

Arctic PSTI
Outdoor Range Training Facility
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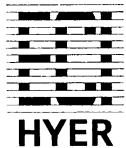
MEMO: Site Selection Presentation
Chugiak Community Council
18530 Old Glenn Highway, Chugiak, AK
January 17, 2008

Attendance: 12 members of the public (2 attendees were members of the Eklutna Valley CC).

Presenters: Don Simmons, Rise AK, Randy Johnson, Marshal's Service, Hans Brinke State of Alaska Department of Public Safety, and Jonathan Steele, ECI/Hyer, Inc.

There was no resistance or stated opposition to the project. At the appropriate time the CC will forward correspondence concurring with the recommendation of the Site Selection Report, Site 6 - Birchwood Airport Vicinity.

Following the presentation was a question period summarized below (*response*):



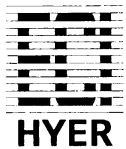
1. Does the bridge at Thunderbird Falls need upgrade if an Eklutna Lake Road site is selected? *The site selection analysis has not taken into account the condition of the existing bridge. Access to the potential sites would primarily utilize patrol vehicles. The APD has driven to all of the potential sites to time travel duration and confirm accessibility.*
2. What does the FAA think of Site 6? *We have submitted the intended use to FAA for their approval. We are awaiting a final decision from FAA at this time. The proposed range is on the same side of Birchwood Airport as the existing private range, the firing orientation is similar, and all firing will utilize berms and bullet traps to control discharge.*
3. Is the acreage adequate and would the site serve the long term needs of the Coalition? *The site is of adequate size with some mitigation measures. There is adequate space for additional ranges if they are baffled. Baffles range development is significantly more expensive.*
4. What about the needs and provisioning of the quiet side of training? *The program for the range includes classroom and administrative offices as a future phase of development; beyond the initial construction of the ranges. Also the APD has a training facility in Anchorage where a significant amount of classroom training currently occurs.*
5. Who will own the range? *The Municipality of Anchorage will own the range.*
6. What will be the funding source for the range? *The State of Alaska Legislature is being requested to fund the range as a legislative grant. Having a site for the range development is an important ingredient*

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towards securing the commitment of the State Legislature. Federal funding sources are reluctant to fund facilities for use by local agencies. Non municipal range users will contribute toward operations cost.

7. Will the land be owned by the MOA? *The goal is for the Municipality of Anchorage to own the range site. Two of the three sites being considered are owned by Eklutna, Inc. and the third site is privately owned. Eklutna has indicated they have a preference for a long term (55 years) lease versus selling the land. If the latter occurs the MOA would invest in the improvements with an agreed upon lease term. Fair market value of the land would be the basis for the lease rate as well as purchase.*
8. Who will be responsible for the safety of the range; access during non-operational hours, and approaches to the site other than the current road access? *The Municipality will be responsible for the safety and operation of the facility.*
9. With a lease how is the expenditure justified to the taxpayer (considered as the funding source)? *The need for the outdoor training facility has been established. Either ownership or lease of land to develop the range is supported by the Coalition and the Municipality.*
10. What is the annual operation cost for the range? *There has been a business plan developed for the Coalition. We do not have this information with us but will research and forward a response to this question.*
11. Have other community councils stated any concerns with the recommended site? *At the Eagle River CC presentation an attendee voiced their concern with availability and depletion of industrial zoned lands. The use of this site for a range appears to displace industrial zoned land and may preclude previous master planning considerations. The current zoning and master plans identify the site for industrial land use. The range is an identified public safety need and few sites exist for dedication as an outdoor range. Eklutna Inc., the land owner, supports a lease use for the parcels as an outdoor range. The competing issue for industrial zoned lands and provisioning of dedicated public safety training facilities will be part of the discussion and deliberation at the PZC's public hearing.*



End of Meeting Summary – Chugiak Community Council Presentation

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