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MEMORANDUM

TO: Milli Martin, Assembly President
Members, Kenai Peninsula Borough Assembly

FROM: Pete Sprague, Assembly Member
Gary Knopp, Assembly Member *SK*

DATE: May 7, 2009

SUBJECT: Ordinance 2009- 32, establishing the Central Peninsula Multi-Use Facility Service Area

Central Peninsula Sports Facility, Inc. (CPSF, Inc.) has been formed and has been educating the public about the benefits of a multi-use facility and researching the interests of potential user groups. There is substantial interest in the community in creating a multi-use facility. There are numerous sports that, given the borough's weather restrictions, limit the participant's ability to practice, play, and compete because outdoor accommodations for these sports are not available during winter months. A number of sports such as baseball, outdoor soccer, running, and golf would be benefitted by such an enclosed facility. Other users and organizations could also benefit from such a facility. Additionally, the facility would provide an opportunity for the enhancement of general recreational wellness, as well as academic, cultural, and entertainment activities and services. It is anticipated that the facility would be constructed with grant and bond funds. A feasibility study evaluated the financial costs of such a facility, summarized user groups and proposed schedules, proposed a conceptual floor plan, and evaluated structure types.

The service area would follow the same boundaries as the Central Peninsula Hospital service area, and include the cities of Soldotna and Kenai. Residents in all three municipalities (the borough outside the city limits of Soldotna and Kenai, and the cities of Kenai and Soldotna) would have to approve formation of the service area in separate elections. It is anticipated that no more than a .5 mill levy would be implemented to support the facility.