



## Agenda

### ADA Advisory Board Regular Meeting

Thursday, September 07, 2023 at 5:00 PM

Cowles Council Chambers City Hall In-Person & via Zoom Webinar

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#### CALL TO ORDER, 5:00 P.M.

#### APPROVAL OF THE AGENDA

**PUBLIC COMMENTS ON MATTERS ALREADY ON THE AGENDA** The Public is invited to comment on items not scheduled for Public Hearing. (3 Minute Time limit)

#### RECONSIDERATION

#### APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES

A. Unapproved Meeting Minutes for August 10, 2023

#### VISITORS

#### REPORT(S)

#### PUBLIC HEARING(S)

#### PENDING BUSINESS

A. Draft City of Homer Parks, Play Areas & Campgrounds ADA Transition Plan

Memorandum ADA 23-024 from ADA Coordinator as backup.

#### NEW BUSINESS

#### INFORMATIONAL MATERIALS

A. Karen Hornaday Park & Bayview Park Public Forum Flyer

**COMMENTS OF THE AUDIENCE** The public is invited to comment on any topic. (3 Minute Time Limit)

#### COMMENTS OF THE STAFF

#### COMMENTS OF THE BOARD

## **ADJOURNMENT**

Next Regular Meeting is **Thursday, October 12, 2023 at 5:00 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.

**1. CALL TO ORDER, 5:00 P.M.**

Session 23-06 a Regular Meeting of the ADA Advisory Board was called to order by Vice Chair Joyanna Geisler at 5:06 p.m. on August 10, 2023 from the Cowles Council Chambers, City Hall, located at 491 E. Pioneer Avenue, Homer, Alaska and via Zoom webinar.

PRESENT: BOARD MEMBERS GEISLER, LEPLEY, PARSONS, SAFRA, THORSRUD

STAFF: ADA COORDINATOR KRAUSE, DEPUTY CITY CLERK PETTIT

**2. AGENDA APPROVAL**

PARSONS/SAFRA MOVED TO APPROVE THE AGENDA

There was brief discussion.

VOTE: NON OBJECTION: UNANIMOUS CONSENT

Motion carried.

**3. PUBLIC COMMENTS ON ITEMS ALREADY ON THE AGENDA (3 Minute Time limit)**

Pat Case, city resident, commented on the lack of auditory signal at the crossing lights on Sterling Highway. Pat noted that there are two crosswalks, and there is no auditory signal at either light, thus they cannot be considered ADA compliant. He also stated that the Poopdeck Trail is in “major need of a redo.” He suggested putting that forward as one of the Capital Improvement Plan projects.

Fred Agee, city resident, praised the Board on how well of a job they do.

**4. RECONSIDERATION**

**5. APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES**

- 5. A. Unapproved Meeting Minutes  
Unapproved Regular Meeting Minutes for July 13, 2023

LEPLEY/PARSONS MOVED TO APPROVE THE MINUTES.

There was no discussion on the motion to approve the minutes.

VOTE: NON OBJECTION: UNANIMOUS CONSENT

Motion carried.

- 6. A. Unapproved Meeting Minutes  
Unapproved Regular Meeting Minutes for June 8, 2023

LEPLEY/PARSONS MOVED TO APPROVE THE MINUTES AS MODIFIED.

Mr. Parsons thanked the Clerk's office for correcting the section that Pat had mentioned. There was no other discussion.

VOTE: NON OBJECTION: UNANIMOUS CONSENT

Motion carried.

**6. VISITORS/PRESENTATIONS**

**7. STAFF & COUNCIL REPORT(S)/COMMITTEE REPORT(S)**

**7. A. ADA Coordinator Report ADA 23-018**

ADA Coordinator Krause reviewed her report that was included in the packet. Ms. Krause informed the Board that building maintenance at the airport expects to start constructing the new ADA compliant restroom at the airport around September or October. Ms. Krause also noted that the China Poot personal use subsistence fishing was extended. She also let the Board know that trail site audits have been scheduled for next Thursday and Friday to finish, if needed. It was also stated that Board member Sorter turned in her resignation due to a family emergency.

**7. B. ADA Advocacy Efforts Report**

Board member Safra explained that she is still trying to meet with Brad at the Chamber in regards to an event to help create disability tourism in Homer. She's coordinated with Jan Knudson at the visitor center, but as it is, there's no working title for the event yet. The date will be set for some time in October. The chamber is still trying to decide whether it will be a luncheon or an evening mixer. Ms. Knudson has suggested the community church be the location for the event due to the fact that it's accessible. The goal of the event is to promote disability tourism in Homer, to create a section of the Homer Visitor's Guide for accessible businesses, and to also make businesses more accessible at an affordable cost. Ms. Safra also noted that Maggie Winston with the ILC will be giving a presentation about ableism.

There was brief discussion clarifying event details.

Board member Parsons issued a report on the ILC barbeque on July 26<sup>th</sup>. More than 50 people attended to enjoy lawn games and food. A highlight from the event was Pat Case leading about 20 people on a walk that went down the All Persons Trail. Pat then guided the group down Hazel Street to near the library where it crosses to the post office. There, the group had a long discussion about all the ADA absent or missing curb ramps, and how that affects people of all ages and abilities. Mr. Parsons noted that he's received word that Jan Keiser has asked engineering to take a critical look at

putting in a crosswalk and at least make a sharp right turn to reduce vehicular speed. Mr. Parsons stated that it was a fantastic advocacy event that led to direct action very quickly.

There was brief discussion.

**8. PUBLIC HEARING(S)**

**9. PENDING BUSINESS**

9. A. ADA Advisory Board Strategic Plan and Goals Draft v4 – Review and Approve  
Memorandum ADA 23-019

ADA Coordinator Krause noted that Chair Aderhold didn't recommend any further changes on the Strategic Plan, and opened the floor to anyone who had any changes or amendments to offer.

PARSONS/LEPLEY MOVED TO ADOPT THE STRATEGIC PLANS AND GOALS AND FORWARD TO CITY COUNCIL FOR APPROVAL

There was brief discussion from a few of the members thanking Ms. Krause for the changes that she had made. Board member Thorsrud inquired with Ms. Krause about how long it would ideally take to implement these changes. Ms. Krause informed Ms. Thorsrud that Title 21 will be re-written within the next six months or so. She added that the City is hoping to have draft building code within the next year or two.

VOTE: NON OBJECTION: UNANIMOUS CONSENT

Motion carried.

