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**WASILLA CITY COUNCIL INFORMATION MEMORANDUM**

**IM No. 10-30**

**TITLE:** LIBRARY NEEDS COMMITTEE RECOMMENDATIONS ON LAND ACQUISITION FOR A NEW LIBRARY.

**Agenda of:** December 13, 2010  
**Originator:** Public Works Director

**Date:** December 1, 2010

Route to:	Department	Signature/Date
X	Public Works Director	<i>[Signature]</i> 12/1/10
X	Finance Director	<i>[Signature]</i> 12/1/10
X	Deputy Administrator	<i>[Signature]</i>
X	City Clerk	<i>[Signature]</i>

**REVIEWED BY MAYOR VERNE E. RUPRIGHT:** *[Signature]*

**FISCAL IMPACT:**  yes or  no      Funds Available  yes or  no

**Account name/number:**

**Attachments:** map

**SUMMARY STATEMENT:** The Library Needs Committee has evaluated properties for site selection of a new library in accordance with City Council AM 10-18. The following table summarizes the best sites as determined by the committee:

Property	Size-Acres	Assessed Value	Ranking
Tract 7 Fred Nelson	8.36	\$407,900	No. 1
Parcel C21 Section 3	7.08	\$177,000	No. 2
Wasilla Middle School	3.90	\$0.00	No. 3
Tract A PJC Sub.	13.24	\$522,800	No. 4

The site selection process was based on cost, parcel size, location, and access. Tract 7 Fred Nelson Subdivision is the committee's number one choice based on these factors.

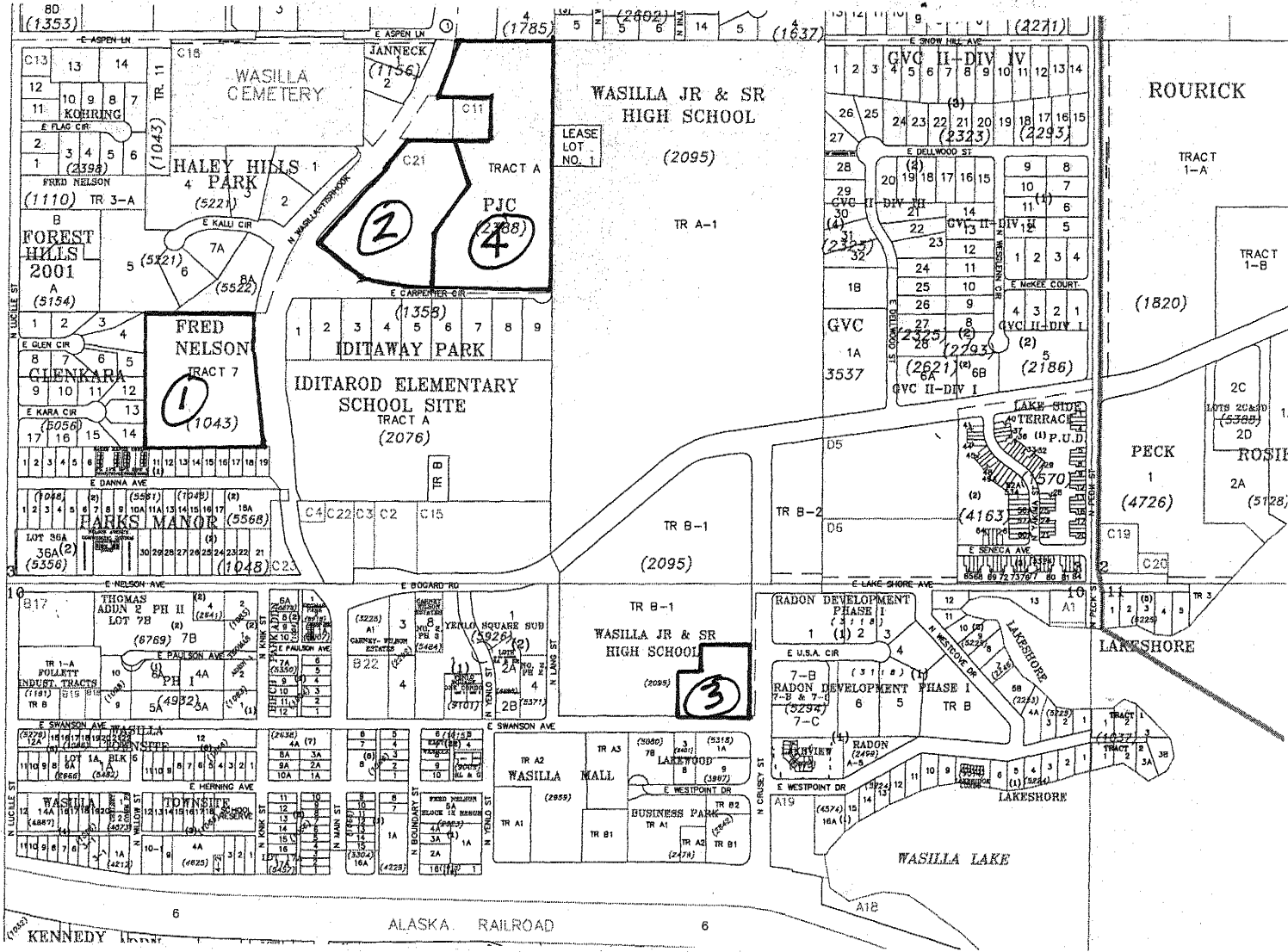
This property currently has a single family residence and it is located across from Iditarod Elementary School. The property owner has been contacted by the committee to determine if the parcel could be purchased. The property owner is willing to consider offers made by the City.

The other properties are vacant land with good access. The Wasilla Middle School site assumes the Borough is willing to donate a portion of their parcel at the corner of Crusey Street and Swanson Avenue. The other two parcels are located on Carpenter Circle near Wasilla High School and Iditarod Elementary School. These parcels are available for purchase.

The committee believes the acquisition of a parcel is the next key step towards a new library. Once a parcel is acquired, the ability to obtain state funding for construction greatly increases based on the current scoring criteria for the library grant program.

With this task completed, the committee will respectfully wait for further direction from the City Council before proceeding with additional work or meetings. The committee thanks the City Council for the opportunity to work on this vital project.

# POTENTIAL LIBRARY SITES



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