Session 22-06, a Regular Meeting of the Parks, Art, Recreation and Culture Advisory Commission was called to order by Chair Dave Lewis at 5:30 p.m. on August 18, 2022 from the City Hall Cowles Council Chambers located at 491 E. Pioneer Avenue, Homer, Alaska and via Zoom Webinar.

PRESENT: COMMISSIONERS FAIR, LOWNNEY, HARRALD, ARCHIBALD, GALBRAITH, LEWIS

ABSENT: STUDENT COMMISSIONER FLORA AND COMMISSIONER ROEDL (EXCUSED)

STAFF: DEPUTY CITY CLERK KRAUSE
PUBLIC WORKS DIRECTOR KEISER
SPECIAL PROJECTS & COMMUNICATIONS COORDINATOR CARROLL
CITY PLANNER ABBOUD

AGENDA APPROVAL

ARCHIBALD/LOWNEY - MOVED TO APPROVE THE AGENDA AS PRESENTED.

There was no discussion.

VOTE. NON-OBJECTION. UNANIMOUS CONSENT.

Motion carried.

PUBLIC COMMENTS UPON MATTERS ALREADY ON THE AGENDA

Jeanne Parker, city resident, encouraged and advocated for the Commission to delay their decision on the CIP as the Homer Drawdown Group is reviewing the information recently received but if that was not possible, recommended the Commission consider these important projects Bike Lanes on East Hill and West Hill Roads, continuation of the sidewalk down Main Street from Pioneer Avenue to Old Town; Reconstruction of Kachemak Drive and Ocean Drive need attention, Svedlund which is not on the list and closing off traffic on Pioneer Avenue during certain times of the day to create a town center/square idea that has been worked on for a long time. She then commented on the plans Rick Abboud has put through and should be worked more with the public before decisions are made and the idea of Project Zero which is a project that intends to reduce or eliminate traffic accidents or fatalities with non-motorized transportation.

VISITORS/PRESENTATIONS

A. Memorandum from Special Projects & Communications Coordinator re: Draft city of Homer 2023-2028 Capital Improvement Plan & Legislative Requests

Jenny Carroll, Special Projects and Communications Coordinator presented information on the projects that were funded from the Capital Improvement Plan (CIP) over the past year in response to comments from the Chair on projects not being funded.

Ms. Carroll facilitated comments, questions and answers to the following:
- Types of projects that are included in the CIP
- Federal Infrastructure act funding availability
- Bringing forth projects are beneficial to make Council and Staff aware of infrastructure needs of the city.
- This action cannot be postponed tonight by the Commission as it is scheduled to go before City Council in a worksession on September 12th and then Public Hearing on September 26th regular meeting.
- Additional opportunities to attend public meetings and comment on the CIP
- Information on Vision Zero, and the Borough wide safety transportation plan that assists in promoting safety that will presented to Council at the August 22nd meeting for support
- Two new projects that have been proposed: Svedlund Sidewalk Project and Airport Improvement Project. These will facilitate needed ADA Compliance and improvements to the Airport as well as maintenance and resiliency and allow residents at the Senior Center walk safely to medical appointments and shops within town center by installation of sidewalks.
- Since there will be funding from the Federal Government she is further recommending Council increase the number of projects on the list to the top eight or ten
- Narrowing the Kachemak Drive Pathway Project to just the beginning going up that hill as much as the first mile since it is the most used
  o It is a state owned road and will depend on State actions
  ▪ There are different aspects to leverage with this project
- Projects included in the CIP can be recommended for removal even if under a different group but a basis for the removal must be provided
- A Frame Water Transmission Line Replacement Project is new proposed project from Public Works Director
- The Commission does not need to consider the funding levels when recommending projects but should review each projects in a context on benefits to the community, the need of the project
  o Recommendations from the advisory bodies assist Council in selecting the projects for the legislative requests and priority listing providing the public input required by many grant opportunities.
  o Recommended that the Commission should focus on city supported projects as state projects have some dependency on whether the state feels that same, provided an example of Kachemak Drive Pathway project and now it is on the back burner.
  o Commission can consider the benefits to the community as a whole and recommend projects outside their field.

