

Session 16-04 Regular Meeting of the Parks and Recreation Advisory Commission was called to order on April 21, 2016 at 5:30 pm by Chair Matt Steffy at the Cowles Council Chambers City Hall located at 491 E. Pioneer Avenue, Homer, Alaska.

PRESENT: COMMISSIONERS ARCHIBALD, BRANN, ROEDL, ASHMUN, LOWNEY AND HART

ABSENT: COMMISSIONER STEFFY (EXCUSED)

STAFF: JULIE ENGBRETSSEN, DEPUTY CITY PLANNER
RENEE KRAUSE, DEPUTY CITY CLERK
MIKE ILLG, RECREATION SPECIALIST

APPROVAL OF THE AGENDA

Vice Chair Brann called for a motion to approve the agenda.

LOWNEY/HART - MOVED TO APPROVE THE AGENDA AS AMENDED.

There was no discussion.

VOTE: NON OBJECTION. UNANIMOUS CONSENT.

Motion carried.

PUBLIC COMMENT ON ITEMS ALREADY ON THE AGENDA

Heath Smith, city resident spoke briefly on Ordinance16-18A which was included in the packet and commented on the interest generated on the Ordinance by the inaccurate information provided by the news media. He reported that this monetary amount will be more of a 1 to 2 match. Mr. Smith addressed the cap or limit of \$189,000 and the Borough will be providing a land allocation and Kachemak City is putting in \$20,000. The Soccer organization is looking good for a grant of \$25,000 from Rasmussen and that they may be able to qualify for additional grant funds. He also understood that the economic climate was not opportune but they are planning this building whether the city gets involved or not.

Commission Lowney requested clarification that the money was to be open to all recreational programs and facilities and as it appears to be focused on the Soccer Association as opposed to being open to the public, which would be a huge opportunity.

Mr. Smith responded the he intends to create a program that creates a partnership, where the lion's share is on the other organization not the city; the grant side of it and where they going is different than anything else; the \$225,000 they were considering to put into that program is only going to create a problem really; they may considering funding other projects. Mr. Smith went on to describe some of the issues that a grant program may create and believed what he was presenting was a better opportunity. He further noted that trails were funded through the HART program.

Commissioner Lowney pointed out that it was unfair since it would not be available to other organizations and facilities and not have that opportunities; also pointing out that was not how the HART fund was designed or worked.

Mr. Smith pointed out his intent in making it 1 to 2 programs; if they build a smaller facility they will get half the funding needed and if it is larger, the organization would qualify for additional funding from other sources.

Ashmun asked who makes the decision on the options of the facility.

Mr. Smith stated that he believes the intent is to build a community recreational facility and the city will not have any obligation with the facility and administration would be turned over to the Homer Foundation.

Commissioner Ashmun still advocated for assurances on the availability for other recreational groups to use the facility if city funding was going to be provided.

VISITORS

A. Homer Soccer Dome, presentation by Daniel Zatz

The scheduled visitor was not in attendance.

RECONSIDERATION

ADOPTION OF THE CONSENT AGENDA

A. Minutes for the regular meeting of March 17, 2016

Vice Chair Brann called for a motion to adopt the consent agenda.

LOWNEY/ASHMUN - MOVED TO ADOPT THE CONSENT AGENDA CONTAINING THE MINUTES OF THE MARCH 17, 2016 REGULAR MEETING AS CORRECTED.

Commissioner Lowney noted that Ms. Beachy was no longer the President of the Little League. She did not have the current president's name. Commissioner Hart noted that Commissioner Lowney was not present at the meeting and so could not have adjourned the meeting.

VOTE. YES. NON OBJECTION: UNANIMOUS CONSENT

Motion carried.

STAFF & COUNCIL REPORTS/COMMITTEE REPORTS/BOROUGH REPORTS

A. Staff Report - Julie Engebretsen, Deputy City Planner

Ms. Engebretsen provided a brief report on the efforts of the Chamber, Bunnell and others on a project called Peonies on Pioneer. This is a beautification project for Pioneer making it more beautiful and walkable. They will meet once per month at the Chamber. She did request Ms. Otteson to attend the meeting but as far as she knows they are still in the process of bringing on the summer temporary help. City Council will be having a worksession about every 3 weeks to discuss revenue and while recreational related revenue is not a major portion of the City revenue but would suggest increasing the fees to a higher fee similar to what other city and state parks on the peninsula charge. This can be a recommendation to add the fees to depreciation. She explained that being a bit more aggressive may assist in the revenue and maintenance program solve some of those issues.

