

02009-32

From: Blankenship, Johni
Sent: Monday, May 18, 2009 5:37 PM
To: Turner, Michele; akjfischer@hotmail.com; Bill Smith; Charlie Pierce; cpierce@gci.net; Gary Knopp; gsuperman@gci.net; hvsmalley@yahoo.com; millimom@xyz.net; psprague@acsalaska.net; Ron Long (E-mail)
Subject: FW:
Attachments: Dome Idea.doc

From: Brian Hakkinen
Sent: Monday, May 18, 2009 4:30 PM
To: pa12gary@hotmail.com; hvsmalley@yahoo.com; gsuperman@gci.net; psprague@acsalaska.net; cpierce@gci.net; rlms@ptialaska.net; akfischer@hotmail.com; bsmith@xyz.net; millimom@xyz.net; Blankenship, Johni
Subject:

I would like to express my opposition to the borough assembly's support of the Central Peninsula Dome Stadium. This is a project that public money should not be involved in. This facility will benefit a very few residents yet all residents will have to foot the bill. I always thought this assembly was very conservative but I see you are leaning more socialist with government money being spent on many facilities that belong in the private sector. This project reminds me of the building formerly known as The Central Peninsula Sports Center. This was sold to the residents of the central peninsula as "our" project by Rep Pat O'Connell. 10million dollars later Soldotna had its sports facility and it didn't cost them a dime. Looking around our area it looks like we in Kasilof didn't get much out of the capital projects of the 80s. To add insult to injury they even took the Central Peninsula portion out of the name and never reimbursed us. I see the same concept with the big dome idea. Kenai or Soldotna will get it and we will pay for it. If you must proceed with it instead of using the Central Peninsula Hospital District to feed it capital, create a program similar to what the USADs have evolved into. It does not benefit me, I don't want to use it, I will not be assessed for it. This is a Soldotna – Kenai thing not a Central Peninsula Hospital thing. In case you haven't looked around more and more residents are retiring on a fixed income. The last thing we need is to feed another bottomless money pit for a special interest group. Pleas join me in opposing The Dome of Mike Navvarre.

June 15, 2009

RE.: Ordinance 2009-32 & 2009-35

Dear Assembly Member:

It has come to my attention that a small group of people have approached you with a proposal to expand Borough government, thus requiring an increase in property taxation. I also understand that you are considering placing their idea on the ballot for a public vote this October.

I would like to remind you that when another group of people approached the Assembly with proposals to make government more efficient or limit taxation you said, "Get several thousand signatures on an official petition and maybe we'll consider your proposal".

It is my hope that you believe in treating all citizens fairly and will avoid the appearance of preferential treatment by requiring all citizens to use the same process to either increase or decrease the size and cost of Borough government. I know that you will agree that it does appear very prejudicial for a couple of ex-Borough officials to have their idea for a sports dome placed on the ballot without producing a single signature or other sign of actual public support, while regular citizens are forced to jump through the onerous "official" hoops of the initiative process for their proposals to be placed on a ballot.

I urge you to demonstrate your sense of fairness and non-prejudicial treatment of ALL borough residents by rejecting ordinance 2009-32 and ordinance 2009-35. Let the playing field be level for all teams!

Thank you.

Sincerely,

Mike McBride
North Kenai

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From: Blankenship, Johni
Sent: Tuesday, June 16, 2009 3:35 PM
To: Turner , Michele
Subject: FW: Introduction of Bond ordinance to set for hearing

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-----Original Message-----

From: Grace Merkes
Sent: Tuesday, June 16, 2009 3:34 PM
To: Blankenship, Johni
Subject: Introduction of Bond ordinance to set for hearing

Johni

Please distribute my email for the assembly meeting tonight. Thanks, Grace

Assembly Member Sprague & Knopp & all assembly members;

I will not be able to attend the meeting tonight as I have prior commitments. Thank you for considering this bond ordinance to coincide with the Multi-use Facility Service area ordinance. This bond ordinance is needed so that if the service area is approved by the voted then we would need to have some way of available money to build the facility without having to wait another year. The bonds would only be sold after we raised \$1,000,000 and then only a portion of the bonds could be sold at one time as, or if, they were needed. I also would ask that you make an amendment to the ordinance where it talks about grant funds, eliminate the word "grant" and only leave in the word "funds". That way any money, including donations, raised would count toward the \$1,000,000 not just grant funds.