Public Works Director Keiser recommended that the Commission can include the state projects since there are many funding opportunities for partnerships and they should focus on park related or importance to the Commission inferring that they can stick to park related projects whether state or city projects.

Special Projects & Communications Coordinator Carroll cited additional clarification on recommendations for projects that head to Juneau and that the Commission is not restricted to specific projects.

RECONSIDERATION

CONSENT AGENDA
A. Unapproved Regular Meeting Minutes for June 16, 2022

Chair Lewis requested a motion and second.

ARCHIBALD/LOWNEY MOVED TO APPROVE THE CONSENT AGENDA AS PRESENTED.

There was no discussion.

VOTE. NON-OBJECTION. UNANIMOUS CONSENT.

Motion carried.

STAFF & COUNCIL REPORT/COMMITTEE REPORTS

A. Chair’s Report - Mayor’s Roundtable Meeting with Advisory Bodies

Chair Lewis noted that he could not recall details of the meeting and put forward that it was attended by the various chairs of the advisory bodies and they provided information on what their group was working on.

B. Homer Drawdown - Commissioner Lowney

Chair Lewis deferred to Commissioner Lowney after introduction of the item.

Commissioner Lowney provided an update on the actions of the Homer Drawdown group noting the following:

- Non-motorized transportation was selected as their project and members spent the summer addressing trails within town. She reported the work being done or completed on trails so far this summer on Wright Street, Lee Street, and Woodard Creek Trail. The work done has made these trails very walkable, and easily accessible. Ms. Lowney commented that there is a lot of comradery and hard work and Parks Superintendent Steffy feeds the workers pizza at the end of the day. She stated that they work hard, have fun and get fed.

- The members working with the Public Works Parks Department began work on a trail located behind Alice’s and up from the Homer High School to improve those connections.

- Homer Drawdown has undertaken policy changes so animal and human traffic is considered when development of subdivisions is being considered and planned.

- The Trails Symposium is now being hosted by the City of Homer and funding will come from them as well. The date selected is Saturday, October 1, 2022 at the KPC College Campus here in Homer.

City Planner Abboud provided comment on the Vision Zero and that the city is partnering with the borough is people focused and the Transportation Plan update should include that focus as well not just vehicular traffic.
Commissioner Lowney added that this concept is addressing safety issues using tried and true design concepts for roads and speed limits, etc.

C. Public Works Director’s Report – Jan Keiser

Chair Lewis introduced the item and deferred to Jan Keiser.

Public Works Director Keiser provided a summary of her memorandum. She reported the following:

- Main Street project is back underway and the Contractor has taken advantage of the paving being done on the East Hill Road project so parts of the Main Street Sidewalk project will be paved as well in the next week.
- Non-motorized Transportation Opportunity Status Report
  - West Fairview Avenue/Eric Lane Extension - The gravel road shoulder was widen to accommodate non-motorized traffic. Council has expressed interest in construction of an actual sidewalk on this project. Estimated cost is about $1 million and there is no identified funding for that at this time.
    - The Main Street Sidewalk Project was $1.299 million
    - Ben Walters Lane Sidewalk Project is approximately $1.6 million
- The Ohlson Lane/Bunnell Avenue area was going to be a sidewalk project however after a neighborhood meeting with residents are interested in drainage, parking and traffic control.
  - Public Works will be re-scoping this and going back to Council to request funding
- Wright Street and Lee Drive Projects – Lee Drive in incomplete due to drainage issues. Wright Street has been completed
- Met with Brad Parsons who has completed a lot of research on the concept, People First Transportation Planning. He is working with Independent Living Center. Public Works will be issuing a term contract, similar to Homer Soil & Water Conservation. Independent Living Center will review transportation and non-motorized transportation related projects.