Vice Chair Brann inquired about the five or so campers and vehicles that have been parked out there all winter and he was wondering if they are paying those fees the whole time or just squatting there. Ms. Engebretsen explained the problems and the inherent costs of impounding vehicles, etc.

Commissioner Lowney requested this item on the May agenda for recommendation to council.

Planning Commission will be having a worksession on May 4th regarding the Cemetery, they have created a webpage for notices and she is not sure how long that will take.

Commissioner Archibald asked for Kenai Peninsula camping fees, etc. for the next meeting to reference.

Commissioner Hart thanked Ms. Engebretsen for the Main Street Sidewalk project.

Commissioner Lowney provided a few comments on the Trails Symposium to consider.

Vice Chair Brann inquired about preferred pictures for the Beach Policy so that have some reference. Ms. Engebretsen explained that she may put out a map with points and proceeded to offer clarification for Commissioner Lowney who missed the March meeting.

Commissioner Archibald and Commissioner Brann provided a brief explanation on their computer issues.

The following Ordinances and Resolutions were just included for information.

Commissioner Lowney commented/inquired about the Ordinance 16-18 and staff responded that Commissioners should review the Substitute Ordinance since it appears that Council may be proposing a direct appropriation to SPARC.

Commissioner Ashmun commented/inquired about the proposed changes to the HART Policy. Staff explained that the changes are to the policy there is nothing to affect the current money in the fund.

Vice Chair Brann noted that a few of the Seasonal personnel may be on board.

B. Community Recreation Report - Mike Illg

Recreation Specialist Illg provided a synopsis of his written report that included the following:

- 2015 Accomplishments
- Popeye Wrestling Tournament was held in March with 500 wrestlers participating
- Community Recreation is teaming up with Homer Tennis association to provide youth Tennis instruction this summer for kids ages 9-14
- Coordinating efforts to re-paint the tennis courts and add new pickleball court on the tennis courts
- Partnered with the Harbor School of Music to start a Youth Choir and Chorus program
- Recently completed the Boating Safety Skills classes with the local Coast Guard Auxiliary
- Safe & Healthy Kids Fair and Bike Rodeo will be April 30, 2016 at the Homer High School 10 am - 2p.m.
- Summer programs will include Zumba and Zumba Kids, gymnastics, open gym, drop in basketball, drop in volleyball, pickleball, weight room, contemporary dance and other activities.

C. Parks Report - Angie Otteson

Ms. Otteson was not in attendance and did not provide a written report.

D. Park and Beach Spring Walk Through

The Commissioners each reported their findings on Bishops Beach, Airport Access/Mud Bay Area, and Karen Hornaday Park. it was noted that there was little trash out on the Spit, a few vehicles at the Airport Access with tires tracks in the out in the mud; Bishops Beach the rocks are in place and does need signage. Suggestion to put steps and access just from Main Street which is a very steep access point.; Mariner Park needs signage also. Karen Hornaday had several campers and noted that there was several people working, new lights in the restrooms; Jack Gist is getting spruced up and there will be a tournament up there with concessions available.

Ben Walters, the Rotary will be taking on the Kiosk but not sure if it will get taken care this summer. Recommendation to keep the vegetation at a particular height to allow the viewshed, it was noted that the city has put a considerable effort and that the alders block the view but could be maintained where at least they will remove the moisture from the hillside and offer stability to the hillside but if they are increasing rates then they should emphasize the views. That is why people come here.

Commissioner Lowney also commented on the rechanneling of the Beluga Slough. Commissioner Archibald commented that Fish & Wildlife was not happy with this either. He also noted several dogs on the berms, noting that they should address that issue.

Commissioner Brann also commented on the fencing at Bayview Park and stated that the fence is in good

shape but there are a few areas that were affected by the upheaval of freeze thaw cycle and not allowing the gate to shut properly.

PUBLIC HEARING

PENDING BUSINESS

A. Combining the Public Arts Committee with the Parks and Recreation Commission Recommendation to Council - Draft Ordinance Review

Vice Chair Brann requested comments from the Commission.

Commissioner Ashmun referring to a comment submitted by Mr. Jack Wiles believed that the commission has done due diligence regarding the issue he brought up on Arts and Parks by the respective commissioners. She believed that the Commissioners should not consider Mr. Wiles comments.

Commissioner Archibald inquired about appointments to the Committee and the Clerk explained that it was reappointment of two members and it would represent better to Council the continued involvement, he further expressed feeling negatively on the idea and that they have a vibrant art community who should want to be involved in that committee.

