

**ADDITIONAL MATERIALS FOR THE
PLANNING COMMISSION MEETING**

**Assembly Chambers
7:00 PM
MEETING DATE: May 22, 2012**

- 1. Public Comment regarding Auke Bay Corridor.**
 - a) email from David Rogers.

- 2. Public Comment regarding Health Impacts of Electromagnetic Fields.**
 - a) email from Margo Waring.

Dawn Raab

From: David Rogers [dlrogers99508@yahoo.com]
Sent: Wednesday, May 09, 2012 10:56 AM
To: Dawn Raab
Subject: Fw: Auke Bay Roundabout

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From: David Rogers <dlrogers99508@yahoo.com>
To: "PC_Comments@ci.juneau.ak.us" <PC_Comments@ci.juneau.ak.us>
Sent: Wednesday, May 9, 2012 10:53 AM
Subject: Fw: Auke Bay Roundabout

Juneau Planning Commission,

I would like to extend my remarks submitted this day to DOT, Greg Lockwood.

Thank you for any and all considerations upon Auke Bay's behalf.

Sincerely yours,

David L. Rogers

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From: David Rogers <dlrogers99508@yahoo.com>
To: "greg.lockwood@alaska.gov" <greg.lockwood@alaska.gov>
Sent: Wednesday, May 9, 2012 9:22 AM
Subject: Auke Bay Roundabout

Mr. Greg Lockwood,

I am not in favor of this engineering overkill regarding the Auke Bay Corridor present plan which include a roundabout in the DeHart area and Back Loop/Glacier Hwy intersection. Under no set of circumstances should this project go ahead destroying a long time business and a quiet Juneau community in such a disrespectful manner!

From the information on your web site regarding this project it appears that a lot of time and effort has been already wasted on such an extreme fix to a small traffic problem I would surmise is due to work related rush hour commuters having a daily battle getting on Glacier Hwy from the Back Loop. What I don't see is any actual traffic survey statistics supporting this obvious problem for those individuals and their vehicles. First and foremost would be what is the actual number of vehicles involved on a daily basis attempting to gain access to Glacier Hwy from the stop sign on the Back Loop? Equate that number with the very expensive cost of this project and it might be better to come up with a project that would include a traffic stop light system for these vehicles to gain access to Glacier Hwy. How

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simple is that and what a cost savings - any idea presented to you during your last public meeting - and a response of "we don't want to maintain traffic lights in Auke Bay!" Now isn't that a real open minded comment from your department? How very arrogant to come up with disdain for a very simple fix to a small problem that has existed for years. If your engineering department is hoping to create a situation to win some engineering award for brilliant design work or win desk pen sets from some lower 48 engineering society then I have another suggestion in which you can still build your roundabout!

Create a roundabout at the other end of the Back Loop, install a traffic light in Auke Bay with the caution, stop and go light system like they use during peak traffic hours on the off ramps in Phoenix, Arizona. There, we are all happy! You get your roundabout, awards, pensets, people can get to work and the Auke Bay life style and citizens lives are not trampled with such disrespect from D.O.T.

Being a fair minded individual I want to offer up my own personal disclosure: I live out the road, I own a boat which is moored in Auke Bay, I am retired, I use DeHart's for gas, food, ice, bait and I love their chicken! I have no objection when traveling into town to having to stop at a red light at DeHart's so the Back Loop vehicles can get on the Glacier Hwy. I also have disliked roundabouts from the moment I first encountered one on the Oregon Coast back in 2001, hated the one on Dowling Road in Anchorage and am not fond of the one at the end of the Juneau-Douglas Bridge. They are confusing to many and unsettling to Juneau's senior citizens when you approach one and are distracted by yield signs every where leaving one to wonder just who does have the right of way?

Thank you for your time and this opportunity to express my objections to your pet project - I vote NO!

Sincerely yours,

David L. Rogers

Jen Thorsteinson

From: Margo Waring [margowaring@ak.net]

Sent: Thursday, May 17, 2012 10:12 AM

To: John Hartle; "Greg Chaney at Greg_Chaney"@ci.juneau.ak.us; PC_Comments; Borough Assembly

Subject: Electro magnetic fields

<http://www.utne.com/environment/rf-emfs-zm0z12mjzros.aspx>

I recall that CBJ is working on a draft ordinance about communications facilities, especially the towers that are of much concern to many in the community. I call your attention to the link to an article in a recent Utne magazine that summarizes both concerns and science related to the health impacts of electro magnetic fields. Excessive EMF exposure has been studied for some time. Industry and federal rules do not encourage scientific examination of health impacts, but such impacts continue to be documented.

I encourage CBJ to take a cautious approach to permitting communications facilities that may impact the health of residents. Often, we learn after too much time that health hazards (and sometimes health remedies) turn out to be significant. One needs only to think about the history of the tobacco industry to understand the possibilities.

Thanks,
Margo Waring
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Juneau, AK 99801

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**Materials Presented
at the
Regular Planning Commission Meeting
May 22, 2012**

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Keith and Jolene Cox
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City and Borough of Juneau
Planning Commission
Chair: Michal Satre
Meeting date: May 22, 2012

The purpose of this letter is to support the variance request to lot width, depth, and area, as well as density, to allow for a minor subdivision for the properties located at 17105 and 17125 Glacier Hwy. As tenants of the property, we feel that the property which contains two houses would benefit by re-platting. Both houses are currently occupied and have been for many years. Re-platting would not change the population density of the area but would rather allow two home owners the opportunity to live on waterfront property rather than one homeowner and one house renter, or two house renters. If re-platted, each house could be managed independently thus reducing the constrictions of having to become a dual house owner/manager. Subsequent owners would benefit by looking forward to neighbors that are also home owners without the hindrance of overseeing rental properties. The City and Borough would also benefit as it would allow two new homeowners (instead of one homeowner plus one renter) the possibility of owning waterfront property in Juneau.

