

Session 19-05 a Regular Meeting of the ADA Compliance Committee was called to order by Acting Chair Dally at 4:00 p.m. on July 11, 2019 at the City Hall Conference Room located at 491 E. Pioneer Avenue, Homer, Alaska.

PRESENT: TESS DALLY, JOYANNA GEISLER, DONNA ADERHOLD

TELECONFERENCE: LINDA MUNNS

ABSENT: PAM VAN HOOZER

STAFF: MELISSA JACOBSEN, CITY CLERK/ADA COORDINATOR
RACHEL TUSSEY, DEPUTY CITY CLERK

APPROVAL OF AGENDA

The agenda was approved by consensus of the Committee.

PUBLIC COMMENTS REGARDING ITEMS ON THE AGENDA

RECONSIDERATION

SYNOPSIS APPROVAL

A. April 11, 2019 Meeting Synopsis

The April 11, 2019 meeting synopsis was approved by consensus of the Committee.

B. June 13, 2019 Meeting Synopsis

The June 13, 2019 meeting synopsis was approved by consensus of the Committee.

VISITORS

PENDING BUSINESS

- A. Capital Improvement Plan 2020-2025
 - i. Memo from City Clerk Jacobsen Re: CIP Project Suggestions
 - ii. Memo from City Clerk Jacobsen Re: Klondike Alley - Proposed CIP Project
 - iii. CIP Information Sheet
 - iv. CIP Project Nomination Form

City Clerk Jacobsen provided a recap of what was discussed at the last committee meeting, and of Special Projects and Communications Coordinator Carroll's presentation on the Capital Improvement Plan. Ms. Jacobsen presented her memo that listed project suggestions for the committee to discuss and consider nominating for the 2020-2025 CIP list.

Discussion ensued on the pavement, parking, and entrance issues. The committee supported the idea of combining all the paving/parking accessibility issues, since it would be cost-saving when hiring a contractor to come in and complete it all in one project, and prioritizing the locations (e.g. #1 City Hall, #2 the library, etc.)

ADERHOLD/GEISLER MOVED TO NOMINATE THE PAVEMENT, PARKING AND ENTRANCE ACCESSIBILITY IMPROVEMENT PROJECT TO THE CIP LIST.

Committee member Geisler confirmed with Committee member Aderhold the priority organization of the City facilities. There was brief discussion on paving projects in general, accessibility at other buildings in the community, and the upcoming reconstruction of Pioneer Avenue.

VOTE: NON-OBJECTION: UNANIMOUS CONSENT.

Motion carried.

The committee discussed having a public restroom improvement project that could include remodeling current City restrooms that don't meet ADA requirements and rebuilding others that were built before the ADA, such as the Karen Hornaday Park bathroom. Staff and the committee clarified that this project would focus on the inside of the restrooms, not the outside accessibility/parking issues. There was discussion on which City restrooms would be included and how staff could get cost estimates for CIP nominations.

ADERHOLD/GEISLER MOVED TO NOMINATE THE CITY PUBLIC RESTROOMS IMPROVEMENT PROJECT TO THE CIP LIST.

There was no further discussion.

VOTE: NON-OBJECTION: UNANIMOUS CONSENT.

Motion carried.

Committee member Aderhold shared her thoughts on City Hall access improvements being its own project, but with a caveat that if the ADA compliance issues are not addressed in other improvement projects that it remain as its own stand-alone CIP project. There was discussion on other City Hall compliance issues that weren't parking/entrance or restroom related, and how the project could be listed as a construction phase in the CIP and later revised if some of the accessibility issues are resolved.

ADERHOLD/GEISLER MOVED TO NOMINATE THE CITY HALL ACCESS IMPROVEMENT PROJECT TO THE CIP LIST.

There was no further discussion.

VOTE: NON-OBJECTION: UNANIMOUS CONSENT.

Motion carried.

The committee discussed accessibility issues at the Public Library, noting that majority of the issues are parking lot/curb related. Committee member Aderhold opined that it would be best to have a parking design phase first before the improvements were included in a City-wide pavement, parking, and entrance project.

ADERHOLD/DALLY MOVED TO NOMINATE THE LIBRARY ACCESS IMPROVEMENT PROJECT TO THE CIP LIST IN TWO PHASES: PARKING LOT DESIGN PHASE AND CONSTRUCTION/PAVING PHASE.

There was no further discussion.

VOTE: NON-OBJECTION: UNANIMOUS CONSENT.

Motion carried.

Committee members addressed the accessibility issues at the Nick Dudiak Fishing Lagoon, noting that there isn't much they can do at this time since it is a state facility. The committee discussed possible options and agreed to review the subject again at a later time.

The committee brought up the concept of a Parks and Trails Accessibility project from a previous discussion and how it could be done in different phases as a stand-alone project separate from the recent Transition Plan.

ADERHOLD/MUNNS MOVED TO NOMINATE THE PARKS AND TRAIL ACCESSIBILITY PROJECT TO THE CIP LIST IN TWO PHASES: PARKS AND TRAIL TRANSITION PLAN PHASE AND DESIGN/CONSTRUCTION PHASE.

There was no further discussion.

VOTE: NON-OBJECTION: UNANIMOUS CONSENT.

Motion carried.

The committee discussed issues at the Homer Airport and shared personal experiences with lack of accessibility in the building. There was discussion on what type and the number of improvements that are needed to bring the whole building into compliance, including the parking and restrooms.

Staff and the committee discussed clarifications on if public restroom improvements were for the stand-alone restrooms only, or also included fixing the compliance issues in the public restrooms within buildings. The committee agreed that similar issues (such as moving stalls or dispensers) in building restrooms could be included in the overall City Public Restroom Improvement project. Any issues addressed beforehand, such as in the City Hall or Library Access projects, would then just not be included in the public restroom project since they would be already completed.

ADERHOLD/MUNNS MOVED TO NOMINATE THE AIRPORT BUILDING ACCESSIBILITY IMPROVEMENT PROJECT TO THE CIP LIST.

There was no further discussion.

VOTE: NON-OBJECTION: UNANIMOUS CONSENT.

Motion carried.

Acting Chair Dally introduced the Klondike Alley Trail improvement project and recapped Wayne Aderhold's presentation at their last meeting. City Clerk Jacobsen agreed to follow up with PARCAC staff to see if that commission is planning to make a nomination for the Klondike Alley trail improvement project. The committee agreed to not take action until staff confirmed.

NEW BUSINESS

INFORMATIONAL ITEMS

COMMENTS OF THE AUDIENCE

COMMENTS OF STAFF

City Clerk Jacobsen noted that Port Director/Harbormaster Hawkins has requested to be a visitor at the next ADA Compliance Committee meeting to discuss signage in the harbor. There was brief discussion on handicap accessible signage and ramps in the harbor.

Deputy City Clerk Tussey had no comments.

COMMENTS OF THE COMMITTEE

Committee members had no further comments.

ADJOURN

There being no further business to come before the Committee the meeting adjourned at 4:58 p.m. The next regular meeting is scheduled for August 15, 2019 at 4:00 p.m. in the City Hall Conference Room located at 491 E. Pioneer Avenue, Homer, Alaska.

RACHEL TUSSEY, DEPUTY CITY CLERK I

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