Commissioner Lowney offered rebuttal on defining arts people within set guidelines and that there was a lot to be said to evolving the two into one. She further opined that the art is taking place in the parks and green spaces and that as a commission they should be taking part in those decisions.

Ms. Engebretsen proceeded to explain that the policies have been established and explain that committees are formed to address individual project needs and that it may require more refinement on managing their meeting times and content and she is not sure that there will be too many art related issues that will be required to be addressed in the near future and because of that there is not enough to generate interest in belonging to the committee by the community. Commissioner Ashmun added that this is also public art and proceeded to explain the nuances that would make the difference between someone who is an artist or involved in various aspects of art.

Further discussion followed hearing comment and opinion from each member of the commission on the aspects of the new commission and how it applies to this commission. Further explanation in that the focus will not be solely on parks and recreation but will have aspects of art and culture which is very much a part of a community.

The Commission covered making changes to the Ordinance such as removing the word Culture if the Commissioners were not comfortable with that word. Staff recommended that they make a motion. No motion was made to remove the word culture from the title.

Commissioner Archibald requested enlightenment on culture in regards to the commission promoting culture. Commissioner Lowney did her best to explain culture as an evolving part of the commission and focus and as part of their community.

Commissioner Hart expressed concern on having two people on the commission that are not interested in parks and recreation initially and she further expressed concerns on the requirement of five as a quorum. She would like to see this issued tabled. Vice Chair Brann inquired if that was a motion. Commissioner Hart responded that it was.

HART/ - MOVED TO TABLE THE ISSUE UNTIL MAY.

Vice Chair Brann requested a second. Motion died for lack of a second to the motion.

Commissioner Lowney acknowledged the concerns expressed with adding two more seats at this table. Advocating embracing the enthusiasm and believes that they have added to their community, and the parks and recreation community. Artists tend to think out of the box and that is an added benefit. She added that she doesn't believe that if they did not have an interest in parks and rec they would not have signed up for another term referring to the Committee members. She added her interest and participation as an artist and also parks and recreation on the commission.

Staff explained that if the circumstances come up in the future there are options available to make

changes via ordinance. The worst case scenario is shown by what is happening to the committee.

Commissioner Roedl offered that they should change the membership to seven and if they (art folks) have comments on the work of the commission people can come in and offer comment. He knows that his commission expires in October and suggested that they fill vacating seats with art folks, there have been three people who left since he signed up almost two years ago. Commissioner Ashmun disagreed with that approach saying that her term expires in October too but she does not plan on leaving. There was a suggestion of having committees for art related items.

ROEDL/HART - MOVE TO AMEND THE COMMISSION TO SEVEN MEMBERS.

Discussion ensued that the seven members is for the new commission, having to choose from the two Public Arts Committee members who are interested, defining seats on the commission, current interests of existing commissioners may already fill that "art" role, having the same makeup in the commission that they have now, strong volunteerism, and support for a nine member commission for at least a year to see how it works.

VOTE. YES. ROEDL, HART.

VOTE. NO. LOWNEY, ASHMUN, ARCHIBALD, BRANN.

Motion failed.

LOWNEY/ROEDL - MOVE TO ADOPT THE NINE MEMBER COMMISSION BY INCORPORATING THE CURRENT MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC ARTS COMMITTEE AND THEN REVISIT THE MEMBERSHIP ISSUE IN ONE YEAR.

Concerns were expressed on being able to make changes if the nine member commission was having issues with obtaining quorums, vacancies or non-attendance, etc. There was an inquiring on keeping the quorum at four instead of five members but the Clerk stated it was not permissible in accordance with Robert's Rules, that they needed a majority of the membership for a quorum.

ARCHIBALD/LOWNEY - MOVED TO AMEND THE MOTION TO DEFINE TWO SEATS FOR ARTS AND CULTURE.

This requirement to define the seats would be included in both the City Code and Bylaws. Further clarification on defining the seats would require only persons who fill those seats to be appointed and that could leave a vacant seat for a longer period of time. Further comments against defining the seats limits the diversity of the commission but on the other side is that they may not have any one from the arts and culture represented. There is no guarantee but they can self-check and future commissioners will self-check. Call for the vote was issued by Commissioner Hart.

VOTE. (AMENDMENT) NO. ASHMUN, ROEDL, BRANN, ARCHIBALD, HART, LOWNEY.

Motion failed.

VOTE. (MAIN) YES. LOWNEY, HART, ARCHIBALD, BRANN, ROEDL, ASHMUN.