We currently rent the house located at 17105 Glacier Hwy from Len Ceder and have found that the property and the proximity of the two houses located would be better suited to be re-platted rather than remain connected as two houses on a single plat.

Sincerely,



Keith and Jolene Cox

Mike and Astrid Bethers
PO Box 210003
Auke Bay, Ak 99821
May 14, 2012

City and Borough of Juneau
Planning Commission
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Juneau, Ak 99801

Dear Planning Commission; SUBJ: Comments for file
VAR2012-0005, Len Ceder
17105 Glacier Hwy

We live at 17085 Glacier Hwy, near the Ceder property. We have no problem with this small parcel being subdivided and the houses being sold separately, pending that they are both sold and operated as single family homes. This way there would be no change in traffic, parking, etc.

Thank you for the opportunity to comment.

Respectfully,



Benjamin Lyman

From: Barbara Berg [bberg@juneau.lib.ak.us]
Sent: Tuesday, May 22, 2012 4:07 PM
To: Benjamin Lyman
Cc: Jonas Lamb; Catherine Melville; M.J. Grande
Subject: RE: Libraries in Comprehensive Plan

Ben--

Suggested changes. Some in sections not in red. If this is not the appropriate time for these changes, what would that time be? I will be out of town from 5/29-6/4, back at work on 6/5. If you need further responses before then, please contact one of the librarians copied above.

Barbara

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[www.juneau.org/library/eresearch.php](http://www.juneau.org/library/eresearch.php)

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**From:** Benjamin Lyman [mailto:Ben\_Lyman@ci.juneau.ak.us]  
**Sent:** Tuesday, May 22, 2012 3:40 PM  
**To:** Barbara Berg  
**Subject:** Libraries in Comprehensive Plan

Hi Barbara-

I'm working on the update to the CBJ Comprehensive Plan, and just came across something that I think is out-of-date regarding libraries in Juneau.

I'm pasting in all of the library-related draft language at this point, but would appreciate feedback on the sentence in red regarding the libraries in the Capital City Libraries Cooperative, as the CCLIC public portal lists quite a few libraries that are not listed in the Comprehensive Plan – notably, Thunder Mountain High School.

I apologize for the late notice, but am going to be discussing this chapter with the Planning Commission tonight and would appreciate any comments that you could provide this afternoon. This is only the first review of the draft changes by the Planning Commission, and the only changes proposed to the Library section so far are formatting changes.

Please let me know if you have any other comments on this section of the plan.

Thanks,  
 Ben

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## Libraries

The CBJ Public Libraries provide materials and services to help community residents of all ages obtain information to meet their personal, educational, and professional needs, and to support literacy and lifelong learning. Libraries are a vital component of the community, providing information to businesses, agencies, visitors, and individuals seeking personal and professional growth. The CBJ operates a main library in Downtown Juneau and branches in Downtown Douglas and the Mendenhall Valley.

A 17,000-square-foot main library was opened in December 1988, on the newly-constructed fifth floor of the Marine Park Garage on the Downtown Juneau waterfront. Six thousand additional square feet is available for expansion on that site. This central location is convenient for use of library materials, internet facilities and meeting rooms for Downtown residents, workers and over a million cruise ship guests and crew members.

The Douglas Public Library is located in a combined library/fire station that opened in 1987. Approximately 6,000 square feet is dedicated to the Library and a public meeting room. The Mendenhall Valley Public Library is located in a ~~7,250~~ 9,391 square-foot leased storefront in the Mendenhall Mall. Space and electronic needs in the next ten years will require construction of a new building in the Mendenhall Valley to serve these needs.

*RESP* The three public libraries are part of the Capital City Libraries cooperative, which includes the Alaska State Library, the University of Alaska Southeast (the Egan Library, and the Sealaska Heritage Institute ~~Juneau-Douglas High School Library~~). These libraries share an automated circulation and on-line public catalog system. The public is free to use any of the Capital City Libraries with one library card. The Capital City Libraries cooperate in the provision of print and electronic resources to avoid unnecessary duplication and broaden the scope of information available within the community.

Optimum use of on-line networks and cooperative systems is essential in this new electronic age of international connectivity through the Internet. The Juneau Public Libraries provide public access to the Internet, guide users in finding its unique resources, and maintain the on-line information presence that makes the CBJ, as Alaska's Capital City, a destination for Internet users worldwide.

### POLICY 14.2 TO FOSTER LITERACY AND TO PROVIDE FREE ACCESS TO LIBRARY FACILITIES AND SERVICES.

#### Standard Operating Procedures

14.2 - SOP1 Identify and pursue local, State and Federal funding sources for library services.

14.2 - SOP2 Provide support to the Library such that each library facility provides consistent and reasonable public service hours.

14.2 - SOP3 Continue resource-sharing and electronic networking efforts to provide for the most efficient, far-reaching and cost effective library services for the CBJ.

#### Implementing Action

14.2 - IA1 Provide a ~~joint library and community center~~ city-owned library at a convenient location in the Mendenhall Valley.