

1. CALL TO ORDER, 5:00 P.M.

Session 23-06 a Regular Meeting of the ADA Advisory Board was called to order by Vice Chair Joyanna Geisler at 5:06 p.m. on August 10, 2023 from the Cowles Council Chambers, City Hall, located at 491 E. Pioneer Avenue, Homer, Alaska and via Zoom webinar.

PRESENT: BOARD MEMBERS GEISLER, LEPLEY, PARSONS, SAFRA, THORSRUD

STAFF: ADA COORDINATOR KRAUSE, DEPUTY CITY CLERK PETTIT

2. AGENDA APPROVAL

PARSONS/SAFRA MOVED TO APPROVE THE AGENDA

There was brief discussion.

VOTE: NON OBJECTION: UNANIMOUS CONSENT

Motion carried.

3. PUBLIC COMMENTS ON ITEMS ALREADY ON THE AGENDA (3 Minute Time limit)

Pat Case, city resident, commented on the lack of auditory signal at the crossing lights on Sterling Highway. Pat noted that there are two crosswalks, and there is no auditory signal at either light, thus they cannot be considered ADA compliant. He also stated that the Poopdeck Trail is in "major need of a redo." He suggested putting that forward as one of the Capital Improvement Plan projects.

Fred Agee, city resident, praised the Board on how well of a job they do.

4. RECONSIDERATION

5. APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES

5. A. Unapproved Meeting Minutes

Unapproved Regular Meeting Minutes for July 13, 2023

LEPLEY/PARSONS MOVED TO APPROVE THE MINUTES.

There was no discussion on the motion to approve the minutes.

VOTE: NON OBJECTION: UNANIMOUS CONSENT

Motion carried.

6. A. Unapproved Meeting Minutes

Unapproved Regular Meeting Minutes for June 8, 2023

LEPLEY/PARSONS MOVED TO APPROVE THE MINUTES AS MODIFIED.

Mr. Parsons thanked the Clerk's office for correcting the section that Pat had mentioned. There was no other discussion.

VOTE: NON OBJECTION: UNANIMOUS CONSENT

Motion carried.

6. VISITORS/PRESENTATIONS

7. STAFF & COUNCIL REPORT(S)/COMMITTEE REPORT(S)

7. A. ADA Coordinator Report ADA 23-018

ADA Coordinator Krause reviewed her report that was included in the packet. Ms. Krause informed the Board that building maintenance at the airport expects to start constructing the new ADA compliant restroom at the airport around September or October. Ms. Krause also noted that the China Poot personal use subsistence fishing was extended. She also let the Board know that trail site audits have been scheduled for next Thursday and Friday to finish, if needed. It was also stated that Board member Sorter turned in her resignation due to a family emergency.

7. B. ADA Advocacy Efforts Report

Board member Safra explained that she is still trying to meet with Brad at the Chamber in regards to an event to help create disability tourism in Homer. She's coordinated with Jan Knudson at the visitor center, but as it is, there's no working title for the event yet. The date will be set for some time in October. The chamber is still trying to decide whether it will be a luncheon or an evening mixer. Ms. Knudson has suggested the community church be the location for the event due to the fact that it's accessible. The goal of the event is to promote disability tourism in Homer, to create a section of the Homer Visitor's Guide for accessible businesses, and to also make businesses more accessible at an affordable cost. Ms. Safra also noted that Maggie Winston with the ILC will be giving a presentation about ableism.

There was brief discussion clarifying event details.

Board member Parsons issued a report on the ILC barbeque on July 26th. More than 50 people attended to enjoy lawn games and food. A highlight from the event was Pat Case leading about 20 people on a walk that went down the All Persons Trail. Pat then guided the group down Hazel Street to near the library where it crosses to the post office. There, the group had a long discussion about all the ADA absent or missing curb ramps, and how that affects people of all ages and abilities. Mr. Parsons noted that he's received word that Jan Keiser has asked engineering to take a critical look at

putting in a crosswalk and at least make a sharp right turn to reduce vehicular speed. Mr. Parsons stated that it was a fantastic advocacy event that led to direct action very quickly.