Motion carried.

LOWNEY/HART - MOVED TO RECOMMEND CITY COUNCIL CREATE THE NEW HOMER PARKS, ART, RECREATION AND CULTURE ADVISORY COMMISSION AND TO FURTHER RECOMMEND THAT THE CITY COUNCIL ESTABLISH THE NEW COMMISSION AS OUTLINED BY ORDINANCE 16-XX.

There was a brief discussion on including the one year review in the recommendation and staff noted that this can be included in the bylaws to review after one year since this Ordinance creating the new commission is to be written in code and permanent in nature; that type of task could be reflected in the commission Bylaws to outline requirements of the commission.

VOTE. YES. LOWNEY, HART, ARCHIBALD, BRANN, ASHMUN, ROEDL

Motion carried.

B. Trails Symposium 2016 Review of Final Arrangements and Approval of Funding

Commissioner Lowney apprised the Commission of the event for this year. She distributed a draft advertisement that will be posted tomorrow and requested corrections or additions. They will be holding it at the Islands & Ocean Visitor Center on Tuesday, May 3, 2016 at 5:30 until 7:30 p.m. The goals this year is to identify 1-3 tangible projects that they would like to pursue this year as a community to pursue this year. This will not be done by the city but the community. They have divided the city up into 4 zones. They will have stations set up in regards to the area and people will be able to talk to someone pretty knowledgeable about that particular area.

They will then prioritize those suggestions and will be polling the group similar to the Town Hall meetings. Towards the end each group can share a brief whats happening this year with their group.

They will also be providing networking time the last 15 - 20 minutes or so at the end of the evening.

They are hoping to encourage discussion on maintenance of these trails since they know that it cannot fall into the city's hands. The final thing is how to get motivation to complete smaller projects completed without expecting the City personnel to complete these tasks.

Commissioner Lowney is not sure they will get through this aggressive agenda. She then requested commissioners to bring finger foods and Ms. Engebretsen will coordinate with the city supplying those items such as coffee, filter, cups, plates, napkins, etc. Bunnell Art Gallery is allowing them to go through them for the advertising so there may be a small cost. They are having to pay \$25 per hour for security since it is after hours.

Vice Chair Brann inquired if they require a motion to approve the money.

ASHMUN/ARCHIBALD - MOVED TO BUDGET UP TO \$200.00 EXPENDITURE FOR SUPPORT OF THE TRAILS SYMPOSIUM SCHEDULED FOR MAY 3, 2016.

There was a brief discussion on the event is being hosted and sponsored by the Commission and hoping that the other commissioners will attend. Commissioner Brann will be able to attend the first hour, Commissioner Lowney, Ashmun and Hart will be able to attend. Ms. Engebretsen can assist with setup but will not be staying much longer than that. She confirmed getting the coffee and supplies together for the commissioners.

VOTE. YES. NON-OBJECTION. UNANIMOUS CONSENT.

Motion carried.

C. Beach Policy Review and Revisions Continuation

Ms. Engebretsen noted that she did not work on the appendices and maps. She will have those for the next meeting. She requested the commission to review the areas in the plan noted in her memorandum as follows:

Page 4, Line 74 and Page 12 line 314: Improve Crittenden Access - is this improved enough or what more would the commission like to see. This is steep access with a public trail.

- cut back into the hill to make a long slope or landing stage
 - Some sort of terracing with a resting spot
- parking issues
 - there is no room for parking it is a substandard right of way currently
- garbage cans at the top
 - requests have been received from the community
- installation of doggie bag dispenser

- signage regarding Pedestrian Beach Access and No Parking
 - dangers with ice hazards in the winter
 - rehab the path to reduce the dangerous incline within the path to the beach

page 57, line 97 request City Attorney opinion on seaward property line

- staff explained that this was not the place to answer this question and included the property owner beware declaration

Commission was agreeable to the staff recommendations.

page 60, line 199 regarding reconfiguring a section line easement

- Staff recommended restating acquire a right of way easement, city currently owns the property next door now and it may be better to build a trail along the section line. This property is bordered by Cousins and English Bay who have posted no trespassing signs. This section line is on top of a berm and if it was maintained it would be more accessible. This is a really nice area to have a quiet walk. It is not identified or improved. This area adjoins the Ice Rink so parking would be available. There is a field of mounds and the berm that they were describing was placed there to delineate it from Cousins property.
- People were traversing out there to fish it may be worth identifying
- Issue with no public parking available though

page 60, line 209 Rock Placement at Airport Access Beach access to discourage travel to the west.

