

Site visit to Jesse Lee Home with roofing consultant, Pat Reilly

Carpenter noted that the consultant had stated that in his opinion there was not a viable temporary fix for the Jesse Lee Home. He stated that the roof was in such poor condition that it required complete rebuild, starting at the foundation.

Citizen Comments on Agenda Items Not Scheduled For Public Hearing

Lynn Hohl, inside the City, suggested that the Commission look into the Scenic Byway Grant program for assistance with the Hoben Park project. She noted that her main focus was the Johnston Park Tract in Woodrow Subdivision. She informed the Commission that she was the eastern representative to the Borough Planning Commission. Hohl stated that the Woodrow Subdivision had come before the Platting Committee for a Right-of-Way (ROW) dedication and she noted that it was a perfect time to request a name dedication to the dedicated Park Tract. She noted that in June she had requested postponement of the platting action so that the formal naming of the Park Tract and other concerns regarding the ROW might be considered. She discussed the encroachments into the Park Tract by private individuals. Hohl stated that the Department of Transportation (DOT) had stated that the ROW had been requested at 100 feet per the Alaska Statute 19.10.015; noting that the intention was to take the additional ROW from the park tract to the east of the current Bear Lake Road. She continued to inform the Commission with the following questions and concerns that she had submitted to DOT:

- ☆ Request an exception be considered to Alaska Statute 19.10.015 and just extend the ROW to the toe of the existing rock wall
- ☆ Consider naming the existing Park Tract, JD Johnston Park on the Plat
- ☆ Concerns of parking and other improvements within the 100 foot ROW dedication
- ☆ Wants to know the public process for disposal of public park lands for either ROW or for the sale to adjoining property owners. She voiced strong concerns that the process had been moving along without public involvement.
- ☆ If the encroachment did not exist or were resolved in another manner, could the additional required ROW be taken to the west and south of the current Bear Lake Road.
- ☆ Are park encroachments normally handled by the selling of park lands to the adjoining property owners.

Hohl continued by requesting the Commission discuss this issue and forward a request to the Borough requesting the naming of the park tract be dedicated on the Plat as J. D. Johnston Park. She encouraged the individuals on the Commission to also write the Borough platting office with the concerns. She reminded the Commission that the current road was a very narrow road with a horseshoe turn. She stated that the traffic control report for 2003 showed a count of 969 vehicles per day. She noted that paving the current road will likely increase the speed and life safety issues.

Carol Griswold, inside the City. Supported the removal of the encroachments by private individuals into the park and the comments and concerns voiced by Hohl. She stated that naming the dedicated Park Tract on the Plat was a very important issue. Honoring the man (J.D. Johnston) that had the vision to dedicate the land to park almost 100 years ago was vital. Griswold encouraged the Commission to continue to try to keep the Hoben Park plan alive and moving along.