

Session 17-08 a Regular Meeting of the ADA Compliance Committee was called to order by Acting Chair Dally at 4:00 p.m. on September 14, 2017 at the City Hall Cowles Council Chambers located at 491 E. Pioneer Avenue, Homer, Alaska.

PRESENT: Donna Aderhold, Joyanna Geisler Linda Munns, Pam Van Hoozer

ABSENT: Tess Dally

STAFF: Melissa Jacobsen, City Clerk/ADA Coordinator

AGENDA APPROVAL

Approved by consensus of the Committee

PUBLIC COMMENTS REGARDING ITEMS ON THE AGENDA

RECONSIDERATION

APPROVAL OF SYNOPSIS

VISITORS

PENDING BUSINESS

- A. ADA Self-Evaluation and Transition Plan
 - a. Report on David Barton's visit
 - b. Building Survey Update
 - c. Tentative Schedule for Transition Plan

City Clerk Jacobsen reviewed the report in the packet on David Barton's visit to Homer. She hasn't received David's report, but will share it when it comes in. They were able to look at a lot of things around the harbor together that she might not have thought of like the RV dump station and access to potable water; and the police station, which was built before the ADA was adopted and few creative interim solutions for that building. Dan Gardner from Public Works got a lot of his questions answered as well. It was interesting spending some time with David as he was able to explain reasons behind some of the requirements and help understand the way a person with disabilities experiences the facilities, clarifying requirements, and offering suggestions on way to make areas compliant.

There was brief discussion about scheduling time to finish the remaining building surveys. No dates were set but Ms. Jacobsen said she would let members know when she's able to confirm Dan's schedule.

NEW BUSINESS

- A. Resolution 17-075(A), A Resolution of the City Council of Homer, Alaska, Committing to Continual Work Towards Becoming a City that is Universally Accessible to All. Lewis.

City Clerk Jacobsen commented about the resolution and the direction included for the ADA Compliance Committee to review the draft Comprehensive Plan and make suggestions as to how to prioritize accessibility in the document. She said Planning is working on a Comprehensive Plan update and she'll talk to the City Planner about this.

The group talked about what the plan is and Ms. Aderhold explained some of the chapters that are included and a few suggestions about including language regarding streets or parks. She added that after the Council adopted the resolution, Debbie Speakman, Executive Director of the Chamber of Commerce, contacted her and David Lewis about presenting on ADA to the Chamber members.

INFORMATIONAL ITEMS

COMMENTS OF THE AUDIENCE

COMMENTS OF STAFF

COMMENTS OF THE COMMITTEE

Ms. Van Hoozer commented she isn't sure how the room is set up it was difficult to hear the meeting on the phone. The group agreed it would be easier to meet upstairs and use the conference phone up there.

Ms. Munn's commented that she's had to be absent lately. She doesn't want to resign from the committee, but doesn't want to create a problem of not having a quorum. There was discussion that her absences haven't created lack of a quorum lately and they can address it if it does become a problem.

ADJOURN

There being no further business to come before the Committee the meeting adjourned at 4:52 p.m. The next regular meeting is scheduled for October 19, 2017 at 4:00 p.m. at the City Hall Cowles Council Chambers located at 491 E. Pioneer Avenue, Homer, Alaska.

MELISSA JACOBSEN, MMC, CITY CLERK

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