D. Recreation Report – Recreation Manager, Mike Illg

Commissioner Archibald asked about the Commission forwarding a recommendation of support to Council to fund an additional recreation staff position.

Deputy City Clerk Krause noted that since this is a report and the Commission can request this item to be in the September meeting agenda for action.

E. Parks Report – Parks Superintendent Steffy

PUBLIC HEARING

PENDING BUSINESS

A. Memorandum from Special Projects & Communications Coordinator re: 2023-2028 Capital Improvement Plan and Legislative Requests

Chair Lewis introduced the item by reading of the title. He then stated that each Commissioner will provide their top two or three projects started with Commissioner Galbraith.
Public Works Director provided clarification on the process to use the HART fund, HAWSP Fund by developing programs to fund necessary projects related to infrastructure and it would position the City to possibly obtain grant funding as well.

- Ben Walters Lane Sidewalk Project is funded for design only and may be set as shovel ready for available grants and relates the City's commitment
- It is beneficial to have projects like this included in the CIP document.

Public Works Director Keiser directed the Commission to focus on parks and related projects as that is what they were here for and they will focus on the infrastructure and rest of the projects.

Commissioners reviewed and stated their top projects including comments on other projects that they would prefer to see on the list:

- Commissioner Galbraith – Beluga Slough Trail Extension, Kachemak Drive Non-Motorized Pathway and Main Street Sidewalk Facility Pioneer Avenue South to Ohlson Lane
- Commissioner Archibald – Ben Walters Lane Sidewalk Facility, Karen Hornaday Park Phase II, Jack Gist Park Improvements Phase II
- Commissioner Harrald – Ben Walters Sidewalk Facility, Kachemak Drive Non-motorized Pathway, Karen Hornaday Park Improvements Phase II, Jack Gist Park Improvements Phase II
- Commissioner Lowney – Kachemak Drive Non-motorized Pathway (the first mile), Main Street Sidewalk Facility Pioneer Avenue South to Ohlson Lane and Ben Walters Sidewalk Facility
- Commissioner Fair – Kachemak Drive Non-motorized Pathway, Ben Walters Sidewalk Facility and Karen Hornaday Park Improvements Phase II
- Chair Lewis – Main Street Sidewalk Facility Pioneer Avenue South to Ohlson Lane, Ben Walters Lane Sidewalk Facility, Kachemak Drive Non-motorized Pathway

Public Works Director responded to questions from the Commission on the following:
- the likelihood of the State doing anything with the Kachemak Drive Non-motorized Pathway Project

The Commission held a brief discussion regarding their recommendations and how safety concerns affect this community with regard to residents and visitors walking and cycling on Main Street and Kachemak Drive and the inherent danger that is very real and near catastrophes that have almost happened. It was pointed out that the Commission has been working diligently to get these projects funded for a long time.

Public Works Director Keiser commented to Chair Lewis’ earlier reference safety over tourism clarifying that she was not implying the Commission should focus on provisions for tourists but that there have been pockets of money that would help enhance tourism from the economic development point of view, and the City could use those funds to enhance the communities use of Karen Hornaday or Bishop’s Beach parks, for example Karen Hornaday Park has the Little League component that brings in people and visitors for games, tournaments and Jack Gist does the same for the softball aspect and if we can do that then we should do it.

Commissioner Archibald related an experience living in Girdwood and changed his third selection from Jack Gist Park to Kachemak Drive project.
Deputy City Clerk Krause requested the Commission give Ms. Carroll the opportunity to comment on the project recommendations before providing the results of the suggested projects.

Ms. Carroll expressed that she understood the Commission’s priority concerns regarding safe pedestrian routes and stated that there may be possible programs that are being opened by the State for the first time in approximately 8 years. Ms. Carroll is not sure how it will leverage funding, and the City is trying to stage some high priority projects to include in that list for the opportunity that the State Department of Transportation will be opening up this fall for nominations from communities. Ms. Carroll provided information that to complete the Main Street project will require purchasing land/easement from property owners and then there is water drainage issues as an example.

