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Ketchikan Public Library

FEASIBILITY COMMITTEE

May 9, 2010

To: Honorable Ketchikan City Council Members
City Manager Karl Amylon

From: Ketchikan Public Library Feasibility Committee

Dear Members of the Council and Manager Amylon,

Since the April 21, 2010 special City Council meeting, the library Feasibility Committee has now conducted two public hearings— May 3 and May 9, 2010 – at the Ted Ferry Civic Center to solicit additional site suggestions for the new library. The committee has reviewed one new proposal (an addition to the White Cliff building), and re-considered two other proposals – the Grant Street property (old Main School site) and renovation of the Centennial Building for the library to remain in that location.

After thorough study and review, the Feasibility Committee voted unanimously at its meeting May 9, 2010 to forward the three sites selected previously through the Foraker Group-assisted review process:

- Skinner Sales property
- Tongass/Heckman
- Copper Ridge.

The committee again recommends that Copper Ridge be presented as the preferred alternative recommended to the Ketchikan City Council.

Key arguments to recommending the Copper Ridge site include:

- The 16,250-square-foot size of the building was determined after a review of local needs and Alaska best practices for library construction.
- A single-story facility gives maximum operating efficiency for staffing, service and security, allowing a single circulation desk and minimizing construction and operating costs.
- It has the lowest proposed acquisition cost and the lowest estimated site development and infrastructure cost, creating the least burden on taxpayers.
- The site allows for dedicated library parking of 22 spaces and room for future additions. These spaces will allow for handicapped parking, staff and patron parking and the library van, all adjacent to the building.
- The property is located adjacent to a neighborhood of about 130 households, and along a road accessing a pre-school, two elementary schools, a middle school, and near the recreation center and new swimming pool site.
- The Third Avenue bypass makes the Copper Ridge site accessible to patrons coming from the north and west ends of town.
- The Copper Ridge site conforms to the process necessary to obtain state 50/50 matching funds and private foundation funding.

We hereby respectfully submit this recommendation, along with supporting documents. We will be available at the May 13, 2010 special City Council meeting to answer any questions.

Sincerely,

Heidi Ekstrand
Chair, Feasibility Committee