There was brief discussion.

8. PUBLIC HEARING(S)

9. PENDING BUSINESS

9. A. ADA Advisory Board Strategic Plan and Goals Draft v4 – Review and Approve
Memorandum ADA 23-019

ADA Coordinator Krause noted that Chair Aderhold didn't recommend any further changes on the Strategic Plan, and opened the floor to anyone who had any changes or amendments to offer.

PARSONS/LEPLEY MOVED TO ADOPT THE STRATEGIC PLANS AND GOALS AND FORWARD TO CITY COUNCIL FOR APPROVAL

There was brief discussion from a few of the members thanking Ms. Krause for the changes that she had made. Board member Thorsrud inquired with Ms. Krause about how long it would ideally take to implement these changes. Ms. Krause informed Ms. Thorsrud that Title 21 will be re-written within the next six months or so. She added that the City is hoping to have draft building code within the next year or two.

VOTE: NON OBJECTION: UNANIMOUS CONSENT

Motion carried.

9. B. ADA Transition Plan for Facilities Update – Review and Adopt
Memorandum ADA 23-020

ADA Coordinator Krause stated that Board member Aderhold has requested that the memorandum be forwarded to all commissions and the Library Advisory Board once approved by the Board and City Council. Ms. Aderhold also suggested to leave the group as a "Compliance Committee" in the first sentence under Self-Evaluation Process, or alternatively use the words "Advisory Board." Ms. Aderhold noted under the load and launch ramp to add in "Harbor" to designate where it's at. The last suggestion was to delete the "and" and capitalize the "T" to make it a sentence in the section that reads "and this building." Ms. Aderhold added another comment that the HERC 2 is "unoccupied and slated for demolition" rather than "used by Public Works Maintenance Staff."

Board member Thorsrud asked for clarification whether ADA issues for employees are covered separately. Ms. Krause informed her that was correct, they're similar but dependent upon what accommodations are necessary for the employees.

Vice Chair Geisler asked if the issue of training would be under “Implementation of the Training Plan.” Ms. Krause voiced that would be a good spot for it.

Mr. Parsons asked about 2019-2020 being struck through under “Baycrest Overlook” and whether that inferred that those dates were going to go away or that portions of it had been completed. Ms. Krause confirmed that portions of it had been completed, and that the completion of it was scheduled for this year. She reassured Mr. Parsons that the dates won’t be removed for historical purposes.

There were no further recommendations or questions.

PARSONS/LEPLEY MOVED TO ADOPT THE UPDATED FACILITIES TRANSITION PLAN AND FORWARD TO CITY COUNCIL FOR APPROVAL.

There was no discussion.

VOTE: NON OBJECTION: UNANIMOUS CONSENT

Motion carried.

9. C. ADA Transition Plan for Parks, Play Areas & Campgrounds – Review and Adopt
Memorandum ADA 23-021

ADA Coordinator Krause proposed either postponing the matter to the October Regular Meeting or approving the memo with the ranking and the timeline dates. Mr. Parsons added that he would prefer the group wait in order to see what the rankings are and what the timeline is looking like. Ms. Krause noted that doing so will hold the Facilities Transition Plan due to the fact that she would like to present them together.

Ms. Krause then reviewed the recommendations from Ms. Aderhold. Ms. Geisler suggested to insert “remove the barrier” in line 154 and strike out “make is accessible.” Ms. Krause then reviewed the insertion of “and” before “developed” in line 160. Ms. Aderhold then suggested putting a space between lines 163 and 164, lines 167 and 168, and lines 178 and 179 to help delineate the paragraphs.

There was further discussion for some clarifications.

Mr. Parsons made a comment about universally designed picnic tables, Ms. Krause said she could address it and put in on the next agenda.

SAFRA/PARSONS MOVED TO POSTPONE THE ADA TRANSITION PLAN FOR PARKS, PLAY AREAS AND CAMPGROUNDS UNTIL THE BOARD RECEIVES THE REPORT.

There was no discussion.

