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TO: Parks and Recreation Advisory Committee
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SUBJ: Appropriation Ordinance 2012

This ordinance appropriates $16,500 from the State of Alaska Office of History and Archaeology (DNR) for planning, developing, and installing historical interpretive signs and planning and design of an interpretive shelter for the 5-Stamp Mill at the Treadwell Mine Historic Park.

The proposed project is to plan, develop, and install historical interpretive signs and plan and design an interpretive shelter for the 5-stamp mill located on CBJ owned property as part of the Treadwell Mine Historic Park. The product of the project will be at least two interpretive signs similar to those recently installed throughout the Treadwell Mine Historic Park. The signs would assist locals and visitors in understanding the history of the Treadwell Gold Mine and specifically the role of the 5-stamp mill. In addition a protective shelter for the mill would be designed to be constructed as a later phase of the project.

The work of the interpretive signs portion of the project would be performed through the combined efforts of a graphic designer, writer/editor, and sign manufacturer. The design of the shelter would be performed by an architect and engineer. Volunteers of the Treadwell Historic Preservation and Restoration Society will assist with planning, developing, and installing the signage and planning and designing the shelter. The Historic Resources Advisory Committee would review the draft and final products. The total project costs are estimated to be $27,500, 60% ($16,500) will be funded from a federal Historic Preservation Fund grant administered by the Alaska Office of History and Archaeology. The remaining 40% ($11,000) of the project budget will be funded by in-kind services of volunteers of the Treadwell Historic Preservation and Restoration Society.

The Treadwell Historic Society recommended this project and grant application at their January 12, 2012 meeting. The Historic Resources Advisory Committee recommended approval of this project and grant application at their regular public meeting on February 1, 2012. Consideration of the appropriation ordinance will be heard at the Assembly’s regular public meeting on August 13, 2012.

Attached is a concept sketch of the proposed interpretive shelter.