

CALL TO ORDER

Session 25-07, 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 September 18, 2025 in the City Hall Cowles Council Chambers located at 491 E. Pioneer Avenue, Homer, Alaska and via Zoom Webinar.

PRESENT: COMMISSIONERS HARRALD, KEISER, LEWIS, ROEDL & STEFANO

ABSENT: COMMISSIONERS ARCHIBALD, PARSLEY & STUDENT REPRESENTATIVE OSTROM (ALL EXCUSED)

STAFF: RECREATION MANAGER ILLG, PUBLIC WORKS DIRECTOR KORT & DEPUTY CITY CLERK PETTIT

AGENDA APPROVAL

Chair Lewis requested a motion and second to approve the agenda.

HARRALD/ROEDL MOVED TO APPROVE THE AGENDA AS PRESENTED.

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)

RECONSIDERATION

CONSENT AGENDA

- A. Unapproved Meeting Minutes for August 21, 2025

HARRALD/ROEDL MOVED TO APPROVE THE MEETING MINUTES FOR AUGUST 21, 2025.

There was no discussion.

VOTE: NON-OBJECTION: UNANIMOUS CONSENT.

Motion carried.

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

- A. Parks Monthly Report

Public Works Director Kort noted that Lead Parks Technician Felice was unable to attend the meeting tonight. Chair Lewis noted that there was no written report included in the packet.

- B. Community Recreation Monthly Report – Mike Illg, Recreation Manager

Recreation Manager Illg provided the Community Recreation Monthly Report, covering the following items:

- Drew Brown Memorial Soccer Game on Sunday, September 21st

- Creation of a cornhole league
- Ongoing struggles with CivicRec software

C. Monthly Staff Report – Mike Illg, Recreation Manager

Recreation Manager Illg provided the Monthly Staff Report. He noted that Ordinance 25-58 was introduced during the August 25, 2025 City Council Regular Meeting before being adopted at the September 8, 2025 City Council Regular Meeting.

PUBLIC HEARING

PENDING BUSINESS

A. Recommendation to Form a Homer High Pool & Theatre Task Force

Chair Lewis introduced the item by reading of the title and deferred to Recreation Manager Illg, who provided the background for this business item. There was discussion among the Commission regarding staffing concerns in the Clerk's office and local funding.

HARRALD/ROEDL MOVED TO ADD THE WORD "ADDITIONAL" ON THE WHEREAS ON LINE 21 SO THAT IT READS "WITHOUT ADDITIONAL LOCAL FUNDING."

There was no discussion.

VOTE: NON-OBJECTION: UNANIMOUS CONSENT.

Motion carried.

ROEDL/STEFANO MOVED TO RECOMMEND CITY COUNCIL ADOPT THE DRAFT RESOLUTION ESTABLISHING A HOMER POOL AND THEATRE TASK FORCE.

There was no discussion.

VOTE: NON-OBJECTION: UNANIMOUS CONSENT.

Motion carried.

NEW BUSINESS

A. E-Bikes

Memorandum from Recreation Manager as backup

Chair Lewis introduced the item by reading of the title and deferred to Recreation Manager Illg, who provided a summary explanation of his memorandum included in the packet. Discussion topics included motorized transportation, safe walkways for pedestrians, speed limits, and responsibilities. There was consensus among the Commission to revisit this topic in the future after further research has been conducted.

B. Scheduling Park Walkthrough

Chair Lewis introduced the item by reading of the title. There was discussion among the Commission on when and where to schedule the next park walkthrough, ultimately deciding to schedule a park cleanup for October at a location to be determined.

INFORMATIONAL MATERIALS

A. 2025 Annual Calendar

B. Sprout Shwop September 2025

Chair Lewis noted the informational materials. There was no discussion.

COMMENTS OF THE AUDIENCE (3-minute time limit)

Lou Stewart, city resident, noted that he owns property adjoining Woodard Creek Park, created in 2014. He observed that the park is omitted from Public Works' Adopt-a-Park webpage and asked whether it is still considered an official City park. He suggested developing design criteria or a process to allow residents to partner with the City on park improvements.

COMMENTS OF THE CITY STAFF

Public Works Director Kort noted that it was a good meeting and thanked the Commission.

Recreation Manager Illg noted that it was a good meeting and thanked the Commission. He alluded to the need for a Council sponsor if the Commission wishes to form a task force.

COMMENTS OF THE MAYOR/CITY COUNCIL

COMMENTS OF THE COMMISSION

Commissioner Harrauld noted that there were some good art and theater events over the summer. She shared her excitement for the thriving arts community.

Commissioner Roedl thanked Public Works Director Kort for attending the meeting. He noted that he's curious to learn more about motorized vehicles and how they fit into what's happening at the City.

Commissioner Keiser noted the Rotary Health Fair taking place in early November. She added that it would be a good time to have some brochures on bike etiquette and bike safety.

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business to come before the Commission, Chair Lewis adjourned the meeting at 6:36 p.m. The next regular meeting is **Thursday, October 16, 2025 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.

Zach Pettit, Deputy City Clerk II

Approved: _____