- This is not city property could work with DNR and DOT Airports to prevent vehicle access
- Support blocking vehicle access, property owners can still get a permit to address issues with their property

page 61, line 218 Physical inspection conducted by Commissioner Archibald at the request of staff to view private property owners and city property accumulated junk materials.

- Contact private property owners to offer assistance in removing items and get local contractor to donate dumpster - one is amendable.
- Clean-up required on the back side of the barge basin since they have used materials that have created a mess
- on the backside of the Bay Club and behind the Boatyard there is debris that has been dumped and is accumulating
- Removal of abandoned vehicles on government property is a lengthy process and hot button topic
- City beaches are in pretty good shape

Commissioner Ashmun recommended creating a general changes section regarding such things as keeping the area cleaned up, signage, etc. She did not feel that it was necessary to include it in every section.

page 62, line 257, staff recommended removing this since it will not be happening at all or trying to pursue again after 15 years. There was a problem and apparently was never resolved and so apparently it could not be resolved. There are two different things conservation zoning is possible but conservation easement will cost money. Commissioner Lowney requested clarification on the pros and cons to conservation zoning. Staff will provide additional information at the May meeting.

page 63, line 276 Changing the number of zones since most areas are now closed to vehicles with the exception of the small window of time to and renumbering the zones. Commissioner Lowney requested to see the maps with the new zones proposed before approval.

Commissioner Lowney had the following comments, questions or concerns with the Beach Policy:

Page 58, line 127-130 regarding annual health assessment of the beach and impacts.

Would prefer to keep this in the policy but conducted through other agencies or use their materials and or studies as she believes an annual evaluation would be beneficial. There was consensus among the Commissioners. Brief comments were offered with regards to the various agencies that could provide the necessary information.

Staff noted that they can use the Center for Alaska Coastal Studies published document, put on the commission agenda for the October meeting for review.

page 63, line 282 The question on parking at Bishop's Beach, Staff would like to know what the commission would like to recommend.

Vice Chair Brann noted that additional parking would be the goal but not sure what they would do maybe approach the Catholic Church or other commercial parking lots that are not used on the weekends. Discussion ensued on requesting input from the public and further consideration of other options to access the beach if you need to drive your car.

page 64, line 322-324 There is only one vehicle left, a van and it is disintegrating and if there was any way to get equipment or a pickup truck down there and volunteers to remove the larger pieces. Commissioner Ashmun provided some details on the status and condition of the vehicle and noted that the metal is not detrimental to the environment but the plastic and non-biodegradable pieces should be removed. Staff will put some feelers out regarding this issue.

NEW BUSINESS

A. Scoop the Poop

Vice Chair Brann read the title into the record and noted that he brought in a few handouts that he has picked up during in travels and they were being passed around.

Ms. Engebretsen stated that she has requested information and feasibility on additional dispensers and trash cans but has not heard back from Ms. Otteson on that issue. She further noted that the commission requested a public information campaign on picking up after your pet and maybe a flyer can be created and designed and then distributed to parks.

Vice Chair Brann noted that a recommendation to place a dog bag dispenser and kiosk at Karen Hornaday Park and a motion is requested for this action by staff.

Commissioner Lowney was reluctant to make a motion without prior discussion. Vice Chair Brann allowed five minutes for discussion since they were running tight on time.

Commissioner Lowney reported that in consulting with Patricia Boone of Homer Hounds who recommended trash cans every mile on the spit but a minimum of one in the middle and at the base of the Spit. They also requested doggie bag dispensers in 2-3 areas on the Spit. Johnnie B who worked heavily on the Crittenden access has requested trash cans and dispenser there too.

Staff noted that they have \$800 remaining and the dispenser costs \$69 each, she is not sure on the post costs and then supplies. Commissioner Lowney reported that Homer Hounds would donate funds to purchase a few dispensers if the City will stock them. Ms. Engebretsen will double check with Ms. Otteson on the preferred location where Parks Staff can maintain them. Commissioner Lowney requested an additional month to continue work on this issue and the flyer. Commissioner Ashmun recommended that they also move forward on a small flyer to distribute on picking up after your pet would be beneficial.

This issue will be postponed to the May meeting.

Commissioner Archibald asked about the recommendation to place trash can and dispenser near the back field in Karen Hornaday. Vice Chair Brann asked if staff needed a motion. Ms. Engebretsen stated that if the Commission is in consensus that would be great.

Commissioner Lowney commented on signage that was at the local school regarding their fields and she will provide it for the next meeting.

