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INFORMATION MEMORANDUM NO. 96-01

From: Mayor Stein
Date: January 3, 1996
Subject: Alaska Live Steamers

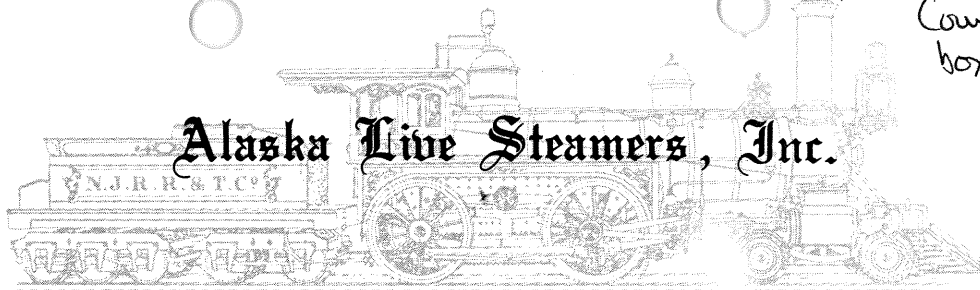
Dave Borough of Alaska Live Steamers has asked the City to consider changing the temporary use permit for their miniature railroad layout at the new airport from a permit to a longer term land lease. Currently the Steamers utilize a strip of land about 2000' long.

Copies of their letter request of June 9, 1995 were included in the June 26 meeting agenda under communications and a copy is attached here as well. He is preparing a larger scale drawing indicating the relationship of the track layout to the airport site.

Staff expects to have a specific proposal ready for Council consideration on January 22.

John C. Stein, Mayor

Copy: R & M Consultants with drawing



Alaska Live Steamers Inc.
David F. Borough
2672 Bright Place
Wasilla, AK 99654

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June 8, 1995

City of Wasilla, Alaska

Honorable Mayor John C. Stein
City of Wasilla
290 East Herning Avenue
Wasilla, Alaska 99654-7091

Dear Mayor Stein:

I would like to take this opportunity to personally thank you and the City of Wasilla for your help and support. I would also like to extend a "Thank You" from the entire membership to you and Mr. Lee Wyatt for the donation of the septic tanks and driveway culvert. Our track is about 90% complete and the public is now enjoying a new attraction for Wasilla and the Valley.

The Alaska Live Steamers would like to invite you and city staff to our ribbon cutting ceremony Saturday June 17, 1995 at 2:00pm at the track site. We would be honored if you would cut the ribbon for us.

I have enclosed for your review several documents. The first is the as-built survey of the layout as of October 1994. We have made a change to the upper loop as of May 1995, this is indicated by a special note on the drawing. We will complete another as-built later this summer and forward that drawing to the city when completed. The second item is our 1994 annual meeting minutes for your review. The third item is the 1994 Annual Report for your review. I have also attached our proposed Safety & Operating Guidelines for the Alaska Central Railroad. We at Alaska Central believe in Safety First and want to provide the safest and most enjoyable experience for our visitors.

The Alaska Live Steamers Inc. during 1994 received \$ 3,973.00 in fundraising and dues and expended \$4,377.00 for construction and insurance. Beginning 1994 bank balance was \$ 1,021.22, ending 1994 balance was \$617.10. I certify that the corporation is debt free.

JK
Requests:
Alaska Live Steamers during last summer drew several TV news crews to our site. This free publicity has benefited both the steamers and the city.


① Alaska Live Steamers would like to pursue the extension of our agreement with the City of Wasilla. The membership has expended considerable time and assets to set up the operation at the new site and wishes to enter into a longer term as to insure uninterrupted operation at our new location. We have discussed several options and would like to present them to the city. One is the extension of the term period from five years to thirty. Another is to have a 99 year lease at reasonable terms. Another idea is to outright buy the land for a small consideration and upon termination of use, the land reverts to the city. The membership is willing to consider several options that would assure a long-term arrangement.

② We would like to know if the fence at the old location of the Wasilla City airport is available in part or all. We would be willing to remove the fence and gates at our expense in exchange for ownership of the fencing. We would relocate the fence to our site to provide extra security for the area. Please let us know if this is possible.

③ We plan to build a small park and picnic area at the end of our lower loop. If the city parks department has any older picnic tables that we could use, we would appreciate it.

Alaska Live Steamers would like to invite you, your staff, all city employees and families to enjoy a ride on the Alaska Central Railroad. We are operating most every Saturday through October weather permitting. I have enclosed an operation schedule for your review.

Sincerely,



David F. Borough

President Alaska Live Steamers Inc.

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Attachments As-built