

Session 21-08, a Regular Meeting of the ADA Compliance Committee was called to order by Chair Donna Aderhold at 4:00 p.m. on November 10, 2021, via Zoom Webinar from the City Hall Cowles Council Chambers located at 491 E. Pioneer Avenue, Homer, Alaska.

PRESENT: COMMITTEE MEMBERS ADERHOLD, DEADRICK, GEISLER, AND THORSRUD

ABSENT: COMMITTEE MEMBER VAN HOOZER (EXCUSED)
ADA COORDINATOR KRAUSE (EXCUSED)

STAFF: CITY CLERK JACOBSEN
PARKS SUPERINTENDENT STEFFY

AGENDA APPROVAL

Chair Aderhold requested a motion to approve the agenda.

GEISLER/THORSRUD MOVED TO APPROVE THE AGENDA.

There was no discussion.

VOTE. NON-OBJECTION. UNANIMOUS CONSENT.

Motion carried.

PUBLIC COMMENTS UPON MATTERS ALREADY ON THE AGENDA

RECONSIDERATION

SYNOPSIS APPROVAL

A. Regular Meeting Minutes of October 14, 2021

Chair Aderhold requested a motion to approve the minutes.

THORSRUD/GEISLER MOVED TO APPROVE THE MINUTES OF OCTOBER 14, 2021.

There was no discussion.

VOTE. NON-OBJECTION. UNANIMOUS CONSENT.

Motion carried.

VISITORS/PRESENTATIONS

PENDING BUSINESS

- A. Draft ADA Accessibility Surveys and Parks Trails and Campgrounds Transition Plan

Chair Aderhold introduced the item and opened the floor to discussion.

Chair Aderhold facilitated discussion on the following:

- ABA guidelines for parks and playgrounds and should be included or described in the regulatory guidance section of the transition plan. Page 11 of the packet and page 5 of the plan
- Change terms used for Accessible Parking instead of the term handicap parking
- Picture Section which may not be complete is not shown but has been removed
 - o Rotary will be funding and purchasing new equipment for Bayview Park
- Public Works or City Employees that spoke about estimated costs on the last transition plan
- Recognition of the efforts from Rotary should be acknowledged
- Line 257 – 258 referring to RS Means Data
 - o Previous discussion regarding software to estimate costs of construction
- Recommendations starting at line 305 are really nice to have in the document
- Amend Bishop's Beach Park to Mariner Park
- This document is a very rough draft and will come before the Committee as it progresses
- Page 7 of the plan the highlighted on line 195, the miles of trails and it should reflect feet. Staff will submit information to the Clerk.

NEW BUSINESS

- A. Memorandum from City Clerk re: 2022 Meeting Schedule

Chair Aderhold introduced the item by reading of the title and requested a motion.

GEISLER/THORSRUD MOVED TO APPROVE THE 2022 MEETING SCHEDULE.

Discussion ensued on adding additional meetings to review the progress on the transition plan but allowing enough time for staff to get a more complete draft prepared.

GEISLER/THORSRUD MOVED TO AMEND THE MEETING SCHEDULE TO ADD FEBRUARY 10, 2022 AT 4:00 P.M.

There was no further discussion.

VOTE. NON-OBJECTION. UNANIMOUS CONSENT.

Motion carried.

Chair Aderhold read the motion as amended and called for additional discussion or amendments.

There was no further discussion or amendments.

VOTE. NON-OBJECTION. UNANIMOUS CONSENT.

Motion carried.

B. Memorandum from ADA Coordinator re: Amending the Committee Membership

Chair Aderhold introduced the item by reading of the title and requested a motion.

GEISLER/THORSRUD MOVED TO APPROVE THE PROPOSED RESOLUTION TO INCREASE THE MEMBERSHIP.

Discussion ensued on the pros and cons to increasing the membership and the desire to recruit and have a member with physical disabilities on the committee.

VOTE. NON-OBJECTION. UNANIMOUS CONSENT.

Motion carried.

INFORMATIONAL MATERIALS

COMMENTS OF THE AUDIENCE

COMMENTS OF THE CITY STAFF

Parks Superintendent commented on the benefits to having an additional meeting in February and adding the additional members. He gave a shout out to all the hard work that ADA Coordinator Krause accomplished on the transition plan.

City Clerk Jacobsen commented that it appeared the Committee had a very productive meeting.

COMMENTS OF THE COMMITTEE

Member Thorsrud expressed her appreciation for Parks Superintendent Steffy taking care of the Bayview Park so quickly and that it was a good meeting, very productive. She appreciated the constraints and what is needed to be done under the ADA but is glad that it is not like other meetings that just go on and on.

Member Deadrick commented on their previous discussion and was thinking about the ability to amend the resolution to require appointing a person with a physical disability to one of the new seats since they already passed a motion.

A brief discussion ensued on the legal aspect and Member Deadrick issued a reconsideration of the Resolution amending the membership in order to allow the City Clerk to check with the City Attorney on the ability to designate specificity for one position or seat to be reserved for a public member with physical disabilities.

Chair Aderhold noted that the Resolution will be reconsidered at the February meeting.

Member Geisler stated that the State Independent Living Council that oversees the Centers for Independent Living and three others in the state have developed and entered into a five year contract with Northwest ADA to perform statewide trainings and eventually some technical assistance and the person they hired, Amanda Coello, who lives in Soldotna, her father was one of the original signers of ADA. She may be able to offer assistance to them in the future.

Chair Aderhold expressed her appreciation for the work that was performed on the draft Transition Plan and as long as the Council approves their 2022 meeting schedule they will next meet on February 10th of next year. She noted how effectively they conducted their business in about 45 minutes or so.

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business to come before the Committee the meeting adjourned at 4:50 p.m. The next regular meeting is scheduled for Thursday, February 10, 2022 at 4:00 p.m. at the City Hall Cowles Council Chambers located at 491 E. Pioneer Avenue, Homer, Alaska and via Zoom webinar.

RENEE KRAUSE, MMC, DEPUTY CITY CLERK II/ADA COORDINATOR

Approved: _____