

1 Bowl? Sorry, George, I can't determine the last letter of  
2 your name there.

3 MR. BOWER: My name is George Bower, and all the  
4 help and concern for the residents of the Butte area is really  
5 quite touching, especially considering it comes mostly from  
6 the people that live several miles away. Personally, I've  
7 been helped and concerned over by people that I haven't  
8 desired to have help and concern with me about all I can  
9 stand. You know, perhaps if everyone in Wasilla, Settler's  
10 Bay, et cetera, that has testified about how great an idea  
11 this destination resort is, and obviously know what a great  
12 boost to the Borough and the people in it the golf courses we  
13 currently have are, to try to convince Mr. Trygstad to build  
14 it in their communities instead of someplace where this type  
15 of land use doesn't seem to be wanted.

16 There's a lot of talk about all the unemployment in  
17 the area. If this land sale went through, would there be a  
18 significant number of long-term jobs or just several short-  
19 term ones to bring into the community several more workers and  
20 also land on unemployment in a year or so.

21 The use of this land as it has historically been  
22 used appears to be the desires of the people of the Butte  
23 community, who this sale will impact and in a possibly not  
24 necessarily positive way. Thank you.

25 THE CHAIRPERSON: Thank you, George. Brenda Morris

1 wheelers drive by all day, so there's probably going to be a  
2 motor or a noise ordinance or some kind of restrictive rules  
3 that will limit local use of the area. So in spite of Mr.  
4 Trygstad's assurances that he's going to accommodate all our  
5 concerns, I think there's some realities that aren't being  
6 addressed in the promises. We're getting a lot of rhetorical,  
7 vague kind of indications and commitments and philosophies,  
8 but we're not getting anything tangible to deal with. If we  
9 had a promise that we could run motor machines along this  
10 trail here, et cetera, et cetera, that would make it a little  
11 bit easier, but again, without any tangible information, we're  
12 really in the dark. Thank you.

13 THE CHAIRPERSON: Thank you. Are there others in  
14 the audience that would like to testify? Please come forward.  
15 State your name for the record, please, when you get up.

16 MR. BOWS: Thanks. My name is Matt Bows. I  
17 currently reside in Anchorage. I know a lot of people here  
18 probably believe that this is none of my business, but I  
19 regularly use the Jim Creek area and I am opposed to the  
20 development of the area. Thank you.

21 THE CHAIRPERSON: Okay. Anyone else like to  
22 testify?

23 MR. ZIMMERMAN: Can I add something?

24 THE CHAIRPERSON: Just if you have like a short one.  
25 We're not -- yeah. I'm not staying to have a second speak.

1 (ph).

2 MS. MORRIS: I decline.

3 THE CHAIRPERSON: Brenda declines. Okay. Okay.  
4 That's the end of my list. Is there anybody on the list back  
5 there now? Somebody mind looking? Is there another sign-up  
6 list there? Any names on that blue list?

7 UNIDENTIFIED SPEAKER: No.

8 THE CHAIRPERSON: Okay. Thank you. This is a  
9 public hearing on Resolution 96-58. Anyone else like to  
10 testify? Please come forward. State your name for the  
11 record.

12 MR. CAIRES: Hi. My name is Jerry Caires. I'm a  
13 Butte resident. I've been out there for five years, and I  
14 testified before you a couple of weeks ago on this issue.  
15 I've thought about it a little bit. There's been a little bit  
16 more information in the press. A couple of visions that have  
17 come to mind is one, a golfer out there in a HazMat suit  
18 because he's in a dust storm. He can't even see his drive.  
19 Depending on the spring, how much rain we get determines how  
20 many dust storms we get and sometimes they can go long into  
21 the summer. You're already in a limited season area, so we're  
22 talking about probably two or three months of golfing a year.

23 In addition, we talked about all these trails that  
24 were going to accommodate the locals. I can't see these high  
25 dollar people in their lush townhouses listening to four-

1 MR. ZIMMERMAN: I'll be real quick. The only  
2 reason is because I was mentioned as a real estate agent here,  
3 and they asked me a question. Or that....

4 THE CHAIRPERSON: Going to answer that question  
5 then?

6 MR. ZIMMERMAN: Okay. Can we make a living with the  
7 land that we have available? Right now we have 250 agents  
8 working the valley where there was like 45 transactions in  
9 residential homes sold last month. And even less in land  
10 sales. One of the reasons we have so many agents working is  
11 that there's people can't make it right now. There's a lot of  
12 people that are having a hard time. People retired from  
13 insurance, people -- or from military, people retired from  
14 State jobs, people retired from government jobs. They don't  
15 have enough income to be able to make it, so they go into real  
16 estate.

17 Okay. Another person mentioned the fact that, hey,  
18 we couldn't buy that land for \$600 to \$800 an acre or  
19 whatever. They had the opportunity to buy 80 acres in the  
20 middle of this project for about that same cost.

21 UNIDENTIFIED SPEAKER: No way.

22 MR. ZIMMERMAN: It was on the market for sale and  
23 was advertised in the -- in fact, it was a person that was in  
24 this room that had an offer on this property.

25 UNIDENTIFIED SPEAKER: That person has left and