

**PARKS ART RECREATION AND CULTURE ADVISORY COMMISSION**  
**STRATEGIC PLAN 2016 (April)**

**MISSION STATEMENT**

The Commission is established to advocate in an advisory capacity to the City Manager and the City Council on the problems and development of parks, recreation facilities and public beaches within the City.

*STRATEGIC GOALS OF THE COMMISSION* – What is the focus for the commission?

**General Goals of the Commission**

- Advocate for obtaining open and green space
- Receive notification of future land disposals with attention to park and recreation needs
- Keep existing green space and public open space
- Preserve areas of natural beauty and access
- Receive notification of vacations of public access
- Receive annual status report on the cemetery
- Increase walkability of Homer
- Improve Public Outreach for parks, recreation and trails opportunities. Provide a quarterly point of view article in the newspaper to update the community.
- Keep existing staffing levels for Parks Maintenance (FTE in 2016 \_\_\_\_).
- Increase Community Rec staffing by .25 FTE over the 2015 budget.

*STRATEGIC OBJECTIVES OF THE COMMISSION* – Must have achievable results, an action statement.

**1-2 Year Projects**

- Develop a Kayak Launch for the Water Trail @ the Pier 1 lot, and picnic shelter. When the shelter is completed this project will be complete.
- Diamond Creek Recreational Improvement Plan –
  - o Next Steps, Trails improvements, Trail head parking lot (*Rogers Loop land acquisition*)
- Work with community groups to plan and build Woodard Creek Trail
- Continue work on Karen Hornaday park drainage, the parking lot, and master plan implementation. Immediate goal of identifying small projects in concert with the master plan. Drainage issues behind the ballfields are an immediate goal.
- Increase the city budget for parks and recreation. Increase reserve savings and add 0.5 FTE.
- Improve pedestrian access to Mariner Park from the Homer Spit Road and the bike path
- Explore what should be done with the HERC building, after the fall 2016 ballot measure for the Public Safety Building.
- Complete park user agreements with user groups (staff)
- Investigate Endowment funding
- Investigate requiring parks within new subdivisions
- Organize parking at Coal Point Park in conjunction with leases, install interpretive signage (work with Scott at Pratt)

### **3+ Year Projects**

- Advocate for a Parks and Recreation Department, and funding a department
- Consolidate recreation and culture leadership; reduce the number of volunteer boards
- Support efforts for a multi-use recreational facility
- Increase programming for seniors, therapeutic and adaptive users
- Mariner Park Site Improvements – Level parking area, delineation of day use area and camping area, define and improve campsites and relocate kiosk, increase number of spaces and revenues (*place on June Agenda for August budget recommendations*)
- Keep greenspace on the Spit

### **BEGIN MARCH REVIEW FROM THIS POINT:**

#### *ACTIONS OF THE COMMISSION –Who will do what, when and how?*

- Have quarterly reports in the newspaper.
- Have a committee go to City Council with recommendations, action plan and time frame.
- Every time there is a memo from the Commission to City Council a Commissioner should go to the meeting and speak about it.
- A commissioner should attend every council meeting to speak with council and keep them informed about what they are working on.
- Provide comments during Comments of the Commission if Commissioners are involved in outside organizations that involve a concern of the Commission.
- When visiting clerk's office, grab the minutes of other groups. Attend an upcoming meeting if items of P&R interest are being discussed. (Or subscribe to email updates on the City website).
- Network with other committees and commissions, in city and outside of city limits

#### *SHARED ACTIONS STAFF/COMMISSION*

- Focus and monitor the HNMTTP implementation