9. B. ADA Transition Plan for Facilities Update – Review and Adopt  
Memorandum ADA 23-020

ADA Coordinator Krause stated that Board member Aderhold has requested that the memorandum be forwarded to all commissions and the Library Advisory Board once approved by the Board and City Council. Ms. Aderhold also suggested to leave the group as a "Compliance Committee" in the first sentence under Self-Evaluation Process, or alternatively use the words "Advisory Board." Ms. Aderhold noted under the load and launch ramp to add in "Harbor" to designate where it's at. The last suggestion was to delete the "and" and capitalize the "T" to make it a sentence in the section that reads "and this building." Ms. Aderhold added another comment that the HERC 2 is "unoccupied and slated for demolition" rather than "used by Public Works Maintenance Staff."

Board member Thorsrud asked for clarification whether ADA issues for employees are covered separately. Ms. Krause informed her that was correct, they're similar but dependent upon what accommodations are necessary for the employees.

Vice Chair Geisler asked if the issue of training would be under “Implementation of the Training Plan.” Ms. Krause voiced that would be a good spot for it.

Mr. Parsons asked about 2019-2020 being struck through under “Baycrest Overlook” and whether that inferred that those dates were going to go away or that portions of it had been completed. Ms. Krause confirmed that portions of it had been completed, and that the completion of it was scheduled for this year. She reassured Mr. Parsons that the dates won’t be removed for historical purposes.

There were no further recommendations or questions.

PARSONS/LEPLEY MOVED TO ADOPT THE UPDATED FACILITIES TRANSITION PLAN AND FORWARD TO CITY COUNCIL FOR APPROVAL.

There was no discussion.

VOTE: NON OBJECTION: UNANIMOUS CONSENT

Motion carried.

9. C. ADA Transition Plan for Parks, Play Areas & Campgrounds – Review and Adopt  
Memorandum ADA 23-021

ADA Coordinator Krause proposed either postponing the matter to the October Regular Meeting or approving the memo with the ranking and the timeline dates. Mr. Parsons added that he would prefer the group wait in order to see what the rankings are and what the timeline is looking like. Ms. Krause noted that doing so will hold the Facilities Transition Plan due to the fact that she would like to present them together.

Ms. Krause then reviewed the recommendations from Ms. Aderhold. Ms. Geisler suggested to insert “remove the barrier” in line 154 and strike out “make is accessible.” Ms. Krause then reviewed the insertion of “and” before “developed” in line 160. Ms. Aderhold then suggested putting a space between lines 163 and 164, lines 167 and 168, and lines 178 and 179 to help delineate the paragraphs.

There was further discussion for some clarifications.

Mr. Parsons made a comment about universally designed picnic tables, Ms. Krause said she could address it and put in on the next agenda.

SAFRA/PARSONS MOVED TO POSTPONE THE ADA TRANSITION PLAN FOR PARKS, PLAY AREAS AND CAMPGROUNDS UNTIL THE BOARD RECEIVES THE REPORT.

There was no discussion.

VOTE: NON OBJECT: UNANIMOUS CONSENT

Motion carried.

9. D. City of Homer Draft 2024-2029 Capital Improvement Plan  
Memorandum from Special Projects & Communications Coordinator

Vice Chair Geisler introduced the item by reading the title and then the group discussed which projects each individual felt should receive the highest priority.

PARSONS/LEPLEY MOVED TO ASSIGN KAREN HORNADAY PARK PUBLIC RESTROOMS AS THE BOARD'S FIRST RECOMMENDATION, A COMBINATION OF REMOVING PARKING AND PAVEMENT ACCESSIBILITY BARRIERS AT CITY FACILITIES AND THE CITY HALL PARKING IMPROVEMENT AS THE BOARD'S SECOND RECOMMENDATION, AND THE FISHING LAGOON ACCESSIBILITY RAMP AND PLATFORM AS THE BOARD'S THIRD RECOMMENDATION.

There was no discussion.

VOTE: NON OBJECT: UNANIMOUS CONSENT

Motion carried.

There was brief discussion related to adding a barrier removal project at the library parking lot to the Capital Improvement Plan.

PARSONS/LEPLEY MOVED TO RECOMMEND INCLUSION OF THE REGRADE AND REPAVE HOMER PUBLIC LIBRARY PARKING IN THE CAPITAL IMPROVEMENT PLAN.

There was no discussion.

VOTE: NON OBJECT: UNANIMOUS CONSENT

Motion carried.

**10. NEW BUSINESS**

**11. INFORMATIONAL MATERIALS**

11. A. ADA Board Annual Calendar 2023

Mr. Lepley agreed to present at the next City Council Meeting on August 14, 2023.

PARSONS/LEPLEY MOVED TO HAVE A SPECIAL MEETING FOR THE ADA ADVISORY BOARD ON SEPTEMBER 7<sup>TH</sup> AT 5:00PM.

There was brief discussion.

VOTE: NON OBJECT: UNANIMOUS CONSENT

Motion carried.

- 11. B. City Manager's Report  
CM Report for July 24, 2023 City Council Meeting
- 11. C. City Newsletter 2023  
August Newsletter
- 11. D. Disaster Resilience Tool Kit

## **12. COMMENTS OF THE AUDIENCE**

Pat Case, city resident, suggested that someone follow in regards to the public funding for the Fishing Hole that was on the Capital Improvement Plan last year. He also relayed some complaints to the Board about the dirt and lipping that is occurring on the Beluga Slough Trail, and how this presents a hazard for those using the trail.

## **13. COMMENTS OF THE STAFF**

ADA Coordinator Krause addressed the comment from Mr. Case in regards to the funding for the Fishing Hole. She stated the Public Works looked into the funding and that three different designs were presented for the Fishing Hole. The City is now in the process of trying to work with the State and Fish & Game in hopes of receiving some federal grants and funding.

## **14. COMMENTS OF THE MAYOR/COUNCIL MEMBER (If Present)**

## **14. COMMENTS OF THE BOARD**

Board Member Thorsrud addressed Mr. Case in regards to the front Pioneer Avenue entrance to the University of Alaska Anchorage/Kenai Peninsula College. Maintenance with the college assured the Board that the school will need to get involved if anything is going to be done. Additionally, maintenance noted that the doors aren't designed for ADA compliance. Ms. Thorsrud thanked the Board, audience, and staff for a good meeting.

Board Member Safra thanked the Board and the staff, as well as thanking Pat Case for always attending meetings and providing his input.

