



Homer City Hall

491 E. Pioneer Avenue

Homer, Alaska 99603

www.cityofhomer-ak.gov

City of Homer Agenda

ADA Compliance Committee

Thursday, June 09, 2022 at 4:00 PM

City Hall Conference Room - Upstairs and Via Zoom Webinar

Webinar ID: 998 6324 0301 Passcode: 404451

Dial: 1 669 900 6833 or 1 253 215 8782 or Toll Free 888 788 0099 or 877 853 5247

CALL TO ORDER, 400 P.M.

APPROVAL OF THE AGENDA

PUBLIC COMMENTS FOR ITEMS ON THE AGENDA (3 Minute Time Limit)

APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES

[A.](#) Regular Meeting Minutes for April 14, 2022 **pg 3**

VISITORS/PRESENTATIONS

PENDING BUSINESS

A. Nick Dudiak Fishing Lagoon ADA Ramp Status Update - Matt Steffy, Parks Superintendent

[B.](#) Memorandum from ADA Coordinator re: Draft Parks Transition Plan Status Update **pg 7**

[C.](#) Memorandum from ADA Coordinator re: Final Draft Community Accessibility Survey **pg 8**

NEW BUSINESS

[A.](#) ADA Coordinator Report for June 2022 **pg12**

B. Bayview Park Playground Equipment - Project Technician Meyer

INFORMATIONAL ITEMS

[A.](#) Proposed Seafarer's Memorial ADA Improvements **pg 13**

[B.](#) ADA Committee Agenda Calendar for 2022 **pg 15**

COMMENTS OF THE AUDIENCE

COMMENTS OF CITY STAFF

COMMENTS OF THE COMMITTEE

ADJOURNMENT

Next Regular Meeting is **Thursday, July 14, 2022 at 4:00 p.m.** All meetings scheduled to be held in the City Hall Cowles Council Chambers located at 491 E. Pioneer Avenue, Homer, Alaska.

Session 22-02 a Regular Meeting of the ADA Compliance Committee was called to order by Vice Chair Joyanna Geisler at 4:08 p.m. on April 14, 2022, via Zoom Webinar from the City Hall Cowles Council Chambers located at 491 E. Pioneer Avenue, Homer, Alaska.

PRESENT: COMMITTEE MEMBERS DEADRICK, GEISLER, SAFRA AND THORSRUD

ABSENT: COMMITTEE MEMBER ADERHOLD (EXCUSED)

STAFF: ADA COORDINATOR KRAUSE
PROJECT TECHNICIAN MEYER

AGENDA APPROVAL

Vice Chair Geisler requested a motion to approve the agenda.

THORSRUD/DEADRICK 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

RECONSIDERATION

APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES

- A. Regular Meeting Minutes of February 10, 2022

Vice Chair Geisler requested a motion to approve the minutes.

DEADRICK/THORSRUD MOVED TO APPROVE THE MINUTES OF FEBRUARY 10, 2022.

There was no discussion.

VOTE. NON-OBJECTION. UNANIMOUS CONSENT.

Motion carried.

REPORTS

- A. ADA Coordinator Report for April 2022

ADA Coordinator Krause provided a synopsis of her report noting that due to heavy work schedules she was unable to complete the corrections and changes that were provided by Chair Aderhold and she was informed by the Public Works Director that they will be issuing a work order to one of the contracted term engineers to provide the cost estimates for the various improvements. She is expecting to have these items completed for the June meeting.

VISITORS/PRESENTATIONS

PENDING BUSINESS

A. Proposed Community Survey on Accessibility

Vice Chair Geisler introduced the item by reading of the title and invited ADA Coordinator Krause to speak to the memorandum.

ADA Coordinator Krause noted that she updated and amended the survey in response to the Committee recommendations from the last meeting and was seeking additional comment on the final draft. She then facilitated discussion on the following from Committee members:

- Question Number 1 should add “and issue(s)”
- Question Number 3 does not include the City owned trails as the Committee agreed at the February meeting to perform a separate trails transition plan so they will have their own survey issued when appropriate.
- Include statement that this does not include trails in the introduction or title
- Access in general to a facility or amenity would cover all modes of transport such as walkability, wheeled access, foot, vehicular, etc.
- Re-order the questions in the following manner to address flow:
 - o #3 = #1
 - o #1 = #2
 - o #2 = #3
 - o #4 = #4
 - o #6 = #5
 - o #7 = #6
 - o #8 = #7
 - o #5 = #8
- Question Number 8 should be amended to read, “Are” not “is”

SAFRA/THORSRUD MOVED TO APPROVE THE COMMUNITY SURVEY AS AMENDED.

There was no further discussion.

VOTE. NON-OBJECTION. UNANIMOUS CONSENT.

Motion carried.

