

CALL TO ORDER

Session 25-02, a Regular Meeting of the Parks, Art, Recreation and Culture Advisory Commission was called to order by Vice Chair Robert Archibald at 5:30 p.m. on March 20, 2025 in the City Hall Cowles Council Chambers located at 491 E. Pioneer Avenue, Homer, Alaska and via Zoom Webinar.

PRESENT: COMMISSIONERS ARCHIBALD, HARRALD, KEISER, PARSLEY & STEFANO

ABSENT: COMMISSIONERS LEWIS, ROEDL (BOTH EXCUSED) & STUDENT REPRESENTATIVE OSTROM

STAFF: RECREATION MANAGER ILLG, PUBLIC WORKS DIRECTOR KORT, LEAD PARKS TECHNICIAN FELICE & DEPUTY CITY CLERK PETTIT

CONSULTING: SHELLY WADE, AGNEW::BECK

AGENDA APPROVAL

Vice Chair Archibald read the supplemental items into the record.

HARRALD/KEISER MOVED TO AMEND THE AGENDA BY MOVING PENDING BUSINESS ITEM A TO IMMEDIATELY AFTER THE CONSENT AGENDA.

There was no discussion.

VOTE: NON-OBJECTION: UNANIMOUS CONSENT.

Motion carried.

HARRALD/KEISER MOVED TO APPROVE THE AGENDA AS AMENDED.

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. Pier One Theater

RECONSIDERATION

CONSENT AGENDA

A. Unapproved Meeting Minutes – February 20th Regular Meeting

HARRALD/KEISER MOVED TO ADOPT THE CONSENT AGENDA AS PRESENTED.

There was no discussion

VOTE: NON-OBJECTION: UNANIMOUS CONSENT.

Motion carried.

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

A. Parks Monthly Report

Vice Chair Archibald introduced the item by reading of the title and deferred to Lead Parks Technician Felice, who provided the following summary:

- Ongoing work at Karen Hornaday Park
 - Mobile restroom slab coming soon
 - Electricians working to get power back to the batting cages
 - Fine tuning campgrounds
- Updates at Jack Gist Park
 - New culvert on the west side of the parking lot
 - New viewing area for the high school field
 - Installed the power pole and put in conduit for electrical wiring
- Other general info
 - Working on policies and procedures for parks
 - Seeking nominations from the art community for a mural on the Nomar wall
 - 6 new ADA benches on Pioneer Avenue

B. PARCAC Staff Report

Vice Chair Archibald introduced the item by reading of the title and deferred to Recreation Manager Illg. Mr. Illg recapped the February 24th and March 10th City Council meetings for the Commission, noting the grant from Homer Foundation Youth Advisory Committee in the amount of \$3,500 for community recreation activities.

C. Community Recreation Report

Vice Chair Archibald introduced the item by reading of the title and deferred to Recreation Manager Illg, who provided a report on the following:

- Programming and Special Events
- New Recreation Programmer – Rafael de la Uz
- Pickleball clinics with visiting instructors on March 23rd and 24th
- East Coast Swing Dance Lessons in February and March
- Community Recreation Adult Basketball League season recap
- Youth ballet classes start in March
- Annual Safe & Healthy Kids Fair on Saturday, May 17th

PUBLIC HEARING

PENDING BUSINESS

A. Comprehensive Plan – Review Comments

Vice Chair Archibald introduced the item by reading of the title and deferred to Shelly Wade of Agnew::Beck. Ms. Wade provided an overview of the schedule for the remainder of the process to adopt the Comprehensive Plan and ultimately begin rewriting Title 21. Discussion topics included:

- Extent of the Planning Commission's authority with the Comprehensive Plan
- Land use and outdoor access
- Green space and conservation
- Reconciling conflict priorities
- HERC redevelopment and Community Recreation
- Quality of life
- Expansion of trails and waterfront access

NEW BUSINESS

INFORMATIONAL MATERIALS

- A. City Manager's Report
February 24, 2025 City Council Meeting
March 10, 2025 City Council Meeting
- B. 2025 Calendar
- C. Homer Foundation Youth Advisory Committee Grant for Community Recreation Activities
Memorandum from Recreation Manager as backup

Vice Chair Archibald noted the informational materials included in the packet.

COMMENTS OF THE AUDIENCE (3-minute time limit)

COMMENTS OF THE CITY STAFF

Public Works Director Kort noted that it was a great meeting.

Lead Parks Technician Felice thanked everyone for a great meeting.

Recreation Manager Illg noted that it was a great meeting, and thanked Deputy City Clerk Pettit for filling in and jumping through all the technical hoops to get the Zoom up and running.

Deputy City Clerk Pettit thanked everyone for a good meeting, noting that this was only his third time or so meeting with the Commission.

COMMENTS OF THE MAYOR/CITY COUNCIL

COMMENTS OF THE COMMISSION

Commissioner Keiser thanked those who helped to ensure a quorum at the meeting in addition for thanking those for taking the Comprehensive Plan so seriously. She also thanked the City Staff for their work.

Commissioner Stefano thanked everyone for a great meeting. She volunteered herself to deliver the report to City Council at their Regular Meeting on March 24th.

Commissioner Harrauld shared that she was struggling with the view from both the federal and state levels regarding parks. She noted that she's appreciative that there's a lot of support garnered for parks on a local level in the City of Homer.

Commissioner Parsley apologized for being tardy. He noted that he had Comprehensive Plan remarks that he would submit, and stated that it was a great meeting.

Commissioner Archibald noted that it was a good meeting, adding that he didn't expect to Chair the meeting this evening.

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business to come before the Commission, Vice Chair Archibald adjourned the meeting at 7:07 p.m. The next regular meeting is **Thursday, April 17, 2025 at 5:30 p.m.** A Worksession is scheduled for 4:30 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: _____