I ask you to support the introduction of this Ordinance and thank you for your time and commitment to the borough.

Grace Merkes



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Memorandum

To: Milli Martin, Kenai Peninsula Borough Assembly President

CC: Gary Knopp, Pete Sprague, Paul Fischer, Hal Smalley, Charlie Pierce, Bill Smith, Gary Superman, Ron Long, Mayor Carey

From: Rachel M. Parra, NPRSA Recreation Director *RP*
Timothy Johnson, NPRSA Board of Directors Chair *RP for TJ*
Sharon Thompson, NPRSA Board of Directors Vice-Chair *RP*
Peter Mysing, NPRSA Board of Directors *PJM*
Pepper Burnett, NPRSA Board of Directors *RP for PB*
Patti Floyd, NPRSA Board of Directors *PJF*

Date: June 23, 2009

Re: Ordinance 2009-32

At this time the North Peninsula Recreation Service Area Board of Directors strongly opposes Ordinance 2009-32, establishing "The Central Peninsula Multi-Use Facility Service Area" as written, and encourages the assembly to amend the ordinance to remove the North Peninsula Recreation Service Area from the Central Peninsula Multi-Use Facility Service Area boundaries.

At the heart of the concern is how the service area is going to be funded. The proposed service area will overlap the North Peninsula Recreation Service Area, creating redundant taxation for the service area residents and creating a duplication of services. In fact, the NPRSA Board of Directors question the legality of taxpayers being taxed twice for duplicate services.

The CPSF, Inc. has never once met with the NPRSA Board of Directors to discuss concerns regarding funding or services. The underlining question remains, does the CPSF, Inc. want the community of Nikiski involved, or are they just looking to extend the tax base?

We ask that the assembly take a careful look at the boundaries of this new service area. In the ninth "Whereas" of the ordinance, it states that the facility would primarily serve the central peninsula area, (interpreted to be Kenai and Soldotna). If that is indeed the case, then we encourage the CPSF, Inc. and the assembly to reconfigure the boundaries of the multi-use facility so that the primary users of the facility will be funding it, not the NPRSA taxpayers whom are already funding their own recreation service area.

In the thirteenth "Whereas" of this ordinance, it claims there is no duplication of services due to providing a higher or different level of service. This is a direct insult to NPRSA, as we already offer high quality programs and facilities, and we currently offer many of the same recreational services that are being proposed by this ordinance. NPRSA already offers year-round facilities and programs that encourage public involvement in sports as well as cultural and wellness programs. We encourage the community and surrounding areas to use the service area and facilities for recreational, educational, and civic purposes. Double taxing the NPRSA residents for these same services is unfair and unwise.

Your consideration of an amendment to this ordinance will be greatly appreciated.

From: Blankenship, Johni
Sent: Monday, July 06, 2009 8:26 AM
To: Turner , Michele
Subject: FW: dome

Agenda item

From: Brian Hakkinen
Sent: Monday, June 29, 2009 1:47 PM
To: millimom@xyz.net
Cc: Blankenship, Johni; pa12gary@hotmail.com; hvsmalley@yahoo.com; gsuperman@gci.net; bsmith@xyz.net; akfischer@hotmail.com; rlms@ptialaska.net; cpierce@gci.net; psprague@acsalaska.net
Subject: dome

Good morning assembly president Martin

I would like to express my strong opposition to the proposed dome stadium. The costs have now more that doubled since it was first proposed. We cannot afford it nor do we need it. Let the special interest groups pay for it. These are some of the things I learned after the assembly's handling of the ill fated South K Beach USAD. I don't want it, it will not benefit my property therefore do not tax me to pay for it. Assemblyman Pierce was not allowed to vote on the USAD because of his connection with Enstar. This created a conflict of interest according to the borough attorney. By my calculations on a cold day, this proposed dome will consume twice the gas that the homes would have consumed in the KB USAD. The dome is a commercial customer that requires just on pipe to service it and all bills will be paid promptly by the Kenai Peninsula Borough taxpayers. This would make this building one of Enstar's AA customers. A very profitable service. I think that the precedence has been established that Assemblyman Pierce not be allowed to vote on matters that would enrich his employer. If he had a conflict of interest with a small rural USAD he certainly has a conflict of interest in supplying gas to this proposed behemoth. I also strongly to all of this taking place in the middle of the summer while many borough residents are commercial fishing or vacationing. It makes it very hard to attend assembly meetings. What's the rush anyway? It makes me nervous when the government puts things on the fast track. Postpone it until October. I urge all assembly members to oppose the domed stadium in the interest of all of us who are on, or soon will be on, fixed retirement incomes.