Board Member Parsons thanked the Board, staff, and audience for a good meeting.

Vice Chair Geisler thanked everyone for a good meeting.

## **15. ADJOURNMENT**



There being no further business to come before the Board, Vice Chair Geisler adjourned the meeting at 6:55 p.m. There will be a special meeting on September 7, 2023 at 5:00 p.m., and the next regular meeting is Thursday, August 10, 2023 at 5:00 p.m. All meetings are scheduled to be held in City Hall Cowles Council Chambers located at 491 E. Pioneer Avenue, Homer, Alaska, 99603 and via Zoom webinar.

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Zach Pettit, Deputy City Clerk I

Approved: \_\_\_\_\_



# AGENDA ITEM REPORT

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## AMENDMENTS TO CITY OF HOMER PARKS, PLAY AREAS & CAMPGROUNDS ADA TRANSITION PLAN DRAFT V.4

**Item Type:** ACTION MEMORANDUM  
**Prepared For:** ADA ADVISORY BOARD  
**Meeting Date:** AUGUST 31, 2023  
**Staff Contact:** RENEE KRAUSE, ADA COORDINATOR

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### Summary of Action Requested:

Review the final draft of the City of Homer Parks, Play Areas and Campgrounds ADA Transition Plan and make a motion to adopt and forward to City Council for approval.

### Background:

All prior amendments that were recommended by members of the Board were executed and a final review of the document was conducted. I determined that some sections should be summarized further since this document will be included or merged with the Facilities ADA Transition Plan and would then be redundant. Those additional amendments are as follows:

Page 2 – No further amendments.

Page 3 – The table of contents will be updated once all the final amendments have been executed.

Page 4 – 1.0 Introduction

- Lines 87 – 93 Updated the information to represent the 2021 figures from the US Census Bureau for the US overall, the State of Alaska and then the City of Homer to be more impactful
- Lines 94-101 This was moved to separate paragraph from the Information regarding the number of people with disabilities as it addressed another topic.

Page 5 – Paragraphs were separated throughout as recommended by the Chair.

### 2.2 Transition Plan Requirements

- Line 157 Amended to correct the description of the action

Page 6 – Line 162, 166 & 172 – Added the word Facilities to identify the first transition plan correctly

- Line 172 deleted verbiage as it is not necessary as a descriptive

- Added spaces between paragraph for separation of topics as recommended

#### Page 7 - 3.2 Findings

- Line 228 deleted verbiage as it was vague and misleading. The City does not really have a managed Parks system. Corrected word to past tense to represent correct grammatical use.

#### Page 8 - 4.0 Transition Plan

- Line 244 removed extra space

#### Page 9 – 5.1.1 Cost/Impact Ranking

- Lines 302 – 308 Indented text
- 5.2 Funding
  - Line 311- justified text

#### Page 10 – 5.3 Timeline Ranking

- Indent text

#### Page 11 – 6.0 Recommendations

- Line 362-364 bulleted to define what actions can be designated as routine



# **City of Homer ADA Transition Plan Parks, Play Areas & Campgrounds**

Self-Evaluation on ADA Compliance Issues  
Draft September 7, 2023 v4

## **Acknowledgements**

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Christine Thorsrud

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Jim Lepley

### **Parks Arts Recreation & Culture Advisory Commission Representatives**

Deb Lowney

David Lewis

### **Interested Community Members**

Devony Lehner, TRAILS

Lora Haller, US Fish & Wildlife Service, Islands & Ocean Visitor Center Manager

### **City of Homer Staff**

Renee Krause, MMC, Deputy City Clerk/ADA Coordinator

Owen Meyer, Project Technician, Public Works Department

Matt Steffy, Associate Planner for Trails and Parks

Chad Felice, Parks Maintenance Coordinator

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## 1.0 Introduction

The American Community Survey (ACS) estimates the overall rate of people with disabilities in the US population is around ~~25.6 percent~~ **42.5 million**. In Alaska, the numbers reported having a disability overall were ~~12.6~~ **13.2** percent. The data show that disability increases with age, for people 65 and over it was reported that ~~28.9%~~ **32.9 percent** of Alaska residents had some form of disability. **In Homer, according to the 2021 US Census ACS 5 year Survey out of 5416 residents (including children) there are 2129 adults over the age of 50 and of those residents 1123 are over the age of 65.** In short, hundreds of people in our community face disabilities and many of those use Homer's parks, play areas and campgrounds on a regular basis.

Homer's mission is to be a dynamic community where all can live, play, work and invest. To make that mission a reality, it needs to be accessible. The City of Homer owns and manages 17 parks, comprised of over 520 acres of land, along with 5.41 miles of maintained trails. These range from small pocket parks and multi-use trails to forested natural areas, larger established parks with play areas, campgrounds, and sports fields. To ensure our parks, play areas and campgrounds are accessible to all, the City commenced the development of an Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA) Parks, Play areas & Campgrounds Transition Plan in 2021. This document will be incorporated with the ADA Facilities Transition Plan adopted by City Council in 2019.

### 1.1 ADA Background

The ADA is a civil rights law that requires all state and local governments to provide equal access to programs and services for all community members. It was signed into law by President George H.W. Bush on July 26, 1990 and went into effect in 1992. The ADA is a landmark civil rights law that prohibits discrimination against individuals with disabilities in access to jobs, public accommodations, government services and programs, public transportation, and telecommunications. The ADA treats access as a civil right.

**Title I** of the ADA prohibits private employers, state and local governments, employment agencies and labor unions from discriminating against qualified individuals with disabilities in job application procedures, hiring, firing, advancement, compensation, job training, and other terms, conditions, and privileges of employment. The City of Homer is an Equal Employment Opportunity Employer and adheres to the requirements of Title I.

**Title II** of the ADA adopts the general prohibitions against discrimination contained in Section 504 of the Rehabilitation Act of 1973, but applies to all state and local governments, regardless of whether or not they receive federal funding. It prohibits the City from denying persons with disabilities the equal opportunity to participate in its services, programs or activities, either directly or indirectly through contractual arrangements. It is the policy of the City of Homer to make every reasonable effort to provide equal access to all City facilities, services, programs, and activities for citizens with disabilities in accordance with the ADA and Section 504 of the Rehabilitation Act of 1973.

**Title III** applies to public accommodations, which include businesses open to the public and requires them to make reasonable modifications to accommodate individuals with disabilities.

