

Session 18-02 a Regular Meeting of the ADA Compliance Committee was called to order by Chair Munns at 4:00 p.m. on March 6, 2018 at the City Hall Conference Room located at 491 E. Pioneer Avenue, Homer, Alaska.

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

STAFF: Melissa Jacobsen, City Clerk/ADA Coordinator

## **AGENDA APPROVAL**

The agenda was approved by consensus of the Committee.

## **PUBLIC COMMENTS REGARDING ITEMS ON THE AGENDA**

## **RECONSIDERATION**

## **SYNOPSIS APPROVAL**

A. January 11, 2018 Meeting Synopsis

The meeting synopsis was approved by consensus of the Committee.

## **VISITORS**

## **PENDING BUSINESS**

- A. ADA Self-Evaluation and Transition Plan Update
  - a. Homer Harbor Report from Northwest ADA

The committee discussed the layout of the report and noted areas that were difficult to read and made suggestions regarding headers and columns to make it more reader friendly.

They reviewed the discrepancies that were noted and discussed the challenges with parking and maneuverability on the loose gravel, specifically the automated parking meter at ramp 3. Ms. Dally commented that a lot of the time charter boats will pick up people with disabilities at the launch ramp but it's a very chaotic area and the crosswalks are confusing. The improvements recommended for the area would make it a lot safer for everyone and a covered waiting area would be helpful.

Regarding the Fishing Lagoon, they talked about issues with the tides and winter time ice impacting the accessibility improvements that are there now. One suggestion was to install posts and some type of light penetrating boardwalk on that could go down to the water and potentially be removed in the winter time. It might allow a lot of the sand and gravel to fall through and be easier to maintain. They use those types of surfaces in Soldotna and along the Russian River. Ms. Dally said she's fish there and they work really well. Councilmember

Aderhold suggested there might be grant funding available through Fish and Game or Dingle-Johnson funds.

Other talking points included the recommendation to include fish disposal buckets at the cleaning stations, the Bait Box machine and the surface around it, the doors on the new restrooms, and people parking in accessible parking who don't have a permit.

In discussing next steps, the committee asked this to go to the Harbormaster and the Port and Harbor Commission, and that they have an opportunity to talk to the commission about it. City Clerk Jacobsen said she'd check into getting them scheduled as a visitor at an upcoming meeting.

## **NEW BUSINESS**

## **INFORMATIONAL ITEMS**

- A. Website Accessibility Upgrades Update from Municode Web
- B. ADA National Network/FEMA Webinar "Recovery from the Recent Disasters: Lessons for Disability Planning in Remote Areas"

## **COMMENTS OF THE AUDIENCE**

## **COMMENTS OF STAFF**

## **COMMENTS OF THE COMMITTEE**

Ms. Munns brought up the issue of not being able to get into the high school for events outside of the normal school hours. There was discussion that it's a Borough issue but it needs to be addressed. Ms. Geisler recalled that David Barton did an assessment for the school and we should try to get a copy of it.

Councilmember Aderhold commented about the CARTS meeting. She thought it went well and a diverse group of people attended so a lot of transportation issues for the area were addressed. Ms. Geisler added that the consultants will be reporting back in April and holding a choices forum to look at some different ideas. They continued to discuss the history of CARTS, the funding challenges, and some thoughts on Borough management going forward.

## **ADJOURN**

There being no further business to come before the Committee the meeting adjourned at 5:10 p.m. The next regular meeting is scheduled for April 12, 2018 at 4:00 p.m. at the City Hall Conference Room located at 491 E. Pioneer Avenue, Homer, Alaska.

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MELISSA JACOBSEN, MMC, CITY CLERK

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