Thank you
Brian Hakkinen

Kasilof, AK 99610

From: Blankenship, Johni
Sent: Monday, July 06, 2009 9:10 AM
To: Turner , Michele
Subject: FW: Dome??? building

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From: Carey, Dave
Sent: Thursday, July 02, 2009 11:27 AM
To: Blankenship, Johni
Subject: FW: Dome??? building

Thurs., 11:26 AM

Dear Johni:

Please let the assembly know about this.

Mayor Carey

From: Chuck
Sent: Thursday, July 02, 2009 11:06 AM
To: Carey, Dave
Subject: Dome??? building

Honorable Mayor Carey,

*PLEASE, **NO** dome or multi-purpose building!!! **NO** increase in service area assessments!!!*

We would also appreciate it if you would pass this on to all involved on the assembly

Chuck and LaVon Lockner

Sterling, Alaska 99672

From: Blankenship, Johni
Sent: Monday, July 06, 2009 8:23 AM
To: Turner, Michele
Subject: FW: Ordinance 2009-32

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-----Original Message-----

From: William Bell
Sent: Friday, July 03, 2009 3:19 PM
To: pal2gary@hotmail.com; hvsmalley@yahoo.com; gsuperman@gci.net; psprague@acsalaska.net; cpierce@gci.net; rlms@ptialaska.net; akfischer@hotmail.com; bsmith@xyz.net; millimom@xyz.net; Blankenship, Johni
Subject: Ordinance 2009-32

Folks-

A quick voice of support from the South Peninsula for the concept of developing the Central Peninsula Domed Sports Facility. We would be one of the user groups that would help support the facility through user fees for practices and scheduled games with High School and ASA softball teams. Access to such an all-weather facility for developing the skills of our players as well as giving them another out-of-school focus would be extremely valuable.
Thanks for hearing out the discussion on this matter.

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Bill Bell
Head Softball Coach, Homer Mariners
Small School State Champions-2006
Small School State Runner-Up - 2007
Region Champions 2004, 2005, 2006, 2007
www.marinerssoftball.net

From: Blankenship, Johni
Sent: Monday, July 06, 2009 8:23 AM
To: Turner, Michele
Subject: FW: Sports Dome Service Area

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-----Original Message-----

From: Carey, Dave
Sent: Saturday, July 04, 2009 9:16 AM
To: Blankenship, Johni
Subject: FW: Sports Dome Service Area

July 4th

Please include this in the packet.

Mayor Carey

-----Original Message-----

From: Ronald D. Lee
Sent: Friday, July 03, 2009 9:10 AM
To: gsuperman@gci.net; Carey, Dave
Cc: akjfisher@hotmail.com; pal2gary@hotmail.com; psprague@acsalaska.net; cpierce@gci.net; hvsmalley@yahoo.com; rlms@ptialaska.net; bsmith@xyz.net; millimom@xyz.net
Subject: Sports Dome Service Area

Sports Dome Service Area

Dear Assembly Members and Mayor Carey,
It's hard to attend meetings at this time of the year. I'm sure it's hard for all of you also. This is a very important issue. Please EXCLUDE the North Peninsula Recreation Service Area boundaries from the new proposed service area for a sports dome or a multi-use facility (if that's what it is now being called). I doubt if it's even legal to overlap two recreation service areas. If we want it in Nikiski it should be proposed by the service area we already have.
If the folks proposing this don't care if it's actually going to be a money loser, as they say upfront, let them build it themselves with private financing.
Thank you for your consideration,

Ronald D. Lee
USN Ret
Nikiski

From: Blankenship, Johni
Sent: Monday, July 06, 2009 8:22 AM
To: Turner , Michele
Subject: FW: sports dome/multi use facility

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From: Carey, Dave
Sent: Saturday, July 04, 2009 9:24 AM
To: Blankenship, Johni
Subject: FW: sports dome/multi use facility

Please include in packet.

