



The committee recommends that the 3 monoliths be accompanied by a side stone with EVOS narrative and map.

## Additional Stone and Plaque 4 Narrative and Proposed Art

### Meals Hill Parklands *Our Covenant*

The 1989 Exxon Valdez oil spill was a human-caused disaster that greatly impacted the environment and people of Prince William Sound and the Gulf of Alaska. The 11 million gallons of crude oil spread over 3000 square miles of ocean and reached 1,300 miles of shoreline. It damaged environmental, social, economic, and cultural elements throughout the region depicted in this map.

The Exxon Corporation responded responsibly and generously to mitigate the widespread problem caused by the spill, and the event changed oil shipping and mitigation standards that safeguard our fragile marine environment.

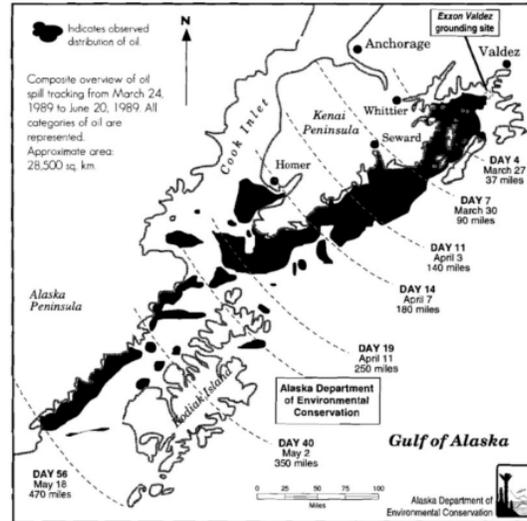
Recovery to the region has taken decades.  
In some cases no complete revitalization will ever occur among the people and ecosystems that were harmed.

The coastal habitat preserved within this park represents a part of the recovery from the Exxon Valdez tragedy.

Valdez is proud to be the home to global state-of-the-art training and oil spill recovery efforts.

The people of Valdez are the entrusted stewards of Meals Hill Park and are dedicated to preserving these parklands forever.

Enjoy your visit.



### Plaque 4 (EVOS) Text Corrected

*The 1989 Exxon Valdez oil spill was a human-caused disaster that devastated the environment and people of Prince William Sound and the Gulf of Alaska. The 11 million gallons of crude oil spread over 11,000 square miles of ocean and reached 1,300 miles of shoreline. It caused environmental, social, economic, and cultural harm throughout the region depicted in this map.*

*As a result of community efforts, increased governmental regulation, and industry changes, oil shipping and mitigation standards that safeguard the marine environment are now in place. However, recovery to the region has taken decades. In some cases, no complete revitalization will ever occur among the people and ecosystems that were harmed.*

*The coastal habitat preserved within this park represents a part of the recovery from the Exxon Valdez tragedy.*

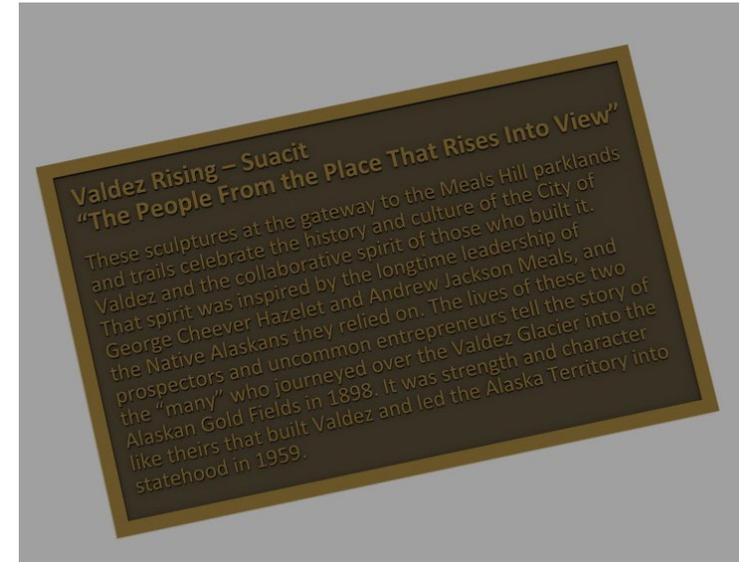
*The people of Valdez are now the stewards of this park and are entrusted with preserving this land forever.*

