence in order to tell their stories, claim their spaces of significance, and be brought together in a meaningful and empowering way. Reflection on the project by Ramona Curry, of the Caucus, gets at the heart of this moment:

"If I could go back in time, I would tell the Eyak people one day we will be small in number, but large in heart and spirit. I feel the most proud of those found buried in the Eyak Spit that this day we could bring value to their being and honor to the Eyak people. We will continue to work and come together as a people that we may never be forgotten. Thank you to all that supported us and believe in our right as a people to speak for those that have lost their voice, our ancestors."

While the Caucus has received a great deal of support and encouragement for the initiative, the hope is to continue to collaborate with various entities that can bring respectful attention and much needed awareness to the history of Eyak people in the Cordova area. Future collaborations are being planned to map other sacred sites, with a focus being placed on sites in danger of erosion due to climate change and water levels that have changed due to water control structures, landfills and tectonic events. Most specifically, the Caucus hopes that these future projects can overlap with the fantastic work that the Eyak Culture Camp directors have already begun and continued to develop for the benefit of all Eyak people. Bringing together the voices of Eyak people, with the generous support and facilitation by the AAI team, the potential for collaboration between many groups has a great outlook moving forward.

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To: Susie Herschleb
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Subject: Re: Annual Easter Egg Hunt

Hi all,

Happy new year! I hope this message finds you all in good health, and without any fallen trees during the windy storm!

After talking a bit about the Easter egg hunt, it doesn't seem like this is an event that needs to be ended. However, it seems like it is a great opportunity for us all to brainstorm together on how Eyak history and Eyak people can be included in community events at Nirvana Park, and perhaps community events more generally. One suggestion might be to begin an event with an acknowledgement of Eyak people as original landholders, and to invite for a prayer, or a song. Mom and I, on behalf of the Caucus, are happy to be a part of thinking together about how this acknowledgement can be integrated and included. Mom suggested that perhaps you can all go on stroll through Nirvana Park to think together on what that might look like for the Easter egg hunt.

Looking forward to future conversations--

Best,

Jen

On Fri, Jan 6, 2017 at 9:53 AM, Susie Herschleb <bidarki@cityofcordova.net> wrote:

Good Morning to you as well,

Thanks Cathy, don't hesitate to delegate any task big or small. I have a few Commission members who would likely volunteer some time to this project as well, even if it is just setting up the conference room etc...



Susan E. Herschleb

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Cc: ~~ecolano@cci.net~~; Heather Brannon <parksadmin@cityofcordova.net>; thewindyrannee@gmail.com
Subject: Re: Annual Easter Egg Hunt

Good Morning,

I agree, it would be nice to get things going again. I am hoping for another gathering soon, but am awaiting a statement from the village council, as well as some information from the planning department. I'll send out a meeting announcement soon and see what else I can get done.

Best - Cathy

From: Susie Herschleb
Sent: Thursday, January 5, 2017 5:47 PM
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Subject: Annual Easter Egg Hunt

Hello Ladies,

I hope your holidays were amazing & I hope this note finds you Happy and Healthy.

I was contacted today by Linda Ecolano. She asked if I thought the annual Easter egg hunt is something that the Caucus would continue to support happening at Nirvana Park. I told her that I wasn't sure if the Caucus was ready to advise on this matter at this time. I told her that this event was discussed briefly during the City sponsored Community Conversations. I want to make sure and address this event as a group sooner than later. I assured Linda that I would assist her in both advocating for a timely response from the Caucus & City; as well as brainstorming a new venue if need be.

Perhaps it's time to pick up where we left off? Time fly's and Easter will be here soon!

Please let me know how I can help to get things rolling again; we have made some great progress so far!