## **1.2 Community Involvement**

Community involvement is a priority of Homer and an essential part of the ADA requirements. The City is required to involve the public in the evaluation and prioritization process. To ensure the community had various ways to engage the public, meetings were held via electronic means as well as in person. The public was invited to attend and participate in the facilities review and site accessibility audits.

## **2.0 Regulatory Standards and Guidance**

### **2.1 Audit Standards**

Multiple federal guidelines were applied to the parks, play areas and campgrounds accessibility audits. The first is the Americans with Disabilities Act Accessibility Guidelines (ADAAG), also known as the 1991 standards, which addresses entries, doors, service counters, showers, curb cuts on sidewalks, pathways and trails within parks, and other typical building elements when applicable. The second is 2010 Standards for Accessible Design, effective March 15, 2012 that includes requirements for play areas, fishing areas, boating areas, and more.

The Access Board issued accessibility guidelines for newly constructed and altered recreation facilities in 2002, these supplement the ADAAG. All newly designed, constructed, and altered recreation facilities covered by ADA were required to comply.

Certain parks elements do not yet have a final standard, these include trails, picnic areas and campgrounds. On these elements, the Federal Outdoor Developed Areas Guidelines (ODAG) were used. The site accessibility reports cite both the ADAAG 2010 Standards and the Outdoor Developed Areas Guidelines.

This report identifies the barriers and performance-based solutions in the form of project recommendations. Some of these projects will require further design prior to implementation. All improvements will require maintenance to ensure continued compliance with these guidelines.

### **2.2 Transition Plan Requirements**

The Parks, Play Areas & Campgrounds ADA Transition Plan (Parks Transition Plan) development includes the following features:

- A list of physical barriers that limit accessibility of programs or activities to individuals with disabilities, also known as a self-evaluation.
- A description of the methods that will be used to ~~make-is accessible~~ **remove the barrier.**
- The official responsible for implementation of the plan.
- A timeline for corrections.

The Parks Transition Plan timeline is designed to provide flexibility to the City around specific parks, play areas, and campgrounds, ensuring that continuous access and improvements are being made.



In 2019, the City Council adopted the City of Homer **Facilities** ADA Transition Plan (Transition Plan), which identified the ADA coordinator, evaluated communications and other city facilities, and developed a dispute process and modifications request.

This information is available on the City of Homer website or at the City Clerk's Office. The **Facilities** Transition Plan began the audit process with the evaluation of entrances, restrooms, sidewalks, parking areas and curb ramps at all city facilities.

The Parks Transition Plan describes those barriers to and within Homer's parks, play areas, and campgrounds, and provides recommendations to remove barriers found. This document will supplement the earlier **Facilities** Transition Plan created for City buildings and facilities to fulfill the requirements in Title II of the ADA.

The Parks Transition Plan and the previously approved Facilities Transition Plan will be integrated into a single overall Transition Plan after completion.

### **2.3 Program Access Recommendations**

The US Department of Justice test for existing facilities is known as the program access test. A program is an opportunity made available by the individual department, in this case Parks. A program is not just an activity for which a person registers and pays a fee. It can be the program of picnicking, parking or fishing. It is a program if it is an activity made available by the Parks, Harbor or Recreation department.

The program access test does not apply to new construction or alterations and additions. New construction, alterations or additions must be designed and constructed to comply with the 2010 Standards for Accessible Design.

There are multiple ways in which a program can be made accessible. In Title II regulations, Section 35.150(b) describes the methods an entity can use to make programs accessible. They include:

- Redesign or acquisition of equipment;
- Move program to accessible buildings;
- Assignment of aides to program beneficiaries;
- Delivery of services at alternate accessible sites;
- Alteration of existing facilities and construction of new facilities;
- Use of accessible rolling stock or other conveyances; and
- Any other methods that result in making its services, programs and activities readily accessible to and usable by individuals with disabilities.

The program access recommendations are based on a minimum of ***one out of three assets should be accessible***. All unique assets should be accessible.

Some barriers, identified in the site accessibility reports will not need to be changed until a renovation or rebuild based on the technical infeasibility, historical preservation, construction tolerance or that no current guidance is available.

## 3.0 Methodology

The methodology of this portion of the transition plan included the following elements:

### 3.1 Access Audits

Members of the ADA Advisory Board, Public Works Staff, and members of the Parks, Arts, Recreation & Culture Advisory Commission (PARC), and interested community members conducted accessibility audits for six parks, including campgrounds, one separate campground and one memorial park. These audits were conducted July through September 2021 and 2022.

The site visit accessibility audits consisted of an overall site report and individual checklists that covered parking, accessible routes and means of access, play areas, shelters/picnic areas, outdoor recreation amenities such as fire rings or bar-b-que grills and park site.

- The overall site report for each park facility includes the following:
  - a description of the specific barriers at each location
  - reference to the regulation or guideline citation
  - digital images of the barrier
  - location within the site
  - methods to meet accessibility requirements or recommendations to address the barrier
  - priority ranking in accordance with federal guidelines

### 3.2 Findings

The accessibility audits identified multiple access deficits ~~across the system~~. This represents sed a better than average number of access deficits, meaning City of Homer parks, play areas and campgrounds are less accessible than many larger communities, but comparable to similar communities across Alaska. Projects were prioritized using Department of Justice (DOJ) guidance which considers the following priorities.

1. Accessible approach and entry (parking, accessible routes)
2. Access to programs and services
3. Access to Restrooms
4. Access to other items (drinking fountains, trash receptacles, grills, benches, etc.)

Each location was prioritized based on community usage, survey responses, public comment or participation, access to park amenities such as playground, trails, and campgrounds and was given a higher priority.

## 4.0 Transition Plan

The accessibility audits identified multiple access deficits across the system. To effectively and efficiently improve accessibility they were prioritized over a ten (10) year timeline to ensure program access. The prioritized list includes barriers to access all features at each location.

This prioritization of the projects within the Parks Transition Plan was accomplished through meetings and site visits open to members of the community, in collaboration with the ADA Advisory

Board members and Public Works Staff. This work sought to identify the most efficient and effective way to make the City's parks, play areas and campgrounds more accessible. The prioritization focused on all of the deficiencies that could be addressed in the recommended timeframe while working on program access.

These priorities concentrated on which parks, play areas, and campgrounds were most used by the community and visitors to improve accessibility, evaluating which deficiencies to correct first for the most benefit. Lastly, that all program types are accessible somewhere within the system.

The transition plan works toward this goal with the expectation that any new construction will be fully compliant and help the departments move over time to a completely accessible parks system within the City of Homer.