Mayor C

From: Mr. Jackson
Sent: Thursday, July 02, 2009 9:55 PM
To: Carey, Dave
Cc: millimom@xyz.net; bsmith@xyz.net; rlms@ptialaska.net; hvsmalley@yahoo.com; cpierce@gci.net; psprague@acsalaska.net; pal2gary@hotmail.com; akjfischer@hotmail.com
Subject: sports dome/multi use facility

Dear Assembly Members and Mayor Carey,
It's hard to attend meetings at this time of the year. I'm sure it's hard for all of you also. This is a very important issue. Please EXCLUDE the North Peninsula Recreation Service Area boundaries from the new proposed service area for a domed sports or a multi-use facility. Is it even legal to overlap two recreation service areas? If we want it in Nikiski, then we believe it should be proposed by the service area we already have.

Those proposing this don't care if it's actually going to be a money loser, as they say upfront, then they should build it with private financing.

Thank you for your consideration,

Tony and Leah Jackson
NIKISKI

From: Blankenship, Johni
Sent: Tuesday, July 07, 2009 12:41 PM
To: Turner , Michele
Subject: FW: No on Ordinance 2009-32 and 35

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From: Dave & Kitty Thompson
Sent: Tuesday, July 07, 2009 12:16 PM
To: pa12gary@hotmail.com; hvsmalley@yahoo.com; gsuperman@gci.net; psprague@acsalaska.net; cpierce@gci.net; rlms@ptialaska.net; akfischer@hotmail.com; bsmith@xyz.net; millimom@xyz.net; Blankenship, Johni
Cc: Carey, Dave; Chumley, Hugh
Subject: No on Ordinance 2009-32 and 35

Re: Ordinance establishing Central Peninsula Multi-use facility and
Ordinance for a ballot issue for obligation bonds of \$25.5 million

We neither support this ludicrous idea contrived by a few nor do we support funding it.

We feel our borough government needs to stick to the three basics; public safety, schools, and roads. The borough has no place spending our money to entertain us. We can do that here on "the Kenai" in many ways all year long.

Projects like this are created by a few for their own "political glory". (hey, look what "I" did). then we as taxpayers have to take years paying for them. That's one of our main problems these days, spending money we don't have. It's easy to spend other peoples money.

Are we not still paying for our hospital expansions in Soldotna and Homer? These are facilities that we as taxpayers, funding the additions, cannot even use because they overcharge us and we have to resort to Providence or Alaska Regional Hospitals. We can not even afford our own hospitals.

Soldotna cannot even afford to keep their sports center afloat due to high maintenance costs. So what is a \$25.5 million facility going to cost us in upkeep and maintenance? More money than we have and more than we can afford.

The City of Kenai cannot keep their Cultural and Visitor center afloat either due to similar reasons.

All the local residence we have spoken with recently on this ordinance feel the same way.

Look at the headlines in the Anchorage Daily News for Saturday June 20th. "**Alaska Jobs are In DECLINE**" The unemployment rate stands at 10.2% (7.2% one year ago). It was higher but dropped due to some seasonal hire.

Walmart is not going to be the savior that some are hoping. Walmart typically has mostly part-time and temporary employees. Maybe a third of their employees are full time, but very few of these jobs are gainful employment. In other words they are not jobs where one can support a family or buy a house. (often these employees will require state welfare to maintain a standard of living, yes, more tax money of ours)

Our country right now, Alaska included, is in the middle of a sharp recession with no end in sight.

Please consider these facts in wanting to spend money on major projects we just simply **cannot** afford.

David and Katherine Thompson

Kenai Alaska 99611

7/7/2009

Turner , Michele

From: Blankenship, Johni
Sent: Tuesday, July 07, 2009 4:51 PM
To: Turner , Michele
Subject: FW: PROPOSED SPORTS DOME

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From: Carey, Dave
Sent: Tuesday, July 07, 2009 4:30 PM
To: Blankenship, Johni
Subject: FW: PROPOSED SPORTS DOME

Please forward this to the Assembly.