Public Works Director Keiser stated that the Public Works Department is not afraid to take on the roads that the State currently owns that the community feels deeply concerned about; they are not afraid of taking on a Bike Path along Kachemak Drive as they are requesting funds to purchase equipment to assist them in maintaining routes along State owned roads such as Lake Street, the Bypass and Pioneer. They are preparing to take that on. There will be a section in the Transportation Plan that the City take over the routes that most concern the community.

Deputy City Clerk Krause stated for the record the following projects recommended by the Commission, these projects are shown in the order of most to least selected:
- Kachemak Drive Non-motorized Pathway – 6 votes
- Ben Walters Sidewalk Facility – 5 votes
- Karen Hornaday Park – 3 votes
- Main Street Sidewalk Facility Pioneer Avenue South to Ohlson Lane – 3 votes
- Beluga Slough Trail Extension – 1 vote

Ms. Carroll responded that the Commission can recommend three and the top two for the Federal projects. City Council will have the final decision in response to Chair Lewis’ request for clarification.

Public Works Director Keiser pointed out that the Public Works Road Financial Plan already has funding from HART Roads to fund the Ben Walters Sidewalk Facility Project for 2023.

Ms. Carroll noted that it was one of the projects to include in the TAP programmed and if it is already funded then there is no reason to go after other grants to fund the project.

Public Works Director Keiser clarified that the design is in progress, Council has not approved funding for the construction of the Ben Walters project but they did see that it was included in the Roads Financial Plan.

HARRALD/LOWNEY MOVED THE COMMISSION LISTS IN PRIORITY ORDER, NUMBER ONE – KACHEMAK DRIVE NON-MOTORIZED PATHWAY, NUMBER TWO – KAREN HORNADAY PARK IMPROVEMENTS, PHASE II AND NUMBER THREE – MAIN STREET SIDEWALK FACILITY PIONEER AVENUE SOUTH TO OHLSON LANE.

There was discussion on switching the priority order of the Main Street and Karen Hornaday Park projects to better leverage different pots of money for funding; the recommendation of state projects as the Commissions top priority projects; funding options and agreements with the State; and clarification on the order of the projects.
Chair Lewis requested a roll call vote.

VOTE. YES. GALBRAITH, ARCHIBALD, HARRALD,LOWNEY,FAIR,LEWIS.

Motion carried.

B. Memorandum from Deputy City Clerk re: Amending City Code to Address Restraint of Animals in Specific Areas and Applicable Fees

Chair Lewis introduced the item and invited Councilmember Venuti to speak to the Commission.

Councilmember Venuti expressed her appreciation of the Commission on the work regarding leashes for dogs, receiving input from the Police Department and getting their support and was proud to sponsor the ordinance stating that she believed it to be well written and addressed the issues regarding dogs off leash in specific areas. Ms. Venuti noted that they have to get ahead of this issue and address the concerns and be proactive.

Chair Lewis questioned if it would be possible to address the responsibility of owner liable for what damage or injury that their pet does.

Councilmember Venuti stated that the question would be a question for the attorney. She confirmed with the Clerk that this draft would be submitted to the City Attorney for review.

LOWNEY/ARCHIBALD MOVED TO ACCEPT THE DRAFT ORDINANCE AMENDING CITY CODE IN REGARDS TO RESTRRAINT.

Discussion and comments were made regarding it was overdue.

VOTE. NON-OBJECTION. UNANIMOUS CONSENT.

Motion carried.

Deputy City Clerk Krause explained that a motion to forward the draft ordinance to a Public Hearing was required as that was the next step in the process.

HARRALD/FAIR - MOVED TO CONDUCT A PUBLIC HEARING ON THE PROPOSED DRAFT ORDINANCE TO AMEND SECTIONS OF TITLE 20 ANIMALS AT THE SEPTEMBER 15, 2022 REGULAR MEETING.