See Exhibit A for Accessibility Audits on the following:

1. Karen Hornaday Park including playground, campground and ballfields
2. Mariner Park including Day Use Area and campground
3. Beluga Slough Trail
4. Bishop's Beach Park
5. Bayview Park
6. Jack Gist Park including ballfields and access to the Disc Golf Course
7. Seafarer's Memorial

## **5.0 Cost Estimating and Financing**

### **5.1 Cost Estimating**

The timeline for this work outlined in the Parks Transition Plan is ten years which takes advantage of the biennial budgeting process the City follows. Initial work has been focused on cost estimates for the projects undertaken in the biennium budget period and a five-year proposed project list. Maintenance and smaller capital projects would occur in the annual budget established and as needed. Detailed development of budget offers would be written and submitted over the next three biennia. More detailed cost estimates for future projects would be developed for those budget offers. Any new construction undertaken is required to be fully accessible.

Upon completion of the prioritization, the City of Homer Public Works performed cost estimating with park maintenance operations, administration and planning to further understand the project groupings and how we might contract for certain work such as paving parking lots vs. a discrete set of access projects at a single park. Original cost estimates were based on past experience with similar projects and assumptions regarding future economic conditions and related to construction only (no design or project costs).

These numbers were reviewed and revised with a multiplier to bring to 2024 cost estimates. Additional work on costs will occur leading up to development. Potential cost savings may be realized from strategic scaling of contracts. Analysis of the project list identified 6 major types of work that include the following six trades or project types:

- Parking/Paving/Concrete
- Labor
- Plumbing
- Electrical
- Signage
- Potential Capital Improvement Plan Project

Further costing will evaluate opportunities to do multiple projects across the park, play area or campground system, such as all sign upgrades.

### **5.1.1. Cost/Impact Ranking**

Public Works and Port and Harbor Staff were consulted to rank each compliance issue based on the level of impact to the department's budget and staff time required to complete the project. Definitions for Cost/Impact Rankings are:

- 1 – Project can be completed by City of Homer staff at low cost and with a low amount of effort.
- 2 – Project can be completed by City of Homer staff, the cost would be moderate and/or would require a moderate level of scheduling in association with other staff duties to complete.
- 3 – Project can be completed by City of Homer staff; however, the cost for materials would be high and/or the time required to complete would be high. Use of a contractor would allow project completion sooner.
- 4C – Project requires specialized tools, skills, and/or level of warranting the use of a contractor.

### **5.2 Funding**

There is no dedicated source of federal funds for accessibility renovations to existing sites. The work will be done through three main funding channels as follows:

- Maintenance and repair
- Small capital projects
- Capital Improvement Plan (CIP) projects.
  - Current CIP projects will be reviewed to see if they may be amended to capture additional access improvements. An example of this might be the Bayview Park. This will increase the available number of accessible play areas.
- Available Grant funding and other sources that could help implement some of this work
  - ADA modifications are common, and grants will be competitive. Some opportunities may be available through the following:
    - Community Development Block Grant Funds: Many agencies receive federal Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) funds for accessibility renovations at existing sites. CDBG funds often have a scale of priority. It is important to establish accessibility as a priority for CDBG applications.
    - State/Federal Grant Programs such as the Land & Water Conservation Fund, The Great American Outdoors Act; Community Facilities Direct Loan & Grant Program in Alaska, or Recreational Trails Program

- State Appropriations: The City has successfully competed for appropriations for larger projects and if offered by the State, would be an avenue for funding.
- Local organizations such as Rotary, Homer Foundation, Rasmussen, etc.

### **5.3 Timeline Ranking**

Public Works and Port and Harbor department staff also evaluated the items based on current department workloads and schedules for when in-house and contractor-hired projects could be completed. The timelines for projects completed in-house would be as follows:

- A. Project can be completed in between regularly schedule work as time allows, with completion within one year.
- B. Project requires additional scheduling and budgeting and may be completed within one or two years.
- C. Project requires significant scheduling and budgeting and may be completed within three to five years; could be completed sooner if done by a contractor.

If a contractor is hired to complete a project they may have a more definitive timeline because they must be budgeted in advance. For these items, the Transition Plan lists the estimated year that staff will prepare an Invitation to Bid, include it in their budget requests to City Council, and have the project completed by.

### **6.0 Recommendations**

In addition to the audit findings, opportunities to improve accessibility via policies and procedures were identified through the self-evaluation. The following recommendations are not an exhaustive policy review, but highlighting best practices based on discussions with staff, ADA Advisory Board members, PARC Commissioners and interested members of the community.

1. Implement modifications according to the approach proposed in Section 4.0 and the Parks, Play Areas and Campground Transition Plan to accommodate all users.
2. Develop maintenance staff training and checklists to improve accessibility during routine maintenance.
  - Items such as accessible routes, gaps, changes in level, door closing force and common obstructions can be scheduled as part of ongoing routine maintenance work.
3. Update website with more details regarding ADA access at each park, play area or campground. This would include parking and restroom accessibility along with what is accessible so patrons can make informed decisions before traveling to the specific park, play area, or campground.
4. Ensure all contracts have language regarding ADA compliance and or modifications that a contractor will make to provide equal access to services, programs and activities.
5. Improve wayfinding signage so people with disabilities can more easily and conveniently navigate the park system and the city as a whole.





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6. If portable toilets are provided make sure at least one is accessible.



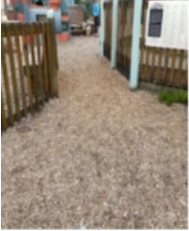


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375 **ADA COMPLIANCE ISSUES**







376 The following details the physical barriers of the City parks, play areas and campgrounds that limit  
 377 the accessibility of its programs, activities or services to individuals with disabilities and the  
 378 methods suggested to remove those barriers, make the area accessible and the schedule for  
 379 achieving compliance.





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FACILITY NAME: Karen Hornaday Hillside Park			TIME OF ASSESSMENT: JULY – SEPTEMBER 2021			
STRUCTURES/FACILITY/AREA(S): Karen Hornaday Hillside Park has only portable toilets at the time of accessibility surveys. Project is in the planning stages for redesign of entrance road, parking lot, pedestrian trail and new restroom facilities. A new updated master plan is in funding process for FY24/FY25 Capital Budget.						
Karen Hornaday Park		206.2.1; 206.2.2	1	2	A	No Accessible route from Parking lot to Pavilion or ballfields. Accessible route is required to all sports fields and to the pavilions from parking area
Karen Hornaday Park		208.2; 502.2; 502.3; 502.6	1	1	A	Designated accessible parking stall not identified; no signage Recommend paving parking stalls and striping, installation of signage
Karen Hornaday Park		1011.2.1	4	2	A	Pavilion has one ADA Compliant Picnic Table recommend to place at minimum one additional due to high use of pavilion
Karen Hornaday Park		302.1; 402.2; 403.2	1	4	C	Activity is surrounded by rocks with no accessible entry. Remove rocks to allow for accessible access. Suggest installation of materials to have firm stable ground.







