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MEMORANDUM 07-09(S)

TO: HOMER CITY COUNCIL

FROM: JAMES C. HORNADAY, MAYOR

DATE: JANUARY 15, 2007

SUBJ: APPOINTMENT OF A COMPREHENSIVE PLAN COMMUNITY ADVISORY COMMITTEE (CAC) AND ITS MEMBERS.

Council awarded the Contract for Professional Planning Services for the Comprehensive Plan Update to the firm of Agnew;Beck of Anchorage, Alaska via Resolution 06-148 during their Regular Meeting of October 23, 2006; and

The City Staff, Contractor/Consultant and Council have indicated a desire for a CAC. The Contractor has conveyed to staff the benefits of having such a Committee and staff concurs.

I am appointing Val McLay (Chair), Marianne Schlegelmilch, Michael McCarthy, Bob Howard, Barbara Scaman, Bill Smith, Anne Marie Holen, Christopher Story, Jim Henkleman, Tina Day, Allegra Bukojemsky and Hannah Rose Bradley to the Comprehensive Plan CAC.

The overall goal of the committee is to help guide the planning process, working with the consulting team as a sounding board and review body. While the citizens and the City are the ultimate decision makers on the project the CAC will assist the consulting team in setting preliminary land use policies for community review.

The CAC will be responsible to discuss issues, review Comprehensive Plan drafts, and to help keep the planning process moving forward in a positive and efficient manner. CAC members are expected to represent their personal views, to consider views of the segment of the community they know and to, ultimately, consider what is best for the Community.

Perspectives expected of CAC members;

Be as concerned about understanding other's positions as expressing one's own views.

Listen to and consider testimony from the public and other government agencies as it affects Homer's Comprehensive Plan.

Consider compromises to help resolve conflicts between competing community viewpoints.

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The first meeting is scheduled for Monday, January 29, 2007 at 6:30 p.m. in the City Hall Cowles Council Chambers. The CAC will meet approximately 5 to 7 times over a 13 month period, which is the course of the project. The CAC may conduct more meetings as it deems necessary.

The CAC will disband upon submittal of the final report.

I suggest that this Committee meet during the work day rather than conducting evening or weekend meetings. Although, the first meeting is scheduled for Monday, January 29, 2007 at 6:30 p.m. The Committee certainly can set their own meeting schedule. Val McLay, will be the chair of this Committee. The Committee should elect a Vice Chair at their first meeting.

RECOMMENDATION:

Confirm the appointment of Val McLay (Chair), Marianne Schlegelmilch, Michael McCarthy, Bob Howard, Barbara Seaman, Bill Smith, Anne Marie Holen, Christopher Story, Jim Henkleman, Tina Day, Allegra Bukojemsky and Hannah Rose Bradley to the Comprehensive Plan CAC.

Fiscal Note: 100.101.5227, advertising for application to Mayor for the Task Force. Meeting/recording costs.

JCH/mlc

*Substitute approved 01/29/07 Reg C/C under
New Business MLC.*