Thanks,

Susan E. Herschleb

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* Next Meeting Scheduled for;
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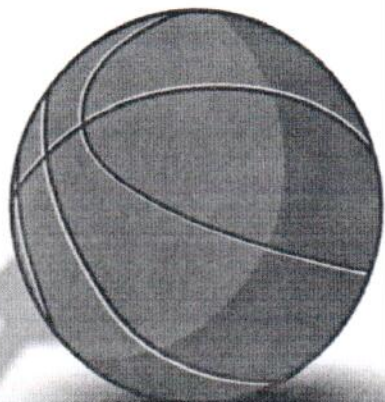
2017 Iceworm Volleyball

Pool Play Schedule

All games to be played at Bidarki

SAT 01/21/2017	1:00 PM	Cordova Chiro vs Eyak Outlaws
SAT 01/21/2017	2:00 PM	Odd Man Out vs USCG
SAT 01/21/2017	3:00 PM	Sets on the Beach vs We Practice Safe Sets
MON 01/23/2017	5:30 PM	We Practice Safe Sets vs Eyak Outlaws
MON 01/23/2017	6:30 PM	Sets on the Beach vs Odd Man Out
MON 01/23/2017	7:30 PM	USCG vs Cordova Chiro
WED 01/25/2017	5:30 PM	USCG vs Sets on the Beach
WED 01/25/2017	6:30 PM	Eyak Outlaws vs Odd Man Out
WED 01/25/2017	7:30 PM	Cordova Chiro vs We Practice Safe Sets
FRI 01/27/2017	5:30 PM	Sets on the Beach vs Cordova Chiro
FRI 01/27/2017	6:30 PM	Odd Man Out vs We Practice Safe Sets
FRI 01/27/2017	7:30 PM	Eyak Outlaws vs USCG
SAT 01/28/2017	11:00 AM	We Practice Safe Sets vs USCG
SAT 01/28/2017	12:00 PM	Eyak Outlaws vs Sets on the Beach
SAT 01/28/2017	1:00 PM	Cordova Chiro vs Odd Man Out

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2017 Iceworm Basketball

Round Robin Schedule

All games to be played at Mt. Eccles

Teams: Air Jets, Eyak Outlaws, 808's & Fastbreaks

TUES 01/24/2017 8:15 PM Air Jets vs Eyak Outlaws

THURS 01/26/2017 8:15 PM 808's & Fastbreaks vs Air Jets

SAT 01/28/2017 2:15 PM Eyak Outlaws vs 808's & Fastbreaks



2017 Iceworm Dodgeball

Round Robin Schedule

All games to be played at Bidarki

WED 01/25/2017 8:30 PM The Foot Clan vs Multiple Scoregasms

WED 01/25/2017 9:00 PM Sycamore vs TMNT

FRI 01/27/2017 8:30 PM Multiple Scoregasms vs TMNT

FRI 01/27/2017 9:00 PM Sycamore vs The Foot Clan

SAT 01/28/2017 4:30 PM Multiple Scoregasms vs Sycamore

SAT 01/28/2017 5:00 PM TMNT vs The Foot Clan

Iceworm Tournament Schedule

Monday, January 30

Dodgeball Tournament gm. 1 5:30pm-6:00pm

Dodgeball Tournament gm. 2 6:00pm-6:30pm

Tuesday, January 31

Volleyball Tournament gm. 1 5:30pm-6:30pm

Volleyball Tournament gm. 2 6:30pm-7:30pm

Volleyball Tournament gm. 3 7:30pm-8:30pm

Volleyball Tournament gm. 4 8:30pm-9:30pm

Basketball Tournament gm. 1 9:30pm-10:30pm

Wednesday, February 1

Volleyball Tournament gm. 5 5:30pm-6:30pm

Volleyball Tournament gm. 6 6:30pm-7:30pm

Volleyball Tournament gm. 7 7:30pm-8:30pm

Basketball Tournament gm. 2 8:30pm-9:30pm

Thursday, February 2

Volleyball Tournament gm. 8 5:30pm-6:30pm

Volleyball Tournament gm. 9 6:30pm-7:30pm

Dodgeball Tournament gm. 3 7:30pm-8:00pm

Dodgeball Tournament gm. 4 8:00pm-8:30pm

Dodgeball Tournament gm. 5 8:30pm-9:00pm

Friday, February 3

Basketball Tournament gm. 3 5:30pm-6:30pm

Saturday, February 4

Dodgeball Championship gm. 2:00pm-3:00pm

Volleyball Championship gm. 3:00pm-4:30pm

Basketball Championship gm. 5:00pm-6:00pm

*All Dodgeball and Volleyball games played at Bidarki

*All Basketball games played at Mt. Eccles

CITY OF CORDOVA



Dear Community Member,

On behalf of the City of Cordova Parks and Recreation Department, we encourage you to consider taking advantage of the following opportunity! Annually, the Parks and Recreation Department hosts the Dressed to Kill fundraising event. The Parks and Recreation Commission votes to decide which cause these funds will be used for.

