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City of Homer Agenda

ADA Compliance Committee

Thursday, November 14, 2019 at 4:00 PM

City Hall Conference Room

CALL TO ORDER 4:00 P.M.

APPROVAL OF THE AGENDA

PUBLIC COMMENTS FOR ITEMS ON THE AGENDA

RECONSIDERATION

SYNOPSIS APPROVAL

- a. August 15, 2019 meeting synopsis

VISITORS

PENDING BUSINESS

NEW BUSINESS

- a. 2020 & 2021 Budget
 - i. ADA Projects – Capital Improvement Plan

INFORMATIONAL ITEMS

- a. Resolution 19-055 Confirming the ADA Compliance Committee as a Standing Committee of the City Council

COMMENTS OF THE AUDIENCE

COMMENTS OF CITY STAFF

COMMENTS OF THE COMMITTEE

ADJOURNMENT/NEXT REGULAR MEETING IS SCHEDULED FOR THURSDAY, APRIL 9, 2020 in the City Hall Conference Room located at 491 E. Pioneer Ave, Homer, Alaska.

Session 19-05 a Regular Meeting of the ADA Compliance Committee was called to order by Acting Chair Dally at 4:00 p.m. on July 11, 2019 at the City Hall Conference Room located at 491 E. Pioneer Avenue, Homer, Alaska.

PRESENT: TESS DALLY, JOYANNA GEISLER, DONNA ADERHOLD

TELECONFERENCE: LINDA MUNNS, PAM VAN HOOZER

STAFF: MELISSA JACOBSEN, CITY CLERK/ADA COORDINATOR
BRYAN HAWKINS, PORT DIRECTOR/HARBORMASTER
AARON GLIDDEN, PORT MAINTENANCE SUPERVISOR

APPROVAL OF AGENDA

The agenda was approved by consensus of the Committee.

PUBLIC COMMENTS REGARDING ITEMS ON THE AGENDA

RECONSIDERATION

SYNOPSIS APPROVAL

A. July 11, 2019 Synopsis

Geisler/Munns moved to adopt the synopsis.

Approved by consensus without discussion.

VISITORS

a. ADA Parking Projects in the Harbor - Port Director Hawkins

Harbormaster Bryan Hawkins and Port Maintenance Supervisor Aaron Glidden presented to the Committee on their proposed parking improvements in the harbor. They addressed areas they have identified for paving close to ramps 3, 4, 5, and 6 and discussed having the spaces connected to the paved trail. The cost per space is approximately \$3500. They also addressed and discussed with the Committee, plans for delineating accessible boat slips in the harbor and processes staff is working on to address accessible slips and the stall waitlist.

PENDING BUSINESS

a. Capital Improvement Plan 2020-2025 Draft Projects

The Committee discussed and reviewed draft projects for City Hall Access, bathrooms, parking and pavement, self-evaluation and transition plan for parks, trails, and campgrounds and improvements at the fishing lagoon. The reviewed priority, cost, and verbiage in the documents.

The Committee agreed by consensus to submit the proposed projects to Council for inclusion in the 2020-2025 Capital Improvement Plan.

NEW BUSINESS

- a. Memorandum from City Clerk re: Resolution 19-0xx, Confirming the ADA Compliance Committee as a Standing Committee of the City Council

City Clerk Jacobsen explained that the Committee has completed a majority of the tasks outlined in their originating Resolution 16-019, and that the resolution states the Committee shall stay in effect to review new programs, activities, and services within the City. The draft resolution proposes an update meeting schedule and better identifies committee tasks, going forward.

The Committee reviewed the content and discussed meeting dates. The agreed on holding 6 meetings a year in the months of April, May, June, July, October and November.

The draft resolution was approved by consensus of the committee.

INFORMATIONAL ITEMS

- a. Project Data Sheet from ADF&G for Fishing Lagoon ADA Ramp and Retaining Wall

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Ms. Dally advised the committee that she is moving out of state in September. The other members wished her well.