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Karen Hornaday Park Play Area		208.1 208.2; 208.2.4; 502.6	1	2	B	Parking for play area has no designated accessible parking. Construct and Install Accessible parking stall for appropriate signage.
Karen Hornaday Park Play Area		240.1; 240.2.1; 1008.1; 1008.2.1	4	4	C	Ground area should be better maintained to afford accessibility.
Karen Hornaday Park Play Area		302.1; 302.3; 303.1; 304.1; 403.1; 402; 403.5.1; 1008.1- 108.2.1; 1008.2.4; 1008.2.6	1	3	C	Entrance to play area is not compliant. Entry needs to be widen. Play are has wood chip base which is not accessible material. Furnish & Install accessible ground material throughout the play area to ensure accessibility by providing stable, non-slip material.
Karen Hornaday Park Play Area		1008.2.4; 1008.2.6; 1008.4.3	4	1	A	No accessible entrance to this feature. Recommend relocating or provide ADA Compliant Access
Karen Hornaday Park Play Area		1008.4.2; 308; 1008.2.6; 1008.2.4	4	2	B	Recommend modification to ensure reach is compliant to green wheel






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Karen Hornaday Park Play Area		308; 1008.4.2; 1008.2.6; 1008.2.4	4	3	C	Climbing Wall – ensure approach is compliant for access from a wheelchair
Karen Hornaday Park Play Area		302.1; 303.1 305.2; 1008.2.4	1	3	B	Play area is surrounded by a wall or fence and is not accessible by those with mobility or vision impairments without assistance. Modify to provide accessible route to this area and install ground materials to make firm stable and non slip
Karen Hornaday Park Play Area		303.1; 1008.3.1; 1008.3.2	2	4	C	Play component is not accessible from a wheelchair or without assistance. Install chair level transfer
Karen Hornaday Park Play Area		1008.2.1	2	2	B	Provide accessible entry to sand box.
Karen Hornaday Park Play Area		240.2.1.2	4	3	C	No accessible transfer point. Open portion of side for accessible entry/transfer.
Karen Hornaday Park Play Area		240; 403	4	2	A	Recommend adding additional accessible swing option. Currently there is only one




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Karen Hornaday Park Play Area		240; 302; 304; 305; 404.2.3	1	3	C	Entrance is non-compliant. Widen entry in order to bring the gateway into ADA compliance.
Karen Hornaday Park Play Area		1008.2.1	1	1	A	Remove. Safety hazard as logs are rotten.
Karen Hornaday Park Play Area		206 404; 1008	4	3	C	Remove and replace ground materials with level, firm non-slip materials
Karen Hornaday Park Play Area		1008.2.6; 206; 404	1	3	C	Replace materials so ground stays level and firm. Remove and replace materials with suitable ground materials that are level, firm and non-slip.





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Karen Hornaday Park Play Area		1008.2.1; 1008.2; 1008.2.4.1; 1008.2.6; 1008.2.6.1	4	4	C	Various play components in the Play area that have limited or no access without assistance. Recommend installation of transfer system from wheelchair; modification to approaches or sidewall barriers on the play component.
Karen Hornaday Park Play Area		1008.4	4	4	C	Only component of its kind. Not required but recommend remove and replace with similar component that has adaptable reach
Karen Hornaday Ballfields		221.2; 221.2.1.4; 221.2.3; 221.3 1016	1 & 4	2	B	Bleachers at upper field – no accessibility, too close to the fence, no handrails or safety railing to prevent falls; no designated wheelchair spaces Furnish & Install or modify existing to provide better safety provide accessible seating as well as wheelchair seating



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Karen Hornaday Park – New Pavilion		1011.2; 1011.3 1011.5	4	1	A	Grills swivel and requirement is 40" x 48" clear ground space on all sides; 2-5% slope & 15"-34" height required Remove and reinstall in regulation height and clearance and slope.
Karen Hornaday Park – Old Pavilion		206	1	3	B	Pavilion approach is not ADA Compliant; attached tables are non-compliant; Regrade slope and install accessible routes
Karen Hornaday Park – Old Pavilion		1011.2.1	4	2	A	Available Picnic Tables are not ADA compliant. Provide a minimum of one ADA Compliant Table more would be preferable.
Karen Hornaday Park Ballfields		1008.2.6; 206.7.9; 404.2.3; 404.2.4.4	4	4	C	Entrances to dugouts are not compliant; grade has high step up; opening is too narrow to dugout. Ground surface must be maintained and inspected on a regular basis; remove and replace gate and fencing to provide required clearances








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Karen Hornaday Park Ballfields		206.2.1; 221.4; 221.2.1.4; 221.2.3; 221.3	1	4	C	No accessible Route from or to the parking spaces, Bleachers do not provide accessible seating or companion seating. Furnish & Install accessible route from parking lot (when complete) provide designated wheelchair seating with companion seating Provide regular maintenance to grounds.
FACILITY NAME: Bayview Park				TIME OF ASSESSMENT: July –September 2021		
STRUCTURE/FACILITY/AREA(S): Is a lovely neighborhood park located at the top of Main Street. This Park is traditionally known for being used as a toddler and young children’s park since it was fenced, small and located within the neighborhood. Currently there are plans in motion to improve the park. Installation of new play equipment with ADA compliant access routes to each piece of equipment and placement of picnic tables as well as installation of paved accessible parking making it Homer’s first fully accessible park. It will be done at a future date when completed. At the time that Site Audits were conducted this location was non-compliant for access, play areas and parking.						
FACILITY NAME: Bishop’s Beach Park & Beluga Slough Trail				TIME OF ASSESSMENT: July – September 2021		
STRUCTURE/FACILITY/AREA(S): Bishop’s Beach Park provides access to miles of public beaches, a picnic pavilion with fire ring and bar-b-que grill and picnic tables. There is a large grassy lawn area that is maintained. Currently restroom facilities are portable toilets and new plumbed restrooms are in the planning/design phase with expectation for construction 2024/2025. The Park provides vehicle access to the west for the public and to Beluga Slough Trail which runs along city and state owned land. No camping is allowed on the beaches or in the park.						
Bishop’s Beach Park – Parking Lot		208; 208.2; 208.2.4; 302; 502.4	1	4	C	Accessible parking has more than 2% slope. Recommend regrade and repave parking lot to include pavement marking for minimum number of accessible parking spaces and the required number to be van accessible.
Bishop’s Beach Accessible Routes		206; 206.2.1; 502.1- 502.3.4	1	2	B	Restroom closed permanently and temporarily replaced with portable toilets. Plans are being developed for permanent restroom facilities. No accessible approach to portable toilets or pavilion Furnish & Install accessible walkway to pavilion and restroom from parking spaces.