There was no further discussion.

VOTE. NON-OBJECTION. UNANIMOUS CONSENT.

Motion carried.

C. Memorandum from Public Works Director re: Ben Walters Lane Sidewalk Status Report

Chair Lewis introduced the item and deferred to Public Works Director Keiser.
Public Works Director Keiser provided a summary of her memorandum and reviewed the drawings in the supplemental packet for the Commission. She then pointed out the following: new catch basins, ditches will remain, paved approach locations, width of the sidewalk will be approximately ten foot with the exception of a section where a residence was closer to the road the sidewalk will be reduced to eight feet.

Ms. Keiser responded to the following questions:
- width of the road will remain the same
  - striping may be omitted as it has been found to reduce speed of drivers
  - crosswalk placement
  - ADA ramps at major intersections
- ditching remains due to the costs of installing a storm drain system
- consideration of turning this street into a one way
- public engagement with property owners

D. Memorandum from Deputy City Clerk re: Donation of a Mural for Display at the Skate Park

Chair Lewis introduced the item and deferred to Deputy City Clerk Krause.

Deputy City Clerk Krause provided a summary of her memorandum and requested a motion from the Commission to postpone a decision until the September meeting.

FAIR/LOWNEY MOVED TO RECOMMEND POSTPONING THE ITEM TO THE SEPTEMBER 15TH REGULAR MEETING OF THE COMMISSION.

There was no further discussion.

VOTE. NON-OBJECTION. UNANIMOUS CONSENT.

Motion carried.

NEW BUSINESS

A. Memorandum from Deputy City Clerk re: Donation of Artwork for Inclusion in the City of Homer Municipal Art Collection

Chair Lewis introduced the item and deferred to Deputy City Clerk Krause.

Deputy City Clerk Krause requested a brief recess to retrieve the artwork from the Clerk’s office.

Chair Lewis called for a recess at 7:20 p.m. and called the meeting back to order at 7:23 p.m.

City Planner Abboud assisted Deputy City Clerk Krause display the artwork for the convenience of the Commission.

The Commission expressed comments of appreciation for the piece of art while Deputy City Clerk Krause explained the reason for the donation to the city for incorporating into the art collection.
FAIR/LOWNEY MOVED TO RECOMMEND THAT CITY COUNCIL ACCEPT THE DONATION OF ARTWORK FROM JACK SMITH OF HELOTAS, TEXAS FOR INCLUSION IN THE MUNICIPAL ART COLLECTION FOR DISPLAY AT A LOCATION TO BE DETERMINED.

Comments were expressed regarding the piece of artwork speaking to a lot of people, there would be no difficulty in locating a place to hang the art, and that it would be nice to see displayed in Council Chambers.

VOTE. NON-OBJECT. UNANIMOUS CONSENT.

Motion carried.

B. Memorandum from Public Works Director re: Sidewalk and Trail Maintenance

Chair Lewis introduced the item by reading of the title and invited Public Works Director Keiser to speak to her memorandum.

Public Works Director Keiser provided a summary review for the Commission. She provided details of the ability of the machine to blow snow into a dump truck in comparison of current equipment, explaining that ability would allow them to maintain the sidewalks along Pioneer Avenue, Lake Street and the Bypass; recommending use of the HART Trails Fund since there is adequate funding to cover this purchase.

Public Works Director Keiser facilitated discussion on the following:
- Concern was expressed that maintained trails tend to get driven on or used as parking by residents and questioned if the city could put some form of barricades to prevent this
  - Clarification was provided that this machine would be dedicated for use along the State owned roads previously mentioned not used on Wright Street or Lee
- The issues faced during the winter of 2021/2022 with unmaintained sidewalks along the state roads
  - No expected refusal from the State to maintain the sidewalks
- Adequate personnel to maintain the equipment as required
- Appropriate expenditure of funds to provide safe walkable routes to school
- Equipment will also have a street sweeper
- Not used on the Spit Trail since plow trucks are able to effectively remove and push the snow off the trail
- This equipment will come with a longer snow blower attachment that allows the snow to reach the back of a dump truck
- Use of this equipment is made for larger areas and the toolcat will be used in narrower, smaller trails
- There may be some controversy in using the HART Trails Fund for the purchase