ADJOURN

There being no further business to come before the Committee the meeting adjourned at 5:17 p.m. The next regular meeting is scheduled for October 10, 2019 at 4:00 p.m. in the City Hall Conference Room located at 491 E. Pioneer Avenue, Homer, Alaska.

Melissa Jacobsen, MMC, City Clerk

Approved: _____



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City Hall Access Barrier Removal

Project Description & Benefit: Under Title II of the Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA), all State and local governments must be accessible to, and usable by, people with disabilities. The basic principles of the ADA are equal opportunity, integration, and inclusion. From 2017-2019, the City of Homer ADA Compliance Committee and City Staff evaluated City Facilities to identify accessibility barriers. The results were compiled into the City's Transition Plan, in accordance with Title II of the ADA regulations. City Hall is one of the most used city buildings throughout the year and this project corrects access barriers (ADA Priority Level 1 issues) to get into the building.

City Hall access barriers include:

- Cross slopes that exceed 1:48 ratio for all designated accessible parking spaces;
- absence of van accessible parking;
- incorrect dimensions of accessible parking spaces;
- improperly located signage;
- absence of a level landing at the top of the curb ramp below the front entrance ramp;
- handrails on ramp protrude into the path of travel and reduces the width to less than 36" width requirement;
- push bar on main entrance door protrudes into the doorway and reduces the width of the opening to less than 32" width requirement; and
- front door entrance threshold height.

Plans & Progress: Public Works Staff assisted the ADA Compliance Committee during the self-evaluation process, and together with Port and Harbor staff helped develop solutions and remedies included in the Transition Plan. City Council approved the Transition Plan in Resolution 19-024. This project could potentially be addressed in conjunction with DOT&PF's Pioneer Avenue Repaving Project (currently scheduled for 2020) to take advantage of the paving equipment and contractors which will be mobilized locally.

Total Project Cost: \$400,000

Schedule: 2020

Priority Level: 1



The cross slope of the accessible parking spaces at the lower entrance to City Hall exceeds the maximum allowed 1:48 under ADA standards.



Nick Dudiak Fishing Lagoon Accessible Ramp and Retaining Wall

Project Description & Benefit: The Nick Dudiak Fishing Lagoon located on the Homer Spit (also known as the “Fishing Hole”) is a man-made marine embayment approximately 5 acres in size that is annually stocked with king and silver salmon smolts to provide sport fishing opportunity. Salmon fishing at the Nick Dudiak Fishing Lagoon brings visitors to Homer throughout the summer and is also popular with city residents. This outdoor recreation activity provides a local, road accessible, shore-based salmon fishery that attracts a wide array of sport anglers, including handicapped accessible and youth-only fishing opportunities. This outdoor recreational activity helps stimulate and diversify local businesses and the economy. During the summer when salmon are returning, up to 250 bank anglers have been present at any one time between 7 a.m. and 10 p.m. The parking area, shoreline and tide line 17 feet above mean high water are owned by the City of Homer. Below mean high water, the tidelands and water are owned by the State of Alaska.

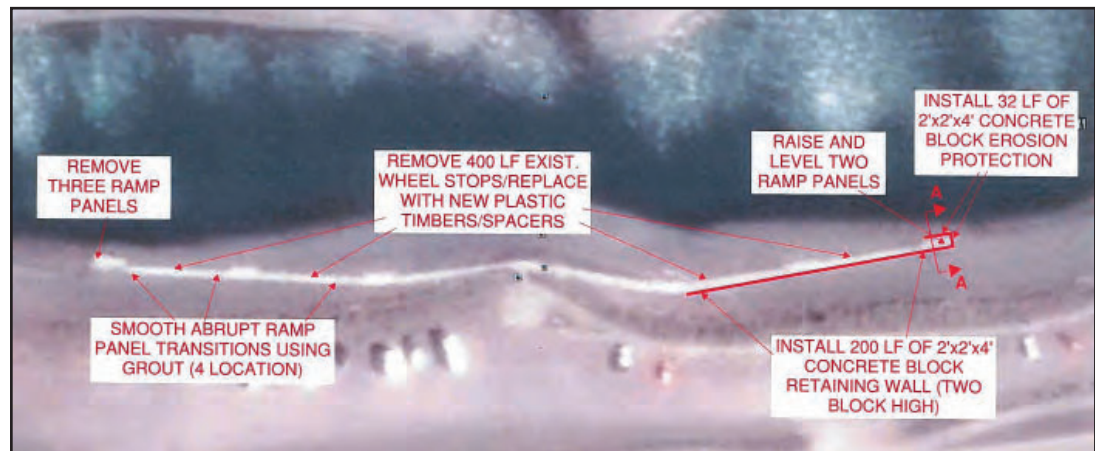
Over the years the accessible ramp has fallen into major disrepair and is no longer complaint or usable by anglers with mobility challenges. In 2018 the Alaska Department of Fish and Game attempted to provide funding for improvements to the accessible ramp, however funding was pulled.