Mayor Carey

From: Harold Hansen
Sent: Tuesday, July 07, 2009 3:56 PM
To: Carey, Dave
Subject: PROPOSED SPORTS DOME

PLEASE DELETE REFERENCE TO OUR TUSTMENA DISTRICT 7 FROM THE PROPOSED RECREATIONAL SERVICE AREA TODAY. My wife and I are retired citizens, and know without a doubt that we will never use this service, nor any member of our family This will be just another burden put upon people who do not want nor need this service.

Thank you for your time, and service to our community.

Harold and Christine Hansen
20840 Crooked Creek Road
Kasilof, AK 99610

July 7th
2009

To Paul Fischer

My name is Catherine Perry - a Kasilof voter (#04111602). Please vote NO for any type of sports/multi-purpose arena, at this time. When the economy improves by 2011/2012 it would be the responsible thing to vote yes.

Also, we don't need a borough manager for the same reason - it's the economy! - Don't let the people of this borough or fixed incomes suffer! For that matter even unfixed incomes!!! The job search if a manager where ever approved would cost us a quarter million - which could be better used in the schools/roads/people in need.

Thank you

Catherine Perry

From: Blankenship, Johni
Sent: Thursday, July 09, 2009 8:37 AM
To: akjfischer@hotmail.com; Bill Smith; Charlie Pierce; cpierce@gci.net; Gary Knopp; gsuperman@gci.net; hvsmalley@yahoo.com; millimom@xyz.net; psprague@acsalaska.net; Ron Long (E-mail)
Cc: Turner , Michele
Subject: FW: Sport Dome

From: Carey, Dave
Sent: Wednesday, July 08, 2009 9:58 PM
To: Blankenship, Johni
Subject: FW: Sport Dome

Please share with assembly.

Mayor Carey

From: Rose Ann Keating
Sent: Wednesday, July 08, 2009 11:00 AM
To: Carey, Dave
Subject: Sport Dome

Dear Mr. Carey,

I just want to state my opposition to the proposed Sport Dome. \$25-50 million is a huge amount of money being proposed at a time when we should be conserving funds, not spending them on "wants" versus "needs."

Please forward my email to members of the Assembly.

Thank you!

Rose Ann Keating

Kenai

From: Blankenship, Johni
Sent: Friday, July 10, 2009 9:31 AM
To: Turner , Michele
Subject: FW: 2209-32

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From: Bryan Zak
Sent: Friday, July 10, 2009 9:02 AM
To: pa12gary@hotmail.com; hvsmalley@yahoo.com; gsuperman@gci.net; psprague@acsalaska.net; cpierce@gci.net; rlms@ptialaska.net; akfischer@hotmail.com; bsmith@xyz.net; millimom@xyz.net; Blankenship, Johni
Subject: 2209-32

I am in favor of the Assembly passing 2009-32 the Multi Use Facility:

1. I have seen in many other communities like Ketchikan, Wasilla, and Anchorage how important and well used multi use facilities are to a community.
2. Such a facility would enhance our community and give our children, and families a great place to be active and involved with other community teams and groups.
3. The multi-use facility would be another item that collectively adds to our "quality of life" here on the Peninsula.
4. Bottom line will be if the voters pass the required bonds, please give them an opportunity to vote.

Thank you,

Bryan Zak

From: Duck Inn
Sent: Tuesday, August 04, 2009 5:58 PM
To: Blankenship, Johni
Subject: Central Peninsula Sports Facility

Hi Johni, would you mind passing this on to the assembly tonight? I will be unable to attend the meeting...

Dear Assembly Members and Mayor Carey;

I would just like to pass on my thanks for your time spent listening to public comments on the Central Peninsula Sports Facility Ordinances. Assemblymen Knopp and Sprague have invested a lot of time supporting and guiding us on this process and I appreciate it SO MUCH! This process is often confusing and difficult to mitigate and their help was priceless.

This initiative is something we strongly believe will further develop this place we love to call home so hopefully in the near future you will be hearing from our group again.

Thanks again for your time,
Lela Rosin

Soldotna