

### CITY OF WASILLA

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### **COUNCIL MEMORANDUM NO. 94-60**

Date:

September 1, 1994

Subject:

Ordinance Serial No. <u>94-27</u> designating portions of the Lake View Subdivision street end rights-of-way as greenway and restricting those portions so designated to pedestrian access only. Reconsidered by the Wasilla Planning Commission at the August 9, 1994 regular meeting.

### BACKGROUND

At its June 27, 1994 regular meeting, the Council referred this case back to the Planning Commission. The Council requested clarification of the Commission's recommendation for the street rights-of-way connecting Lake View Avenue and Lake Lucille. The Commission reconsidered it recommendation at the August 9, 1994 regular meeting in light of as-built survey information that was not available when it made its original recommendation. The Commission affirmed its earlier recommendation, for the most part, with two minor changes. The Commission wanted to clarify its earlier recommendation so that the City of Wasilla would not be obligated to provide fencing along the proposed greenways. In addition, it wanted to make clear that developing 2 parking spaces to serve the greenway on Island Street was not optional as indicated in the Commission's previous recommendation.

The Commission also gave the staff some specific direction on how the recommendation should be presented to the Council, so that the Council can clearly see what the Commission intended. Staff has prepared site plans based on the 11 x 17 inch as-built surveys, so that the Council can see a before and after view for each of the five greenways connecting Lake View Avenue with Lake Lucille.

The Commission's recommendation to the City Council, based on the recommendations of the planning consultant and as amended, is summarized below:

# Undeveloped Rights-of-Way (Maps 1, 3, and 4)

Designate the undeveloped rights-of-way as greenway. Prohibit vehicular access and construct a walking trail from Lake View Avenue to Lake Lucille in the undeveloped greenways, Beaver, Cove and Forest Streets. The trail corridor should be brushed out and either left natural or surfaced with a combination of flagstone, gravel or planking, depending of local conditions. Actual construction could be accomplished by civic volunteer groups under City supervision. Parking along Lake View Avenue would be provided for no more than two vehicles. The area would be signed and fenced to prevent use buy 4-wheelers and snow machines. City regulations would be posted at the trailhead. Regulations would address hours of use and permitted activities. Each trail might be named after a Wasilla pioneer or special person. The shoreline of the lake would remain undisturbed, except for a small clearing near the lake. No park amenities

such as picnic tables and sanitation facilities would be provided. Ensure all utility easements are maintained and that city access is provided for, if needed.

# Developed Rights-of-Way

## Easy Street (Map 5)

Maintain vehicular access for the first 250 feet so that continued access is provided to the existing single-family dwelling on Lots 1C and 1D. Restrict vehicular access in the undeveloped portion of the greenway and construct a trail as referenced in the above section for <u>Undeveloped Rights-of-Way</u>. Develop parking for no more than two vehicles.

### Island Street (Map 2)

The City recognizes the reality of existing structures, improvements and access drives in the greenway and leaves the Island Street corridor essentially as it is today. The existing access drive in the greenway would remain open to the public to provide continued access to the dwelling located near the lake, in recognition of this historical use. Vehicular access would be specifically prohibited for the undeveloped portion of the greenway. A trail would be constructed in the undeveloped portion of the greenway consistent with the above section for <u>Undeveloped Rights-of-Way</u>, to connect the access drive with the lake shore. Construction of 2 parking spaces at the end of the existing access drive is required for public parking.

After the Commission amended its recommendation to the City Council, staff revised draft Ordinance 94-27 for the Council's consideration.