Plans & Progress: The City of Homer ADA Compliance Committee has identified this improvement as a significant benefit and ADF&G has submitted a request for Fiscal Year 2021 to replace the South ADA ramp.

Total Project Cost: \$59,300

Schedule: 2021

Priority Level: 2



Homer Harbor and Public Works personnel working with the Alaska Department of Fish & Game developed this plan to make the Nick Dudiak Fishing Lagoon ramp accessible.



Public Restroom Accessibility Barrier Removal

Project Description & Benefit: Under Title II of the Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA), all State and local governments must be accessible to, and usable by people with disabilities. The basic principles of the ADA are equal opportunity, integration, and inclusion. From 2017-2019, the City of Homer ADA Compliance Committee and City Staff evaluated City Facilities to identify accessibility barriers. The results were compiled into the City's Transition Plan, in accordance with Title II of the ADA regulations. This project corrects barriers at City public restroom facilities. A clear path of travel to a bathroom and clearance for entry, maneuverability inside, and access to water closets, toilet paper, soap and hand towel dispensers or dryers, are just some of the key requirements of the ADA. These accessible features are required for public restrooms whether they are restrooms with stalls in a City building or individual bathrooms that are located on the spit and in town. Correcting these issues are a benefit the entire community.

Barrier removal in existing bathrooms include:

- Relocation of grab bars, toilet paper dispensers, coat hooks, and mirrors;
- moving tactical signage to the appropriate location on the left side of the entrance;
- adjusting the entrance threshold height;
- replacing toilets that are too high or have flush lever to the open side of the water closet;
- covering pipes below lavatories;
- replacing hardware on stall doors and bathroom doors;
- removing obstacles to clear floor space for wheelchair maneuverability, and;
- complete bathroom facility replacement.

Plans & Progress: Public Works Staff assisted the ADA Compliance Committee during the self-evaluation process, and together with Port and Harbor staff helped develop solutions and remedies included in the Transition Plan. City Council approved the Transition Plan in Resolution 19-024. This project could proceed in phases. Phase 1 would remove accessibility barriers in existing City restrooms, bringing them into ADA compliance. Many of the barriers exist in several restrooms and could be addressed through one project. ADA improvements to the Karen Hornaday Park restroom is not recommended due to the buildings advanced age and poor condition. Phase 2 is to remove and replace the bathroom at Karen Hornaday Park.