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Bishop's Beach Park Access to Beluga Slough Trail		402; 404	1	1	A	Transitions from ground to elevated walkway is too high in some areas; too steep in other areas within slope; vegetation impairs visibility of edge and clear safe path  Recommend regular maintenance to remove vegetation, correct slope and transition from ground to elevated walkway by maintaining gravel
Bishop's Beach Park Beluga Slough Trail Access		402; 404	1	2	A	Nominal Transition issues on this segment. Good example of what access should appear and resemble. Recommendation: Regular maintenance to keep gravel supply appropriate.
FACILITY NAME: Mariner Park and Campground				TIME OF ASSESSMENT: July – September 2021		
STRUCTURE/FACILITY/AREA(S): Located on the base of the Homer Spit, Mariner Park and Campground is a 111 acre multi-use area that is one of the most popular beach access points for dog walking, coal collecting, and horseback riding in Homer. There are 34 camp sites available April 1 <sup>st</sup> through October 30 <sup>th</sup> , a Day Use Area along the northern border of the park with fire rings, picnic tables and a small gazebo, which is available for reservation for private events. Seasonal restroom facilities are provided May through September/October (weather dependent).						
Mariner Park Day Use Area		206.2.1; 502	1	4C	B	No Accessible parking designated. No accessible route to gazebo. Construct and furnish accessible route and parking space install signage per regulations





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Mariner Park – Day Use Area		210; 504; 505.10.2	3	4C	B	Gazebo, has no hand rails, no ramp, stairs are steep, narrow steps and tall rise. All steps on flight of stairs shall have uniform riser heights and uniform tread depths. Recommend rebuilding stairs to include handrails and placement of a ramp.
Mariner Park Day Use Area		903	3	2	B	Bench needs to have the required transfer back support and seat width. Wheelchair space is limited within structure dependent on number of people. Bench shall provide back support or be affixed to a wall. Grab Bars should be installed to provide assistance for transfer, seat width should be 42 in long by 20 in. deep
Mariner Park Day Use Area		ORAR 244.2.3.1; 244.3 245.2.5.1 244.5.3	3	4C	B	Fire Ring is not compliant. No accessible route. Review Height and reach in accordance with regulations.
Mariner Park Camp Host Cabin		ORAR 1016.2; 1016.3; 1016.4 1016.7.1;	3	4C	B	No ADA parking designated. No accessible route from parking space to Host cabin. No Ramp Access or alternate method of notification to get camp host attention if not outside. Install and designate accessible parking space, place signage with alternate method of contacting Camp Host.




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Mariner Park Campground		1011.2; 1011.4; F244.2.3.1; F244.3, F245.2.5.1; & F244. 5.3	3	4C	B	No ADA Compliant Camp Site Per Regulations Total of Camping Sites required is 2-3 based on overall # of sites. No ADA Compliant picnic tables. No accessible route from parking. No designated accessible parking. Create and designate 1-2 sites as ADA Compliant with appropriate signage. Designate and mark accessible parking spaces Campsite 21'3" w x 22' L Fire Ring 17" H
Mariner Park Entrance Area with Kiosk and Bathrooms		ORAR 1016.2; 1016.3; 1016.4 1016.7.1; F244.2.3.1; F244.3; F245.2.5.1; F244.5.3 703.4.1; 703.5.5; 703.5.6; 703.7	3	4C	B	Fee Kiosk Area Bulletin Board Height is 50"; Doggie Bag Dispenser is 38.5" No accessible route defined for portable toilets; dumpster is not accessible; Picnic tables are unsafe and rotten Furnish & install clear access to kiosk, R & R Doggie Bag Dispenser to correct height; F & I Accessible route to portable toilets, Remove & Replace with Accessible Dumpster; Remove and Replace Picnic Tables
FACILITY NAME: Fishing Hole Campground				TIME OF ASSESSMENT: July – September 2021		
STRUCTURE/FACILITY/AREA(S): Located next to the Nick Dudiak Fishing Lagoon, this campground on the Homer Spit features 80 campsites, 9 sites are located on the edge of the fishing lagoon and is a popular destination for campers. Amenities at this location include Fishing Hole camp sites, beach campsites, fish cleaning tables, picnic pavilion, grill, accessible restroom facilities, potable water and easy access to one of the city's RV dump stations. The Fishing Hole Campground has 16 camp sites that are available during the winter months, October 31 <sup>st</sup> through March 31 <sup>st</sup> annually.						







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Fishing Hole Campground		703.4.1; 703.5.5; 703.5.6; 703.7	1	1	A	Accessible Camping Spaces Signage Placement. Paved connection to pavilion and walkway to restroom signage placement requires correction
Fishing Hole Pavilion		1011.2; 1011.3; 902.3 ABA	3	1	A	ADA Compliant Picnic Table provided, recommend adding additional table. Requirement is based on 24LF of usable space around table top, there should be a minimum of one wheelchair space.
Fishing Hole Pavilion		1011.2; 1011.3; 1011.5	3	4C	B	Grill does not have required access all the way around it. Relocation to maintain the required distance on all sides. Grill does swivel, but must be accessible with clear ground 48" x 48" clear ground space on all sides 2-5% slope 15"-34" max height
Fishing Hole Pavilion		402; 403	1	NA	NA	Paved area next to Pavilion provides accessible feature. ADA COMPLIANT
Fishing Hole Campground Pay Kiosk for Camp Fees		307.3; 308.1; 308.2; 308.3	3	4C	B	Kiosk is 48" height Reach should be no more than 24" from side approach. Recommend filling in the area with additional concrete pad to make fully accessible from all approaches