The 2017 ticket sales will be used to benefit the Skater's Cabin Restoration Project. Portions of the cabin have begun to deteriorate and are in need of repair. As Skater's Cabin has been a part of Cordova's history for many years and utilized by locals and tourists alike; the Commission feels this project will be of great value to the community.

The Parks and Recreation Department is seeking creative donations from our local community members and businesses to include in our silent auction that will be displayed during this event - Saturday April 22nd at the Reluctant Fisherman.

The following are some past creative donations that have been very successful:

- Massage Certificates
- Artwork
- Pottery
- Yoga Passes
- Gift Baskets
- Hair Salon Certificates
- Hand Crafted Goods

The proceeds from our silent auction will be used to help support youth programming throughout the coming year. We would greatly appreciate any items offered to our cause. All donors will be recognized during the silent auction portion of the event as well as on the Bidarki Facebook page for their contribution.

We hope we can count on you to help us make the difference! We ask that all donation items be dropped off at Bidarki Recreation Center by March 31st. Please call (907) 424 7282 if you have item that will need to be picked up and we will be happy to send someone. Thank you for your sincere support of the Parks and Recreation Department its facilities and youth program development.

Susan Herschleb

Director of Parks and Recreation / City of Cordova

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**From the Administrative Office of the City of Cordova
Parks and Recreation Department**

Date: 1/11/17
To: City Council / Mayor Koplin
From: Susan Herschleb / Director of Parks and Recreation
RE: 4th quarter 2016 / Year-end report

Dear Council and Mayor,

The Parks and Recreation Department experienced many changes in 2016. We have worked hard to focus on and better track data. Our card swipe system certainly helped us! Especially, when tracking usage and POS. Billing at the Camper Park tightened up; late fees were collected and electrical fees were adjusted. Odiak Camper is almost 19k over the projected revenue for 2016. Almost Every administrative process was improved or enhanced and it's paying off!

Our facility schedules changed due to reduced operating budgets; management at the pool changed at the beginning of the second quarter and summer programming offered an array of options; all different from what we have done in the past.

The good news is that our numbers at Bidarki Rec. Center, have increased; we have 1000 more visits and we are close to 14k over our projected revenue total as well. The pool's usage totals are par with 2015, with a profound reduction in the pool's schedule. We like to see that what we are offering at the pool is very well attended! Revenue at the pool is exactly what we projected; a little over 34k.

Other beneficial changes to be noted are; the department's Maintenance Supervisor is CPO certified and now handling about 90% of the tasks involved with water quality at the pool. He is also managing preventative and routine maintenance at the pool; the pool manager is no longer performing these tasks. This shift allows the pool manager to be more available to actively lifeguard, teach swim lessons and create new programming, which keeps spending down and stimulates usage/participation.

2017 will require a lot of brainstorming, troubleshooting and creativity. Although providing continuity of service seems impossible with the 2017 operating budget; my crew is capable of change and willing to take on new challenges.

Susan E. Herschleb
Director of Parks and Recreation
City of Cordova

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CITY OF CORDOVA - PARKS AND RECREATION DEPARTMENT - 2016
BIDARKI RECREATION CENTER 4TH QUARTER REPORT
4TH QUARTER REVENUE

Month	Drop In	Pass	Pool	Program	S.Camp	RV Park	Skaters	F.Mem	Bazaar	Iceworm	Misc	Totals
OCT	121	1741.58	561.58	400		2518	25		1600			6967.16
NOV	194	17662.85	11467.85	40		1406.2	45		720		100	31635.9
DEC	402	3536.75	711.75	30			125		120		1772	6697.5
Totals	717	22941.18	12741.18	470	0	3924.2	195	0	2440	0	1872	45300.56

4TH QUARTER ATTENDANCE

OCT	2473											
NOV	2388											
DEC	2186											
Totals	7047											

Odiak Camper Park Revenue: October \$2518.00
November \$1406.20
December \$
4TH Quarter Total \$3924.2

Pool Revenue: October \$561.68 Pool Attn: October 1447
November \$11467.85 November 1244
December \$711.75 December 914
Total: \$12741.28 Total: 3605