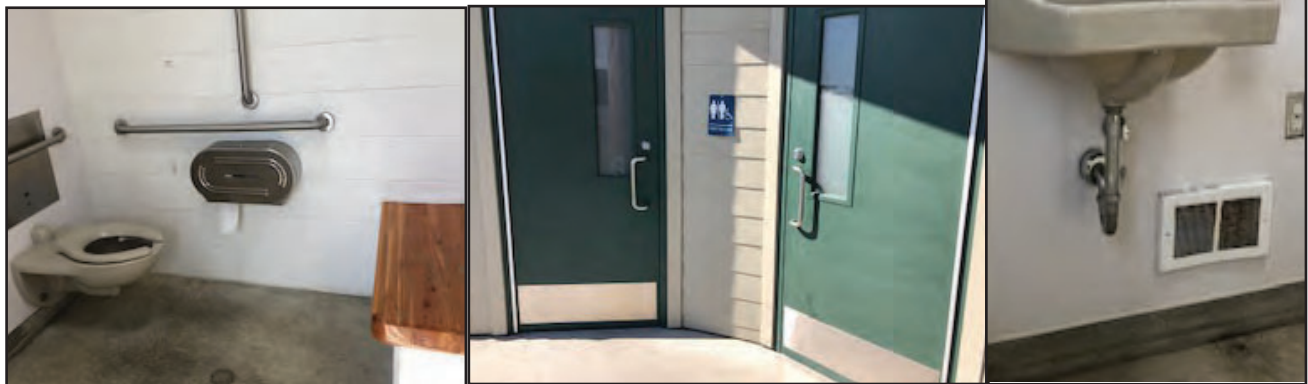
Total Project Cost: 400,000

Schedule:

2020-2021: Phase 1 Barrier removal in existing bathrooms \$75,000

2022-2023: Phase 2 Demo and replace existing bathroom at Karen Hornaday Park \$325,000

Priority Level: 1



This project will correct accessibility issues at City of Homer public restrooms. Some depicted here include improperly placed dispensers and grab bars, lack of wheel chair space from bench, incorrect door swing and lack of cover on the lower pipes



Removing Parking and Pavement Accessibility Barriers at City Facilities

Project Description & Benefit: Under Title II of the Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA), all State and local governments must be accessible to, and usable by, people with disabilities. The basic principles of the ADA are equal opportunity, integration, and inclusion. From 2017-2019, the City of Homer ADA Compliance Committee and City Staff evaluated City Facilities to identify accessibility barriers. The results were compiled into the City's Transition Plan, in accordance with Title II of the ADA regulations. This project corrects parking and pavement barriers (ADA Priority Level 1 issues) at City facilities to aid the entire community in accessing and participating in programs, services or activities provided by the City of Homer.

ADA regulations standardize the size and number of marked accessible parking spaces in a lot and appropriate signage placed such that it cannot be obscured by a vehicle parked in the space. Accessibility standards also require firm, stable and slip resistant surfaces. Many City of Homer facilities do not meet these standards.

This project will correct the following parking barriers in the vicinity of the Homer Harbor, and at Public Works, Homer Public Library, the Animal Shelter, Baycrest pullout bathroom facility and the Fire Hall:

- Absence of accessible parking;
- absence of van accessible parking;
- incorrect dimensions of accessible parking spaces;
- improperly located signage;
- accessible parking spaces where water pools and snow melt creates icy conditions that become hazardous in the winter;
- parking space identified in gravel lots that fail to provide a path of travel to a sidewalk or facilities; and
- cross slopes that exceed 1:48 ratio on paved lots.

Plans & Progress: Public Works Staff assisted the ADA Compliance Committee during the self-evaluation process, and together with Port and Harbor staff helped develop solutions and remedies included in the Transition Plan. City Council approved the Transition Plan in Resolution 19-024. This project proposes to proceed in two phases. Phase 1 includes at least eight paved accessible parking spaces and at least two van accessible spaces in the vicinity of Harbor Ramps 3, 4 and 5 and at public restrooms and resolving non-compliant signage and pavement marking. Phase 2 includes resolving non-compliant parking lot cross slopes and non-compliant signage and pavement marking at the remaining city facilities listed above. If not already completed, this project could potentially address cross slope corrections at City Hall (included in a separate CIP project) to take advantage of mobilized paving equipment and crews.

Total Project Cost: \$400,000

Schedule:

2020-2021: Phase 1 Harbor Accessible Parking,
\$50,000

2022-2023: Phase 2 City Facility Parking Lot Cross
Slopes & Signage, \$350,000

Priority Level: 1



Accessible parking spaces at Ramp 4 in the Port & Harbor provide an example of where spaces need to be paved and a path of travel provided to the sidewalk.



