

## **CALL TO ORDER**

Session 24-09, a Regular Meeting of the Parks, Art, Recreation and Culture Advisory Commission was called to order by Chair David Lewis at 5:30 p.m. on November 21, 2024 from the City Hall Cowles Council Chambers located at 491 E. Pioneer Avenue, Homer, Alaska and via Zoom Webinar.

**PRESENT:** COMMISSIONERS HARRALD, ROEDL, STEFANO, LEWIS AND KEISER

**ABSENT:** COMMISSIONERS ARCHIBALD, PARSLEY (EXCUSED)

**STAFF:** RECREATION MANAGER ILLG  
PARKS MAINTENANCE COORDINATOR FELICE

## **AGENDA APPROVAL**

HARRALD KEISER MOVED TO APPROVE THE AGENDA.

There was no discussion.

VOTE. NON-OBJECTION. UNANIMOUS CONSENT.

Motion carried.

## **PUBLIC COMMENTS ON MATTERS ALREADY ON THE AGENDA** (3 minute time limit)

## **VISITORS/PRESENTATIONS** (10 minute time limit)

- A. Homer Trails Alliance- Billy Day Presenting Diamond Creek Recreational Trail

## **RECONSIDERATION**

## **CONSENT AGENDA**

- A. Unapproved Meeting Minutes for Regular Meeting on September 19, 2024

STEFANO/HARRALD MOVED TO APPROVE THE MINUTES OF AUGUST 15, 2024 REGULAR MEETING AND AUGUST 22, 2024 SPECIAL MEETING.

There was no discussion.

VOTE. NON-OBJECTION. UNANIMOUS CONSENT.

Motion carried.

## **STAFF & COUNCIL REPORT/COMMITTEE REPORTS** (5 minute time limit)

- A. Parks Staff Report

B. Port & Harbor Campground Operations- Year End Report 2024

C. Community Recreation Report

## **PUBLIC HEARING**

### **PENDING BUSINESS** (15 minute time limit)

A. Strategic Goals and Staff Recommendations

Chair introduce the topic and defer to Recreation Manager Illg. Note that staff has requested postponement of the document until after final draft of the SWOT has been completed and to allow staff to fully review the document and amendments.

Recreation Manager Illg speaks to the Draft revision #5 and stated that due to the importance of the information received and staff is requesting to postpone to the November meeting to allow staff to be able to review the strategic plan and SWOT. He noted that Council has provided a deadline of end of 2024.

Chair Lewis advocated in support of allowing Staff to meet and provide their input and then provide it to the Commission.

Commissioner Harrald reiterated the actions of Staff and the Commission should have homework of reviewing the SWOT analysis.

Recreation Manager Illg reminded the Commission that they should view the Strategic Plan and SWOT Analysis in regards to the Commission Bylaws.

Commissioner Keiser supported postponement to also allow possible changes from information received through Comp Plan meetings. She further commented that she would hope that Staff will take the draft Strategic Plan in the spirit that it was intended as a big picture approach to strategy and not dilute its power out of fear. She explained that the City Manager's comments regarding directing City Staff and she re-wrote it to clarify that the commission requires information in order to do their work.

Chair Lewis responded that after staff is finished the Commission will make their amendments.

Recreation Manager stated that this was a collaborative effort and the importance of the desires from the public will also be included.

HARRALD ROEDL MOVED TO POSTPONE TO THE NOVEMBER MEETING.

There was a brief discussion.

VOTE. NON-OBJECTION. UNANIMOUS CONSENT.

Motion carried.

**NEW BUSINESS** (15-20 minute time limit)

A. Transportation Plan Review and Recommendation

Memorandum from Community Development Director as backup

Recommendations from the Commission were as follows:

- Amend the name of Lampert Lake to Beluga Lake
- Lampert Loop references the road Lambert Lane to Lampert Lane. There is no such road.
- Review of additional work such as a traffic calming manual be addressed and concern that this be identified by Council.
  - The Transportation Plan is addressed by the Comp Plan
  - Request updates on the implementation of the items
  - The Transportation Plan was started prior to the Comp Plan and concern that conflicts come up within the Comp Plan and those action items in the Transportation Plan are not addressed
- Recommend City Council postpone approval of the transportation plan until the Comp Plan is finalized.
- A new Community Center will affect traffic and this plan may not fit as expected.
  - Samples of high growth scenarios and low growth scenarios believed to have an affect the Transportation Plan
- Recommend connecting Maddox Street with Pennock Street to offer alternative egress from the neighborhood.
- New Transportation Plan is silent to growth, does not identify gaps
  - The Comp Plan will address growth, zoning changes, etc.
- This plan is not specific and will not impact or be impacted by the Comp Plan.

**INFORMATIONAL MATERIALS**

A. PARC Annual Calendar for 2024

B. City Manager's Report for City Council Meeting September 9, 2024

Chair Lewis requested a volunteer for the Council meeting on Monday, September 23, 2024

Commissioner Harrauld volunteered.

Reappointment applications will be addressed at the October 28, 2024 meeting.

**COMMENTS OF THE AUDIENCE** (3 minute time limit)

**COMMENTS OF THE CITY STAFF**

Recreation Manager Illg reported that he will be attending the National Parks and Recreation Conference in Atlanta, Georgia and then will be taking some personal time to visit family. He will be attending via Zoom for that meeting.

#### **COMMENTS OF THE MAYOR/CITY COUNCIL**

#### **COMMENTS OF THE COMMISSION**

Commissioner Keiser had no comments.

Commissioner Stefano inquired how to get items on the agenda and was informed by the Chair on the process.

Commissioner Harrauld expressed her appreciation for staff and noted the parks looked great this year. She reasoned that this was probably why there was high response from the public.

Commissioner Roedl noted that he was contacted by the Library for the annual Art in the Library and was willing to do it again unless someone else was interested. The date is October 12, 2024 at 10:00 a.m. at the library. Cheryl Illg will contact Commissioner Stefano who was very interested.

#### **ADJOURNMENT**

There being no further business to come before the Commission Chair Lewis adjourned the meeting at 6:30 p.m. The next regular meeting is **Thursday, October 17, 2024 at 5:30 p.m.** All meetings scheduled to be held in the City Hall Cowles Council Chambers located at 491 E. Pioneer Avenue, Homer, Alaska and via Zoom Webinar.

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Ashley Appel, Deputy City Clerk I

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