HARRALD/ARCHIBALD MOVED THAT THE COMMISSION SUPPORTS THE PURCHASE OF A TRACKLESS UNIT AND FURTHER RECOMMENDS CITY COUNCIL APPROVE THE PURCHASE TO FACILITATE BETTER WINTER MAINTENANCE OF SIDEWALKS AND TRAILS BY CITY PERSONNEL.
There was no discussion.

VOTE. NON-OBJECTION. UNANIMOUS CONSENT.

Motion carried.

C. Memorandum from Public Works Director re: Karen Hornaday Park’s Proposed New Entrance Road and ADA Trail

Chair Lewis introduced the item and deferred to Public Works Director Keiser.

Public Works Director Keiser stated that the city received the award for $150,000 grant for the new trail, the idea was for the trail to veer to the east side of the park. The difference is that there is enough funding to only dig out the frost boils in the road. She is uncomfortable with the instability of the slope to construct and install the road over to the east and that the Commission should review the Karen Hornaday Park Master Plan to accommodate these changes.

Commissioners expressed their disappointment in not getting the road, the point in constructing a serpentine road was to provide traffic calming; there is a number of things that need to be done in the park; many hours of work went in to create the recommendations that are in the Master Plan; not the best place to put an ADA trail and there are other locations within the park that are more feasible for ADA trail; not wanting to improve the road as that would remove the reasons for slowing traffic down.

Chair Lewis requested a motion and second.

No motion was offered.

Discussion ensued regarding the following:
- Public Works Director Keiser will submit to staff that there is not concurrence from the commission and the City should not accept the grant.
- Clarification on all options available to the Commission regarding the grant
  - Application was submitted under certain scope of work
  - Scope would require to be changed and it would be up to the State if it would allow that change in location and where would a feasible location
  - Forwarding a motion to accept the trail portion only
  - There is no other viable location to install and construct an ADA Accessible Trail due to the slope ratios
- Proposed new water and sewer would be bored not excavated
- Other possible locations have issues with slope
- Motion to accept the trail only but there is no real good options on proposed alternate locations
- Can a ADA Trail be constructed from parking areas into the Campground or to the Pavilion and or playground.
  - This would have to be submitted to the State for their approval or acceptance.

LOWNEY/ARCHIBALD MOVED TO POSTPONE THIS ITEM UNTIL A TIME THAT THE PUBLIC WORKS DIRECTOR CAN BRING BACK ANOTHER SOLUTION BEFORE THE COMMISSION.
There was no discussion.

VOTE. NON-OBJECTION. UNANIMOUS CONSENT.

Motion carried.

D. Memorandum from City Planner re: Ordinance 22-42, Sidewalks

Chari Lewis introduced the item and thanking City Planner Abboud for his patience invited him to speak to the Commission.

City Planner Abboud commented on the memorandum in the packet and his review of Ordinance 22-42. He noted the following points for consideration:
- There is only one parcel that this may apply
- Transportation Plan Update
- Requires additional work
- Brad Parsons will be attending the next worksession regarding Non-motorized Transportation options
- removing conflicts in city code
- Criteria needed for requiring sidewalks and where they are required
- Does not apply to existing agreements

City Planner Abboud facilitated comments and questions from the Commission regarding:
- Review is written through a vehicular viewpoint when transportation covers all forms of transportation and should include animal as well as pedestrian, cyclists, etc.
- Not all roads need sidewalks as currently all main through streets have sidewalks which may not be the safest place to through pedestrians
- No access from a cul-de-sac to these non-motorized corridors, navigable green spaces

Commissioner Harrald noted the time and if they were to continue the Commission would need to extend the meeting time.