Self-Evaluation and Transition Plan for City Parks, Trails & Campgrounds

Project Description & Benefit: Under Title II of the Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA), all State and local governments must be accessible to, and usable by, people with disabilities. The basic principles of the ADA are equal opportunity, integration, and inclusion. The Self-Evaluation is a comprehensive report that outlines the barriers for people with disabilities as they seek to use local government services and programs. It is drafted by the state or local government in collaboration with and review by a sample user group of people with disabilities. It includes a transition plan of architectural and administrative barriers to programs that need to be removed in order to make the program accessible. Completion of this project will be a significant step meeting the requirements of Title II of the ADA, by having a full Self-Evaluation and Transition Plan for the City of Homer.

A completed Self Evaluation and Transition Plan will:

- Acknowledge the City's obligation to comply with ADA Title 2 Subpart D- Program Accessibility § 35.149 Discrimination prohibited;
- meet the requirement of ADA Title 2 Subpart D- Program Accessibility § 35.150 Existing Facilities, (d) Transition Plan;
- identify barriers to be resolved and establish a timeline for completion; and
- bring the City of Homer closer to its goal of being a Universally Accessible City as identified in Resolution 17-075(A).

Plans & Progress: In 2017, the City of Homer ADA Compliance Committee and City Staff began evaluating City facilities to identify accessibility barriers and prepared a Transition Plan, which City Council approved in 2019. Evaluating and preparing a plan for City Parks, Trails and Campgrounds exceeds the ability and time allowance of City staff and ADA Compliance Committee members. This project entails hiring a consulting firm that specializes in preparing ADA Transition Plans to evaluate City parks, trails and campground facilities for inclusion in the City's Transition Plan.

Total Project Cost: \$60,000

Schedule: 2020

Priority Level: 1



Accessibility improvements to trails, parks and campgrounds allows everyone to receive full benefits of Homer's park & recreation amenities.

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HOMER, ALASKA**

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RESOLUTION 19-055

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF HOMER, ALASKA,
CONFIRMING THE AMERICANS WITH DISABILITIES ACT (ADA)
COMPLIANCE COMMITTEE AS A STANDING COMMITTEE OF THE
CITY COUNCIL.

WHEREAS, Resolution 16-019 established the Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA)
Compliance Committee and defined its scope of work; and

WHEREAS, The ADA Compliance Committee has completed a bulk of their initial scope
of work by developing a Grievance Procedure, performing self-evaluations and developing a
Transition Plan for those facilities; and

WHEREAS, Resolution 16-019 resolved that the Committee will establish its own work
schedule and remain in effect to review any new programs, activities, and services within the
City of Homer; and

WHEREAS, Self-evaluation and Transition Planning needs to be considered and
established in other areas such as City parks and trails, camp grounds, and programs; and

WHEREAS, Throughout the course of the Committee's work to date it has been realized
that establishing ADA compliance throughout the City is, and will continue to be an ongoing
process; and

WHEREAS, Resolution 17-075(A) reinforced the City's commitment toward becoming a
City that is universally accessible to all.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the City Council of Homer, Alaska, confirms
the ADA Compliance Committee is a standing committee of the City Council.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Committee membership shall be one member
of the City Council, and four members of the community, two of those members shall reside
within the City of Homer and the City's ADA Coordinator will serve as the staff liaison and
prepare the meeting synopsis.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that Committee members terms shall be for three years and
current membership will be set with two members appointed for three years, two members for
two years, and the Councilmembers appointment will expire with their council term, and may
request re-appointment when elected to another term.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED the scope of work shall include:

- Review and evaluate new programs, activities, services, and facilities within the City of Homer in accordance with ADA Title 2 Subpart D- Program Accessibility § 35.150 Existing Facilities, (d) Transition Plan.
- Review and recommend updates to the City's Transition Plan at least annually.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Committee shall meet on the 2nd Thursday in the months of April, May, June, July, October, November, and may call additional meetings as needed.

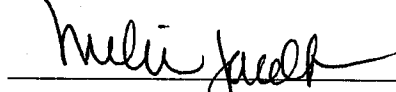
PASSED AND ADOPTED by the Homer City Council this 26th day of August, 2019.

CITY OF HOMER



KEN CASTNER, MAYOR

ATTEST:



MELISSA JACOBSEN, MMC, CITY CLERK

Fiscal note: Staff time and advertising.