VOTE: NON OBJECT: UNANIMOUS CONSENT

Motion carried.

9. D. City of Homer Draft 2024-2029 Capital Improvement Plan
Memorandum from Special Projects & Communications Coordinator

Vice Chair Geisler introduced the item by reading the title and then the group discussed which projects each individual felt should receive the highest priority.

PARSONS/LEPLEY MOVED TO ASSIGN KAREN HORNADAY PARK PUBLIC RESTROOMS AS THE BOARD'S FIRST RECOMMENDATION, A COMBINATION OF REMOVING PARKING AND PAVEMENT ACCESSIBILITY BARRIERS AT CITY FACILITIES AND THE CITY HALL PARKING IMPROVEMENT AS THE BOARD'S SECOND RECOMMENDATION, AND THE FISHING LAGOON ACCESSIBILITY RAMP AND PLATFORM AS THE BOARD'S THIRD RECOMMENDATION.

There was no discussion.

VOTE: NON OBJECT: UNANIMOUS CONSENT

Motion carried.

There was brief discussion related to adding a barrier removal project at the library parking lot to the Capital Improvement Plan.

PARSONS/LEPLEY MOVED TO RECOMMEND INCLUSION OF THE REGRADE AND REPAVE HOMER PUBLIC LIBRARY PARKING IN THE CAPITAL IMPROVEMENT PLAN.

There was no discussion.

VOTE: NON OBJECT: UNANIMOUS CONSENT

Motion carried.

10. NEW BUSINESS

11. INFORMATIONAL MATERIALS

11. A. ADA Board Annual Calendar 2023

Mr. Lepley agreed to present at the next City Council Meeting on August 14, 2023.

PARSONS/LEPLEY MOVED TO HAVE A SPECIAL MEETING FOR THE ADA ADVISORY BOARD ON SEPTEMBER 7TH AT 5:00PM.

There was brief discussion.

VOTE: NON OBJECT: UNANIMOUS CONSENT

Motion carried.

- 11. B. City Manager's Report
CM Report for July 24, 2023 City Council Meeting
- 11. C. City Newsletter 2023
August Newsletter
- 11. D. Disaster Resilience Tool Kit

12. COMMENTS OF THE AUDIENCE

Pat Case, city resident, suggested that someone follow in regards to the public funding for the Fishing Hole that was on the Capital Improvement Plan last year. He also relayed some complaints to the Board about the dirt and lipping that is occurring on the Beluga Slough Trail, and how this presents a hazard for those using the trail.

13. COMMENTS OF THE STAFF

ADA Coordinator Krause addressed the comment from Mr. Case in regards to the funding for the Fishing Hole. She stated the Public Works looked into the funding and that three different designs were presented for the Fishing Hole. The City is now in the process of trying to work with the State and Fish & Game in hopes of receiving some federal grants and funding.

14. COMMENTS OF THE MAYOR/COUNCIL MEMBER (If Present)

14. COMMENTS OF THE BOARD

Board Member Thorsrud addressed Mr. Case in regards to the front Pioneer Avenue entrance to the University of Alaska Anchorage/Kenai Peninsula College. Maintenance with the college assured the Board that the school will need to get involved if anything is going to be done. Additionally, maintenance noted that the doors aren't designed for ADA compliance. Ms. Thorsrud thanked the Board, audience, and staff for a good meeting.

Board Member Safra thanked the Board and the staff, as well as thanking Pat Case for always attending meetings and providing his input.

Board Member Parsons thanked the Board, staff, and audience for a good meeting.

Vice Chair Geisler thanked everyone for a good meeting.

15. ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business to come before the Board, Vice Chair Geisler adjourned the meeting at 6:55 p.m. There will be a special meeting on September 7, 2023 at 5:00 p.m., and the next regular meeting is Thursday, October 12, 2023 at 5:00 p.m. All meetings are scheduled to be held in City Hall Cowles Council Chambers located at 491 E. Pioneer Avenue, Homer, Alaska, 99603 and via Zoom webinar.



Zach Pettit, Deputy City Clerk I

Approved: Sept. 7, 2023