*Enjoy your visit.*

### Notes Regarding the EVOS map:

1. Simplify the map – remove parts that detract from showing the size of spill and communities impacted, keep small attribution to source Alaska Department of Environmental Conservation
2. Show more communities impacted by the spill – include Tatitlek (60.8661° N, 146.6778° W), Chenega (60.0649° N, 148.0112° W), Cordova (60.5424° N, 145.7525° W), Port Graham (59.3503° N, 151.8350° W), Nanwalek (59.3568° N, 151.9217° W), and Kodiak (57.7900° N, 152.4072° W)

Monolith 1



**VALDEZ RISING**  
**“Suacit”**  
*[Soo-Wa-Chit]*

**“The People From the Place That Rises Into View”**

These sculptures at the gateway to the Meals Hill parklands and trails celebrate the history and culture of the City of Valdez and the collaborative spirit of those who built it. That spirit was inspired by the longtime leadership of George Cheever Hazelet and Andrew Jackson Meals, and the Native Alaskans they relied on.

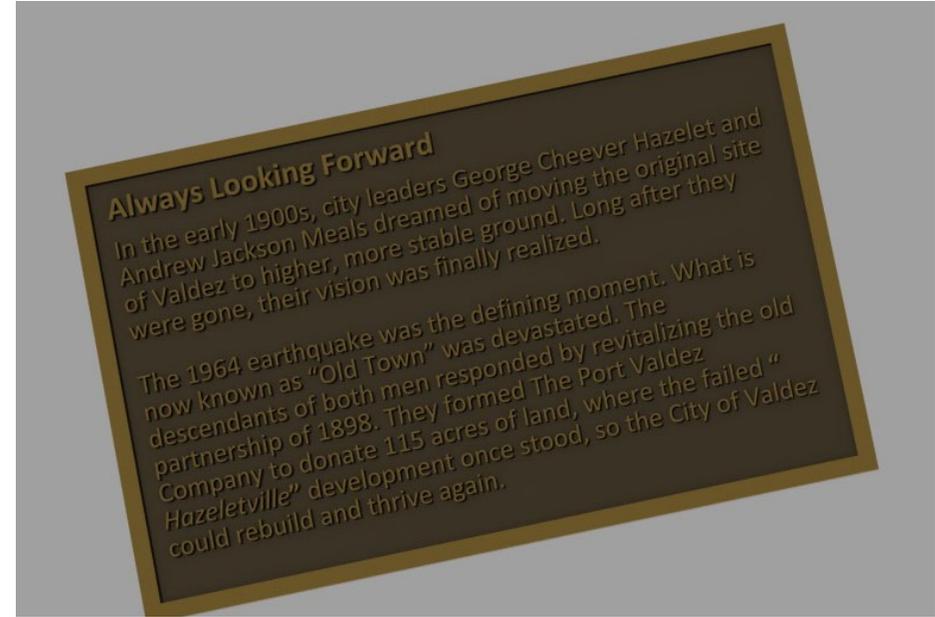
The lives of these two prospectors and uncommon entrepreneurs tell the story of the “many” who journeyed over the Valdez Glacier into the Alaskan Gold Fields in 1898. It was strength of character like theirs, persistence and resilience of common goals that built Valdez and led the Alaska Territory into statehood in 1959.

Plaque 1

Monolith 2



Plaque 2



### **Always Looking Forward**

In the early 1900s, city leaders George Cheever Hazelet and Andrew Jackson Meals dreamed of moving the original site of Valdez to higher, more stable ground. Long after they were gone, their vision was finally realized.

The 1964 earthquake was the defining moment. What is now known as “Old Town” was devastated. The descendants of both men responded by revitalizing the old partnership of 1898. They formed The Port Valdez Company to donate 115 acres of land, where the failed “*Hazeletville*” development once stood, so the City of Valdez could rebuild and thrive again.

Plaque 3  
(signature plaque)

# VALDEZ RISING

## “*Suacit*”

“The People From the Place that Rises into View” 1898  
George Cheever Hazelet, Andrew Jackson Meals, and Tl’adets  
(a.k.a. “Indian Charlie”) ascend the Valdez Glacier to find Gold  
and Copper but more importantly define the early “soul” of what  
would become

The Community of Valdez, Alaska Founded  
1901

Sculpture 2024, by Ion Onutan, Gegham Abrahamyan, Tsonivar  
Muradyan, Grigoriy Reva, Gar LaSalle – Classic  
Foundry, Seattle, Washington U.S.A.

Donated by: The Port of Valdez Company, Harris Sand &  
Gravel Company and the Citizens of Valdez

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Monolith 3