Chair Lewis requested a motion and second.

HARRALD/LOWNEY MOVED TO EXTEND THE MEETING TIME BY TWENTY MINUTES.

There was no discussion.

VOTE. NON-OBJECTION. UNANIMOUS CONSENT.

Motion carried.

City Planner Abboud continued his facilitation of the discussion and responding to Commission questions on the following points:
- Walkability
- Prioritization
- Limitation on City actions outside city limits and that is where it needs to be addressed
- Existing subdivisions development
- Addressing the density in Rural Residential zoning and rezone issues in Urban Residential zoning
- Results of the kickoff meeting with the transportation planner
  - Public input on the level of service such as walkability
  - Ability to make changes in the update
  - Borough is constrained on the regulations and policies established by the City
- Pedestrian Access does not need to focus solely on sidewalks
- Previous developers stated that they will include green space and walkability but then no access or green space was provided
  - No enforcement or lack of enforcement
  - Incentives to developers including these features
- Review of remaining land that could be subdivided or include access and green space for walkability

Chair Lewis requested a motion and second.

Commissioners express some uncertainty on what recommendations they were expected to provide or action that they were to take on the ordinance.

City Planner Abboud provided clarification in response to numerous questions from the Commission on what action is being requested from the Commission.

Public Works Director Keiser stated that it is clear by the ordinance and amendments offered by City Council are well meaning but would not be effective and possibly unenforceable. They are also slightly premature since the City is just starting review and update of the transportation planning which will address many of these issues. She suggested the Commission consider a recommendation to Council that the Commission fully supports the idea behind the ordinance it is not timely. Additional work, research and drafting is required before the Commission can make sensible recommendation.

City Planner Abboud concurred with Public Works Director Keiser’s suggestion.

HARRALD/LOWNEY MOVED THAT THE COMMISSION FULLY SUPPORTS THE IDEA BEHIND THE ORDINANCE BUT IT IS NOT TIMELY AS ADDITIONAL WORK AND RESEARCH IS REQUIRED BEFORE THE COMMISSION CAN MAKE A SENSIBLE RECOMMENDATION TO COUNCIL.

Discussion ensued on including stronger language to include a time period or date as requested by Councilmember Erickson and clarification when the ordinance was scheduled to be before the Council with the Commission’s recommendations.

HARRALD MOVED TO AMEND THE MOTION TO POSTPONE THIS ITEM TO THE NEXT MEETING UNTIL MORE INFORMATION CAN BE PROVIDED.

Amendment died for lack of a second.

LOWNEY MOVED TO AMEND THE MOTION TO AFTER THE TRAILS SYMPOSIUM ON OCTOBER 1ST.
Amendment died for lack of a second.

Commissioner Harrald stated that she could pull her motion that is on the floor.

Chair Lewis requested clarification on the motions on the floor if any.

Deputy City Clerk Krause stated that no second was offered on the two proposed amendments. The main motion is on the floor but Commissioner Harrald has offered to pull her motion. It could be voted down since it was seconded.

City Planner Abboud reported that this ordinance was going before the Planning Commission at their September 7th meeting and Brad Parsons has been invited to the worksession to speak to the Commission on transportation planning and that at this time he did not have a definitive recommendation for Council.

ARCHIBALD/ MOVED TO FORWARD A RECOMMENDATION TO COUNCIL THAT THE COMMISSION HAS RESERVATIONS ON THE LANGUAGE IN ORDINANCE 22-42 AS IT ONLY ADDRESSES SIDWALKS NOT WALKABILITY AND THE COMMISSION IS REQUESTING ADDITIONAL TIME IN LIGHT OF ALL THE PLANS BEING DEVELOPED.

Commissioner Archibald pulled his amendment from the floor for consideration upon hearing comments by Public Works Director Keiser and Commissioner Lowney on preference for waiting until after the Trails Symposium for any action on non-motorized transportation.

