

NOTICE OF MEETING REGULAR MEETING

- 1. CALL TO ORDER**
- 2. APPROVAL OF THE AGENDA**
- 3. PUBLIC COMMENTS FOR ITEMS ON THE AGENDA**
- 4. RECONSIDERATION**
- 5. SYNOPSIS APPROVAL**
 - A. March 2, 2017 meeting synopsis
- 6. VISITORS**
- 7. PENDING BUSINESS**
 - A. ADA Self-Evaluation and Transition Plan
 - a. Discussion with Mike Illg, Community Recreation Coordinator Re: Community Recreation Programs and Accessibility
- 8. NEW BUSINESS**
- 9. INFORMATIONAL ITEMS**
- 10. COMMENTS OF THE AUDIENCE**
- 11. COMMENTS OF CITY STAFF**
- 12. COMMENTS OF THE COMMITTEE**
- 13. ADJOURNMENT NEXT REGULAR MEETING IS SCHEDULED for MAY 11, 2017** in the City Hall Cowles Council Chambers located at 491 E. Pioneer Ave, Homer, Alaska.

Session 17-03 a Regular Meeting of the ADA Compliance Committee was called to order by Acting Chair Dally at 4:00 p.m. on February 9, 2017 at the City Hall Cowles Council Chambers located at 491 E. Pioneer Avenue, Homer, Alaska.

PRESENT: Donna Aderhold, Tess Dally, Linda Munns

ABSENT: Patrick Brown

STAFF: Melissa Jacobsen, Deputy City Clerk/ADA Coordinator

AGENDA APPROVAL

Munns/Aderhold moved to approve the agenda.

There was no discussion.

Vote: Non Objection: Unanimous Consent

Motion carried.

PUBLIC COMMENTS REGARDING ITEMS ON THE AGENDA

There were no public comments

RECONSIDERATION

APPROVAL OF SYNOPSIS

A. February 9, 2017 Meeting Synopsis

There was brief discussion that the abbreviation for identification, "id", at the bottom of page 3 should be capitalized.

The committee approved the amended synopsis by consensus.

VISITORS

PENDING BUSINESS

A. ADA Self-Evaluation and Transition Plan
a. Discussion with Library Director Re: Library Accessibility

Library Director Ann Dixon spoke to the committee about three areas at the library that she believes need to be addressed.

1. On the sidewalk along Hazel there is no curb cut or crosswalk
2. The automatic door openers break regularly
3. There is a need for interpreters for the deaf community in the Homer area

Library Director Dixon said the library has a video phone, but does not have programming where signing is available. When there are programs and events it would be valuable to have an interpreter available for those who would benefit from it. It would also be beneficial for city meetings and to assist with the police when needed.

There was discussion that there is one interpreter on the peninsula that is certified and she lives in Sterling. There are people in the Homer area that sign and could interpret, but they are not registered and certified. It was suggested that staff try to find out if there are companies who provide the service and look into preparing a list of interpreters in the area.

Committee members shared their experiences with accessing the library, pointing out that the distance from the handicap parking to the library entrance is significant and creates a barrier for people who use walkers. Another concern is the youth who library use the wheel chair ramp access for their bikes and skateboards.

Library Director Dixon is aware of the issue with the ramp and has been out many times to talk to the kids, but it continues to be a problem. She explained that they chose to have the handicap parking on the same side of the parking lot as the entrance. The problem she sees in having the handicap parking across from the library is the area is a through-fare and there is concern about people crossing the parking lot. She noted that there is a wheel chair in the library that patrons are allowed to use and staff is available to assist people who need to use it. Committee members weren't aware of that and suggested that there be some signage and advertising to let people know that is available.

b. Tentative Survey Schedules

Deputy City Clerk Jacobsen reviewed the schedule in the packet. There was brief discussion of committee member's availability to participate.

NEW BUSINESS

INFORMATIONAL ITEMS

COMMENTS OF THE AUDIENCE

COMMENTS OF STAFF

Deputy City Clerk Jacobsen commented that there is an applicant for the vacant seat on the committee.

COMMENTS OF THE COMMITTEE

Acting Chair Dally commented about the City Council meeting on Monday night, noting that it was "standing room only" and not accessible to attendees with disabilities. It's something that needs to be addressed for future meetings.

ADJOURN

There being no further business to come before the Committee the meeting adjourned at 4:48 p.m. The next regular meeting is scheduled for April 13, 2017 at 4:00 p.m. at the City Hall Cowles Council Chambers located at 491 E. Pioneer Avenue, Homer, Alaska.

MELISSA JACOBSEN, MMC, DEPUTY CITY CLERK

Approved: _____



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Memorandum

TO: ADA Compliance Committee

FROM: Melissa Jacobsen, MMC, Deputy City Clerk, ADA
Coordinator

DATE: April 10, 2017

SUBJECT: Staff Report

I don't have much to report this month. I've scheduled a meeting with the Public Works Superintendent to talk about availability of maintenance staff to participate in the building evaluations. I emailed David Barton with Northwest ADA this morning to look at his availability to come to Homer toward the end of July or sometime in August to work with us on some of the aspects of the evaluation. I hope to have some follow up information at meeting time.

I'm looking forward to attending the National ADA Symposium in Chicago on May 15 – 17. There are many great learning opportunities and I've selected the following sessions:

Day 1

- Reasonable Accommodations
- Web Access for Beginners
- Basic Effective Communication Titles II-IV

Day 2

- Alterations & Additions to Existing Facilities
- Experiencing Disability
- Compliance Issues for Law Enforcement

Day 3

- Self-Evaluation and Transition Plans Parts 1 & 2