#### RECOMMENDATION

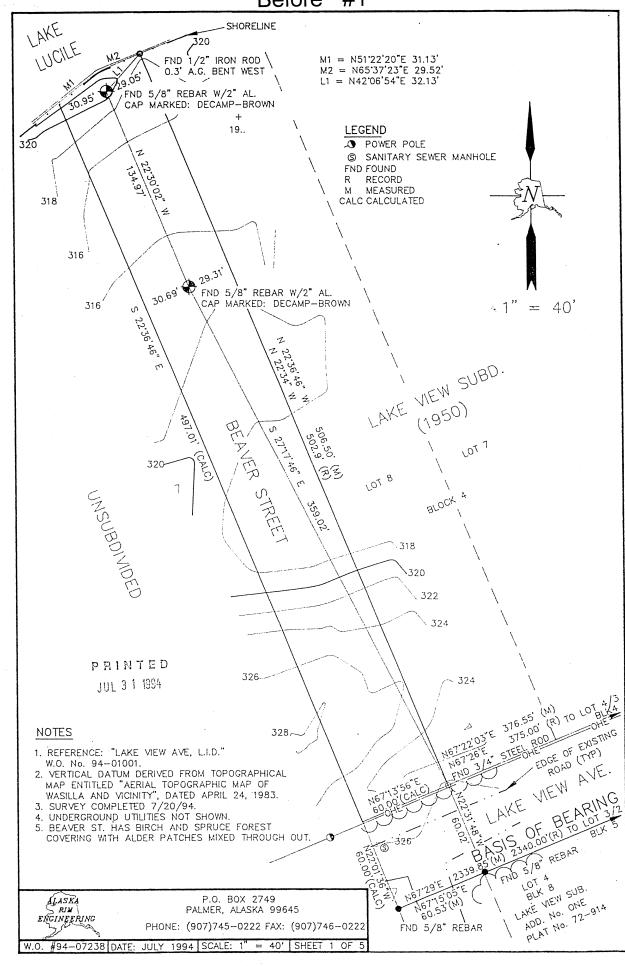
Staff recommends that the Council adopt Ordinance No. 94-27, based on the amended recommendation of the Wasilla Planning Commission.

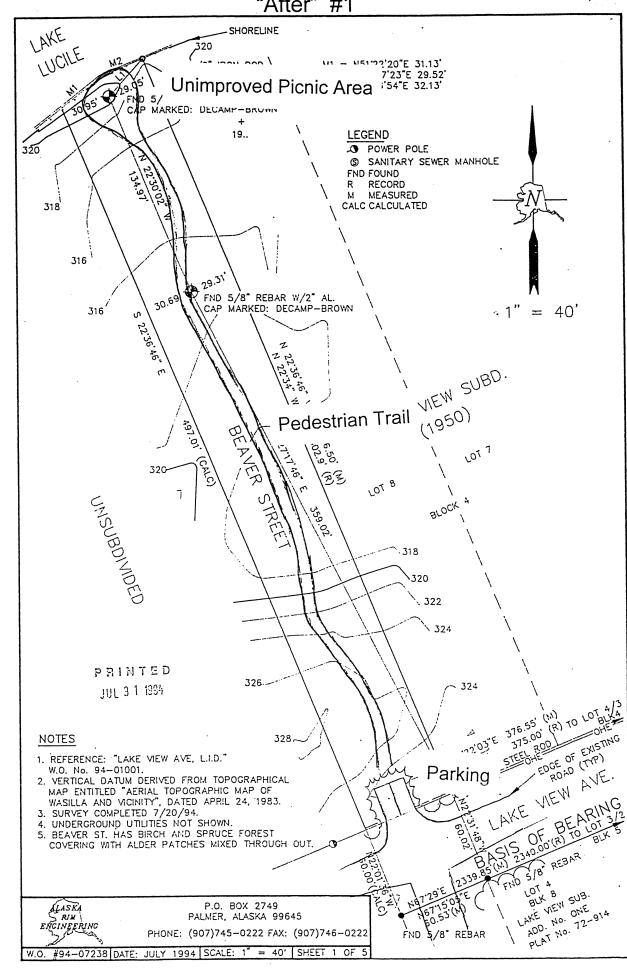
#### APPROPRIATE MOTION

Should the Council agree with the Commission and staff recommendations, the following motion is appropriate:

Move to adopt Ordinance No. 94-27.

Duane Dvorak, City Planner





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