LOWNEY/ARCHIBALD MOVED TO REQUEST CITY COUNCIL EXTEND THE TIME TO ALLOW THE COMMISSION TO PROVIDE A RECOMMENDATION UNTIL AFTER THE SCHEDULED TRAILS SYMPOSIUM HAS BEEN CONDUCTED SO THE COMMISSION HAS MORE INFORMATION AVAILABLE TO PROVIDE QUALITY RECOMMENDATIONS.

There was a brief discussion on including a statement of support for more walkability. She did not want to provide the impression that the Commission did not want sidewalks.

Chair Lewis requested an amendment to the motion on the floor. No motion to amend was offered.

There was a brief discussion on Council receiving a copy of the minutes and they will be aware of the Commissions opinions on sidewalks.

VOTE. NON-OBJECTION. UNANIMOUS CONSENT.

Motion carried.

City Planner Abboud provided input on how the PARC Commission should interact with the Planning Commission. He responded to Commissioner Archibald that the Planning Commission will address in city code how to respond to this subject.

INFORMATIONAL MATERIALS
A. Creating Parks & Public Spaces for People of All Ages
B. PARC Annual Calendar 2022
C. City Manager’s Report for the August 8, 2022 Council Meeting

Commissioner Lowney volunteered to report to the Council at the next meeting.

COMMENTS OF THE AUDIENCE

Rika Mouw, city resident, commented on the Kachemak Drive Non-Motorized Pathway for agreeing with Commissioner Lowney’s suggestion to address the first mile of that road, recommending that the beginning of the path begin at the Two Sisters business near FAA Road and working with or negotiating with DOT on a path along the top rather than along the uphill/downhill part if possible.

Kat Haber, city resident, expressed her appreciation for the Commissioner’s service to the community and making sure that walkability is a priority and agreed with so much of what they were saying tonight especially regarding new residential areas requiring walkability. She then asked if the Commission has ever considered moving the entrance to Karen Hornaday Park to Danville which would remove the extreme hill at the current entrance to the park. She opined that the pictures provided it appears there is a lot of room there.

Jeanne Parker, city resident, thanked the Commission for all their considerations, and totally support the Commission decision. She further stated that she will attend the Council meeting on Monday encouraging Council to give the Commission more time to deal with the ordinance. Ms. Parker conveyed a recent experience with a project behind her house, and the results are no trees and moose do not visit her home any longer. She wanted to assure the Commission that there are two public groups that will be strong supporters and they will try to get the word out to them so that they can come up with a forward thinking plan.

COMMENTS OF THE CITY STAFF

Public Works Director Keiser expressed her appreciation for the Commission’s actions at the meeting.

Deputy City Clerk Krause expressed her appreciation for the Commission getting through the materials and action items tonight providing for a shorter meeting than expected.

COMMENTS OF THE COMMISSION

Commissioner Archibald commented that he supported Parks and did not want anyone to think otherwise but he wanted to look at the big picture.

Commissioner Harrald expressed that Renee, Jan, and Matt were awesome, as always. She really appreciates when staff attends meetings as they are able to provide so much information and input on the items before the Commission.

Commissioner Lowney echoed the sentiments expressed by Commissioner Harrald regarding the attendance of staff at meetings and really appreciated having the public comment on items that are on
the agenda. She appreciated the support of the city and thanked City Planner Abboud for explaining and working through his memorandum.

Commissioner Lowney then advised Public Works Director Keiser regarding a downed sign and blockage of the bike path on Kachemak Way.

Chair Lewis echoed the sentiments of appreciation for the city staff and public attending the meeting tonight.

**ADJOURNMENT**
There being no further business to come before the Commission the meeting adjourned at 8:35 p.m. p.m. The next regular meeting is Thursday, September 15, 2022 at 5:30 p.m. at the City Hall Cowles Council Chambers located at 491 E. Pioneer Avenue, Homer, Alaska.

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RENEE KRAUSE, MMC, DEPUTY CITY CLERK II

Approved:______________________________