Vice Chair Geisler asked for a motion to forward the amended survey to the City Manager.

THORSRUD/SAFRA MOVED TO FORWARD THE AMENDED SURVEY TO THE CITY MANAGER FOR FINAL APPROVAL.

There was no further discussion.

VOTE. NON-OBJECTION. UANNIMOUS CONSENT.

Motion carried.

NEW BUSINESS

A. Scheduling Jack Gist park and the Fishing Lagoon for Site Accessibility Review Update

Vice Chair Geisler introduced the item and deferred to ADA Coordinator Krause to speak to the item.

ADA Coordinator Krause provided a summary of the memorandum in the packet. She requested the committee to determine a time frame that would work best for those interested in re-visiting the areas with staff.

Committee members and Project Technician Meyer proceeded to state their availability and it was determined that the week of May 16th would work for the majority.

ADA Coordinator Krause will submit a Google poll or something similar to all members to narrow down the date and times.

INFORMATIONAL MATERIALS

A. Ordinance 22-16 Appropriating Funds for Engineering ADA Access to Fishing Lagoon Memorandum from Public Works Director as backup

ADA Coordinator Krause noted that the ordinance was approved and then provided clarification on what the acronym CARMA represented. The funding will be used to pay for a design of a fishing dock that will be more along the vision of a pier type dock similar to what Mr. Adams recommended at their last meeting.

B. AARP Walk Audit Tool Kit – A Self Service Guide for Assessing a Community’s Walkability

Vice Chair Geisler commented on the Tool Kit, that it look like really good information and opined that AARP does put out some nice accessibility and livability products.

Committee member Deadrick commented that she reviewed the material and stated she would be interested in completing one of these surveys and do the math, but it'd be a big project. She recalled that one of the interesting points made was a community is not walkable if there are no sidewalks or sidewalks that end and Homer has plenty of those.

ADA Coordinator Krause reported on the Council interest and discussion at their recent visioning event regarding pedestrian safety, trails, sidewalks, etc.

Vice Chair Geisler stated that the advantage is not having to reinvent the wheel, there is research and information that the Committee can use.

Committee member Thorsrud added that it would be interesting to conduct a meeting with local business owners to have a discussion on general accessibility. She then acknowledged that Pioneer Avenue is not walkable in the winter and spring when there is gravel all over the sidewalks and then contending with the spray of water from passing vehicles due to the lack of separation from the roadway and that is an issue whether a person has any specific accessibility issues.

Further comments were made on what responsibilities belong to the city and state for sidewalk and road maintenance; entrances at businesses and how Kenai and Seward businesses are more accessible than Homer; working with the Chamber and other Advisory Commissions to encourage addressing accessibility issues at businesses; having the statistics on the contributions in sales taxes that persons with disabilities add to a community; creating a strategic plan or goals to address and working on these after the Committee has completed the transition plans.

C. AARP Rural Livability Workshop Report – How & Why Small Towns and Remote Communities are Working to Become More Livable for Older Adults and People of All Ages

A brief discussion was facilitated by ADA Coordinator Krause in the accessibility of sidewalks at the end of Fairview Avenue and the extension of the sidewalk. She stated that she would inquire about that issue with the Public Works Director.

COMMENTS OF THE AUDIENCE

COMMENTS OF THE CITY STAFF

Project Technician Meyer commented on the additional task order being assigned to Corvus Design to provide cost estimates on items identified in the transition plan.

ADA Coordinator Krause expressed her appreciation for Vice Chair Geisler conducting the meeting and doing a great job.

COMMENTS OF THE COMMITTEE

Committee member Thorsrud commented that it was good to be here today.

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business to come before the Committee, the meeting adjourned at 5:00 p.m. The next regular meeting is scheduled for Thursday, May 12, 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: _____



City of Homer

www.cityofhomer-ak.gov

Office of the City Clerk

491 East Pioneer Avenue
Homer, Alaska 99603

clerk@cityofhomer-ak.gov

(p) 907-235-3130

(f) 907-235-3143

Memorandum

TO: ADA COMPLIANCE COMMITTEE

FROM: RENEE KRAUSE, MMC, ADA COORDINATOR/DEPUTY CITY CLERK

DATE: JUNE 09, 2022

SUBJECT: DRAFT PARKS TRANSITION PLAN STATUS UPDATE

At the April 14, 2022 regular meeting the Committee determined that it would be beneficial to revisit the Fishing Lagoon area and Jack Gist Park to review compliance issues. A site accessibility review visit was scheduled for May 18, 2022 and was attended by Committee members Safra and Deadrick, Parks Superintendent Steffy, Project Technician Meyer and Peter Briggs with Corvus Designs.

I received notes from Committee member Deadrick and along with previous notes and edits received from Chair Aderhold I am in the process of inserting those amendments to the draft parks transition plan document. This is a slow and steady process that I am trying to get finished.