LOWNEY/BRANN - MOVED TO EXTEND THE MEETING NO LONGER THAN 30 MINUTES TO ADDRESS FINAL AGENDA TOPICS.

There was a brief discussion on extending the meeting only 30 minutes or less was preferable.

VOTE. YES. NON-OBJECTION. UNANIMOUS CONSENT.

Motion carried.

B. Comprehensive Plan Update

Ms. Engebretsen provided a summary progress made by the Planning Department on the Comprehensive Plan. She noted the remaining pages related to Parks & Recreation is about three pages which does not leave much for a full chapter so it is being proposed to include under the Public Services and Facilities this is what the city does and would like feedback from the commission.

Commissioners opined the following:

- Nice to have their own chapter, however understand the repetitious nature
- If it can be delineated in the Table of Contents
- Concern that it will diminish the need for a Parks and Recreation Department even if only on paper
- Concern with being lost under the more generalized heading
- Just remove the wish list items and still maintain separate a chapter

Staff noted the following:

- some items can be addressed under Economic Development

Ms. Engebretsen stated the commission can submit comments to her and she is not trying to incorporate new items that have not been listed under the needs assessment and other. Commissioner Lowney stated that she has several comments on items that she would like to see incorporated into how they do business and how the city does business with the commission.

This item will be on the May agenda.

INFORMATIONAL MATERIALS

- A. Commission Annual Calendar 2016
- B. Commissioner Attendance at City Council Meetings 2016
- C. Parks and Recreation Advisory Commission Strategic Plan 2016

Vice Chair Brann noted the informational items and which commissioners were signed up for meetings. He commented that they will have to have additional volunteers for June.

COMMENTS OF THE AUDIENCE

COMMENTS OF THE CITY STAFF

Ms. Engebretsen commented that at the next Council meeting to comment favorably on the placement of the rocks at Bishop's Beach. She feels that it would go a long way. Thanks for the inout there was a lot on the agenda.

Ms. Krause commented that it was a good meeting.

COMMENTS OF THE COUNCILMEMBER *(If one is present)*

COMMENTS OF THE COMMISSION

Commissioner Lowney commented on her disappointment that Mr. Zatz did not attend the meeting tonight and it is one of the processes that really disturbs her since this is a project that has not been put in front of the Commission as she feels it is really important that the Commission weighs in on this subject. She opined that Council should in her opinion put this issue before them.

The Pioneer Avenue revitalization project she is thrilled with that and the process that is taking place, this is going to be incredible. She hopes that the commission engages with that project. She is really sad that they majority of the commission is going to miss the Trails Symposium, she feels that it is going to be a great event and that the information will be hard to rebuild if they are going to miss it; the help that they get from people after the symposium will be greatly appreciated. She inquired about the Non-Motorized Trail Plan needs to be reviewed sometime in the future. She also noted that at 3:20 p.m. every day there are a slew of middle school students that are climbing up on the top of the HERC building.

Commissioner Hart echoed the good meeting appreciation to staff for providing all the education and information. Thank you.

Commissioner Archibald thanked staff and announced that the eastern border of Karen Hornaday Park tomorrow if everything goes well. Staff requested when the survey was completed and the points marked she could have the Public Works Staff come out with equipment so she can make a new map.

Commissioner Roedl thanked everyone it was good meeting.

Commissioner Ashmun asked if they can offer additional comments on the Beach Policy. Staff confirmed it would be on the May meeting agenda with changes so far. Pioneer Avenue Revitalization has also been in conversations with Trails regarding the ability to get around Pioneer Avenue without feeling bodily threatened and that it will facilitate commercial enterprises.

COMMENTS OF THE CHAIR

Commissioner Brann thanked everyone for a good meeting especially Julie and Renee for hanging in there with them. He stated that he is working on the newspaper piece and will be concentrating on the Adopt a Parks program but would also like to introduce the Commission so he requested a short two line statement about each of the commissioners to include; he was going to include a short quiz on how many parks the city has and how they need help with getting things done; Commissioner Brann requested the commissioners email him (or staff) the information and if they don't he will make something up.

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business to come before the Commission, Vice Chair Brann adjourned the meeting at 8:25 p.m. The next **REGULAR MEETING IS SCHEDULED FOR THURSDAY, MAY 19, 2016** at 5:30 p.m. at City Hall Cowles Council Chambers 491 E. Pioneer Avenue, Homer, Alaska.

Renee Krause, CMC, Deputy City Clerk

Approved: _____