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Fishing Hole Restroom Potable Water Access		402; 403; 502	2	4C	B	Accessible Route is required to access potable water; recommend installing a suitable material preferably asphalt and ADA Parking Space; Accessible route connecting to Restrooms from parking
Fishing Hole Restroom Potable Water Access		309.4	4	1	A	Spigot handle is non-compliant install lever handle
Fishing Hole Notice Board		206; 308; 302	4	4C	B	Accessible route; reach. Remove rocks and install asphalt or concrete pad around information kiosk
FACILITY NAME: Seafarer's Memorial Park				TIME OF ASSESSMENT: July-September 2021		
STRUCTURE/FACILITY/AREA(S): Seafarer's Memorial is a 2.52 acre lot located off of the Sterling Highway near the end of the Homer Spit. A memorial gazebo honoring those who were lost at sea, 45 parking spaces and open green space providing unobstructed views of the surrounding mountains and Kachemak Bay and access to the Spit Beach.						
Seafarer's Memorial Park - Parking lot		206.3; 206.4; 216.5; 302.1; 403.1, 403.2; 405.3; 502.1, 502.2, 502.3, 502.3.1, 502.3.2, 502.3.3, 502.3.4	1	4C	B	Parking is adjacent to entrance to the Memorial and not accessible Pave and mark accessible parking spaces with paved accessible route to memorial pavers

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Seafarer's Memorial Park		305; 903	4	3	B	Bench is not ADA Compliant. Location on accessible route compliant with 404. Preference for Bench to not have arms for ease in transfer however having arms allows aid in person rising from seated position. Replace with compliant bench 17" - 19" seat height; able to withstand horizontal force minimum of 250 pounds at any point of the seat, Back support shall be 42" L minimum & 20"-24" deep
FACILITY NAME: Jack Gist Park				TIME OF ASSESSMENT: July - September 2021		
STRUCTURE/FACILITY/AREA(s): Donated by Jack Gist's estate for new softball fields, this 10 acre park offers stunning views of Beluga Lake and Kachemak Bay. Three fields are utilized by the Homer Adult Softball Association and the Homer High Mariner Softball team. There is also a disc golf course located in the park. Portable Toilet Facilities are available during the summer season. Plans are in process to draft a Master Plan for the park to include proposed field updates, plumbed restrooms, road access from new subdivision to the west, parking configuration, and a new play area.						
Jack Gist Park Path to Disc Golf Course		206.2.1; 403; 403.5.3; 1016.2; 1016.3; 1016.4	1	4C	C	Walkway to Disc Golf Course is not ADA compliant. Remove and replace with accessible route using materials that would provide a stable and firm ground, width to be 36" wide with passing lane or widen areas to allow passing
Jack Gist Park – Lower Fields		206.2.1; 403; 403.5.3; 1016.2; 1016.3; 1016.4	1	4C	C	Lower Left and Right Ball Fields do not have ADA Accessible Routes. Furnish & Install accessible route from parking to playing fields spectator areas, dugouts, etc.
Jack Gist Park		206.2.1; 403; 403.5.3; 1016.2; 1016.3; 1016.4	1	4C	C	Ground access is not firm and stable - ADA Accessible Route. Furnish & Install accessible travel route from parking to amenities

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Jack Gist Park – Ball Field Spectator Seating and Access		206.2.1; 403; 403.5.3; 1016.2; 1016.3; 1016.4	Access Route Priority  1  Seating Priority 4	4C	C	Spectator bleachers are not ADA compliant, no accessible seating, no accessible route from parking area. Where provided, fixed team or player seating areas must contain the number of wheelchair spaces and companion seats required by ADAAG, but not less than one space.
Jack Gist Park – Field Access		404.2	1	2	B	Gate Access is not compliant. Provide clear pathway and level ground, remove overgrown vegetation to ensure proper width requirement is met
Jack Gist Park – Dugouts		903	2	2	B	Player dugout does not have accessible seating, too high or too low and seating is too narrow, no hand rails or access to allow for transfer from a wheelchair to the bench. Benches must have seats that are a min. of 20" to a max. of 24" in depth and 42" min. in length. The seat height should be a min. of 17" to a max. of 19" above floor. If the bench is not located next to a wall, the bench must have back support that is 42" min. in length and extends from a point 2" max. above the seat to a point 18" min. above the bench.



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Jack Gist Park – Fence		307; 403.5	4	1	A	Fence has protrusion. Remove and relocate or furnish and install barriers to direct pathway around the protrusion.
Jack Gist Park – Dugouts		221.2.1.4; 206.7.9; 802.1	4	2	B	Entrances to dugouts are not compliant; grade has step up; Dugout entrance is not ADA compliant - opening is too narrow. Maintain areas of access by keeping gravel/fill materials level and compacted to maintain even surface levels with concrete pad; remove and replace existing gate with ADA compliant gate; maintain vegetation to keep sight lines and changes in elevation minimal
Jack Gist Park – Upper Field Approach		1016.2; 1016.3; 1016.4; 1016.7	1	3	C	Access Route is steep; Furnish and install accessible route to upper field from parking area; correct slope percentage
Jack Gist Park – Spectator Seating		206.2.1; 403; 403.5.3; 1016.2; 1016.3; 1016.4	4	2	B	No ADA Compliant seating available; no accessible route to seating from parking area. Install ADA seating along with accessible route from parking to seating area.

## Bayview Park & Karen Hornaday Park

# Public Forums



The City of Homer invites the public to come and discuss ongoing plans for the **Bayview and Karen Hornaday Parks**.

**Public comments and questions regarding either park project are welcome at any of the three public forums scheduled.** On-site planning exercises will focus on the respective park.

## TUESDAY • SEPTEMBER 12 • 2023



### BAYVIEW PARK PUBLIC FORUM

Location: 195 W Bayview Ave, Homer, AK 99603

Time: 12:00 PM — 1:00 PM

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### KAREN HORNADAY PARK PUBLIC FORUM

Location: 475 W Fairview Ave, Homer, AK 99603

Time: 3:00 PM — 5:00 PM

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### CITY HALL PUBLIC FORUM

Location: Upstairs Conference Room at Homer City Hall, 491 E Pioneer Ave, Homer, AK 99603

Time: 5:30 PM — 6:30 PM

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For more park project information scan the QR codes or go to:

Bayview Park Project  
<https://www.cityofhomer-ak.gov/publicworks/bayview>

Karen Hornaday Park Master Plan Update  
<https://www.cityofhomer-ak.gov/publicworks/karen-hornaday-park-master-plan-update>

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