Since we are in the summer months and it is typically the busiest time for staff and others, I would like to recommend that we postpone this item for review and schedule a special meeting in August or September for review. This will allow me to complete my edits and submit the document to Public Works/Corvus Design who has been tasked by Public Works Director Keiser to review and present estimated cost estimates for the needed corrections. This delay will allow Public Works Director Keiser to determine if the work required to bring the issues into compliance will be conducted in house during normal or routine maintenance or will need to have an outside contractor hired to complete the work.

Action Requested:

Discuss and determine if August or September would be preferred for a special meeting and make a motion to set that meeting date and time.



City of Homer

www.cityofhomer-ak.gov

Office of the City Clerk

491 East Pioneer Avenue
Homer, Alaska 99603

clerk@cityofhomer-ak.gov

(p) 907-235-3130

(f) 907-235-3143

Memorandum

TO: ADA COMPLIANCE COMMITTEE

FROM: RENEE KRAUSE, MMC, ADA COORDINATOR/DEPUTY CITY CLERK

DATE: JUNE 09, 2022

SUBJECT: COMMUNITY SURVEY ON ACCESSIBILITY – FINAL DRAFT

At the April 14, 2022 regular meeting the ADA Compliance Committee made some minor amendments to the draft proposed accessibility survey and requested that Staff bring this back for final review by the Committee.

Action Requested:

Review the final draft and make a motion to approve and forward to the City Manager for review and distribution.

COMMUNITY SURVEY ON ACCESSIBILITY IN THE CITY OF HOMER PARKS, PLAYGROUNDS, BEACHES AND RECREATIONAL ACTIVITIES

**This Survey does not include trails located within the city limits.
They will be addressed in a separate Trails Accessibility Survey at a later date.**

Question 1. Are there recreational activities conducted by the City of Homer, or a park, campground or playground owned by City that you or someone you know cannot enjoy because of accessibility issues?

☐ Yes ☐ No If yes, please list the park or program and issue: _____

Question 2. Have you or a person you know with a disability participated in a recreational program or visited a city owned park, playground or beach that was accessible? ☐ Yes ☐ No If yes, please identify: _____

Question 3. Which location owned by the City of Homer is most important to you for the opportunities that it provides? Select all that apply:

- ☐ Karen Hornaday Park ☐ Campground ☐ Playground ☐ Playing Fields ☐ Park as a Whole
- ☐ Mariner Park ☐ Campground ☐ Day Use Area ☐ Gazebo ☐ Park as a Whole
- ☐ Bishop's Beach Park ☐ Beach Access ☐ Pavilion ☐ Restroom Facilities ☐ Park as a Whole
- ☐ Jack Gist Park ☐ Playing Fields ☐ Disc Golf Course ☐ Park as a Whole
- ☐ Ben Walters Park ☐ Pavilion ☐ Restroom Facilities ☐ Playground ☐ Access to Beluga Lake ☐ Park as a Whole
- ☐ Seafarer's Memorial
- ☐ End of the Road Park
- ☐ Nick Dudiak Fishing Lagoon
- ☐ Skate Park
- ☐ WKFL Park
- ☐ HERC for Community Recreational Activities offered

Question 4. In regards to accessibility, rank the following amenities or features found in the location(s) selected in Question 3, in the order of importance to you, your family or a person you know, with 1 as most important.

- _____ beach access
- _____ General Access to facility, restroom, pavilion, ballfield
- _____ picnic table/fire ring/grill
- _____ parking
- _____ shelter/pavilion
- _____ playground
- _____ sports field
- _____ campground

Question 5. Is the City of Homer website accessible? ☐ Yes ☐ No If No, Please provide a brief description on what the City can do to make it more accessible. _____

Question 6. Do the City of Homer Park facilities provide adequate accessible features to citizens with accessibility issues? ☐ Yes ☐ No If No, Please provide a brief description on how the City could improve accessibility: _____

Question 7. What improvements would best promote accessibility to the City of Homer parks, playgrounds, ballfields and beaches? Please provide a brief description: _____

Question 8: Is there any additional improvements that the City can provide regarding accessibility within the city's parks, playgrounds, recreational programs, ballfields, campgrounds, fishing lagoon or the website? Please provide a brief description: _____

We appreciate your participation in this survey regarding accessibility of the City of Homer Parks, Playgrounds, recreational programs, campgrounds, fishing lagoon and or website.



City of Homer

www.cityofhomer-ak.gov

Office of the City Clerk

491 East Pioneer Avenue
Homer, Alaska 99603

clerk@cityofhomer-ak.gov

(p) 907-235-3130

(f) 907-235-3143

Memorandum

TO: ADA COMPLIANCE COMMITTEE

FROM: RENEE KRAUSE, MMC, ADA COORDINATOR/DEPUTY CITY CLERK

DATE: JUNE 9, 2022

SUBJECT: ADA COORDINATOR JUNE REPORT

The year is flying by, I cannot believe it is June already. Currently there is so much going on and the weather has been absolutely beautiful. I wanted to apprise the Committee on the following:

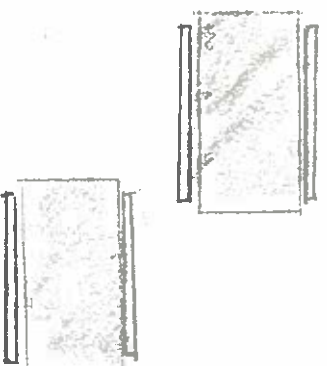
- The City received notice of an official complaint filed with the State and with Senator Sullivan's office regarding a refusal to provide accommodation at the Port & Harbor. We currently have the city attorney reviewing our response to the matter and believe that the city is in a good position at this time.
- I received an email complaint regarding a local business and advised the complainant that the city does not have authority over the individual businesses. I further recommended that if they did not already contact the manager/owner they should start there and if they did not receive positive results then provided the contact information for the State and Department of Justice.
- The third complaint/concern regarding ADA Compliance was received via email regarding the inaccessibility of businesses in the city as the complainant recently was required to use crutches. They expressed concerns regarding experiences that persons with mobility issues who may not be lucky enough to have someone to assist them acknowledging that it is "not about special parking spots and automatic doors."

7-8 - 4' x 8' White Vinyl 3 Rail Diamond Fence

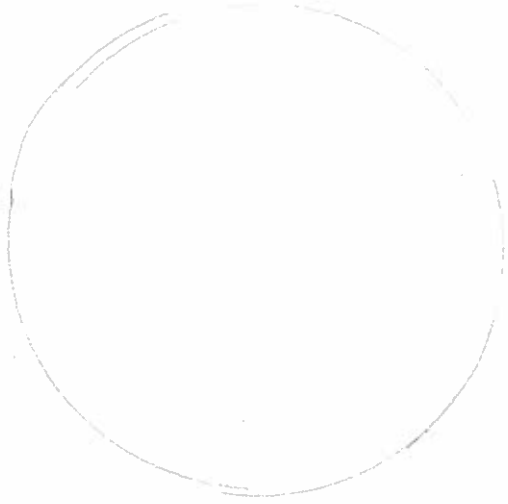
Area in between benches
will be a cement pad
decorated with sea life
imprints



13



Decorated with sea life
imprints to make a ramp
style entry - cement pad



No Parking Sign

No Parking Sign

maybe a handicap parking spot?
Not sure if enough room

Handicap parking spot?

Split Road



ADA COMPLIANCE COMMITTEE 2022 Calendar

	AGENDA DEADLINE	MEETING	CITY COUNCIL MEETING FOR REPORT*	ANNUAL TOPICS/EVENTS
FEBRUARY	Wednesday 2/2 5:00 p.m.	Thursday 2/10 4:00 p.m.	Monday 2/14 6:00 p.m.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • review and continue work on the draft transition plan for play areas, campgrounds and parks
APRIL	Wednesday 4/6 5:00 p.m.	Thursday 4/14 4:00 p.m.	Monday 4/25 6:00 p.m.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • review of progress on parks, play areas and campgrounds transition plan • work on scheduling site accessibility reviews for city parks
MAY	Wednesday 5/4 5:00 p.m.	Thursday 5/12 4:00 p.m.	Monday 5/23 6:00 p.m.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • This meeting was canceled a site accessibility re-visit was conducted for Fishing Hole & Jack Gist Park May 18th
JUNE	Wednesday 6/1 5:00 p.m.	Thursday 6/09 4:00 p.m.	Monday 6/13 6:00 p.m.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Continued refinement of parks transition plan • Approve Final Draft of Community Accessibility Survey
JULY	Wednesday 7/6 5:00 p.m.	Thursday 7/14 4:00 p.m.	Monday 7/25 6:00 p.m.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Continued refinement of parks transition plan
OCTOBER	Wednesday 10/5 5:00 p.m.	Thursday 10/11 4:00 p.m.	Monday 10/24 6:00 p.m.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Review draft parks transition plan and make any additional amendments • Review Status of Transition Plan for City Facilities progress
NOVEMBER	Wednesday 11/2 5:00 p.m.	Thursday 11/10 4:00 p.m.	Monday 11/28 6:00 p.m.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • review and approve final draft parks transition plan and recommendation to City Council

*The advisory body's opportunity to give their report to City Council is scheduled for the Council's regular meeting following the ADACC's regular meeting, under Agenda Item 8 – Announcements/ Presentations/ Borough Report/Commission/Committee Reports.