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AGENDA

Comprehensive Plan Steering Committee

Friday, May 17, 2024 at 9:00 AM

City Hall Cowles Council Chambers In-Person & Via Zoom Webinar

Zoom Webinar ID: 971 1030 8124 Password: 151329

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CALL TO ORDER, 9:00 A.M.

AGENDA APPROVAL

PUBLIC COMMENTS UPON MATTERS ALREADY ON THE AGENDA (3 minute limit)

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

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NEW BUSINESS

- A. Community Visit #2 – Debrief
- B. Discuss FAQ Section for Project Website
- C. Discuss Steering Committee Meeting Schedule

INFORMATIONAL MATERIALS

COMMENTS OF THE AUDIENCE (3 minute limit)

COMMENTS OF CITY STAFF

COMMENTS OF THE TASK FORCE

ADJOURNMENT

CALL TO ORDER

Session 24-06 a Regular Meeting of the Comprehensive Plan Steering Committee was called to order by Acting Chair Shelly Erickson at 3:30 p.m. on May 6, 2024 at the City Hall Cowles Council Chambers located at 491 E. Pioneer Avenue, Homer, Alaska and via Zoom Webinar.

PRESENT: COMMITTEE MEMBERS BARNWELL, DAVIS, ERICKSON,

ABSENT: COMMITTEE MEMBER CARSSOW

STAFF: CITY PLANNER FOSTER
INTERIM CITY MANAGER/CITY CLERK JACOBSEN

CONSULTANTS: SHELLY WADE, AGNEW::BECK

AGENDA APPROVAL

Acting Chair Erickson announced the supplemental item, a flyer for the event at Alice’s Champagne Palace.

BARNWELL/DAVIS MOVED TO APPROVE THE AGENDA.

There was no discussion.

VOTE: NON OBJECTION: UNANIMOUS CONSENT

Motion carried.

PUBLIC COMMENTS UPON MATTERS ALREADY ON THE AGENDA

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

A. Steering Committee Meeting Minutes of April 17, 2024

BARNWELL/DAVIS MOVED TO APPROVE THE MINUTES.

There was no discussion.

VOTE: NON OBJECTION: UNANIMOUS CONSENT

Motion carried.

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PENDING BUSINESS

A. Community Visit #2 & Steering Committee Opportunities & Roles

Shelly Wade reviewed the updated schedule for the May 13 through 17 community visit #2. This event will share results from last visit in April and start developing the community snapshot and emerging themes and policies. The week’s schedule includes attending meetings with City Council, Economic Development Advisory Commission, Planning Commission, and Parks Art

Recreation and Culture Advisory Commission, open meeting times at the Homer Public Library, an event at Alice's Champagne Palace, and additional meeting with community partners.

- B. Public Participation Plan Refresher – key activities and update on more recent engagement activities – interviews, survey, etc.

Ms. Wade reported there have been over 100 responses to the survey in the first week. Members shared that the business cards with the QR code have been great for handing out to citizens, and they discussed having them available for Council Members and Commissioners to get some at their meetings to have in their pockets to hand out when they're out an about.

The Task Force confirmed their next meeting Friday May 17th for a visit 2 debrief, and agreed to cancel the May 20th meeting. They will discuss future meeting scheduling on the 17th.

NEW BUSINESS

INFORMATIONAL MATERIALS

- A. Comprehensive Plan Rewrite – Flyer for Event at Alice's Champagne Palace

COMMENTS OF THE AUDIENCE

Mayor Castner commented the Commissions meet in May and it's important that they have a deadline in June to get their weighted recommendations to the consultants. Regarding growth, his interpretation of growth is geared toward population as people notice crowding. He'd be happy to record a public service announcement as the Mayor promoting this process. He noted the Comp Plan is broad strokes and the minutia comes later through policies from Council. He introduced Avram Salzman in the audience, and emphasized the important role of the Steering Committee in this Comp Plan process.

Jan Keiser, city resident, commented as the Homer Soil and Water Conservation Districts designee to follow along and report back to the District and help facilitate decision making. They expect to have some recommendation from the Board sometime within the next few months. She's interested in getting the Meeting in a Box information to help with the conversation. She reported the Guiding Growth Group will be hosting an energy conversation, May 22nd at 5:30 p.m. as part of the Comp Plan Book Club meeting, and invited Agnew::Beck to attend.

COMMENTS OF CITY STAFF

There were no comments from staff.

COMMENTS OF THE TASK FORCE

Member Davis had no comments.

Member Barnwell commented about the importance of clarifying the difference between the Comprehensive Plan and Zoning Code as some find it confusing.

Acting Chair Erickson commented she's enjoying engaging with people about the Comp Plan and hearing about what they're thinking.

ADJOURN

There being no further business to come before the Task Force Acting Chair Erickson adjourned the meeting at 4:18 p.m. The next Regular Meeting is scheduled for **Friday, May 17, 2024 at 9:00 a.m.** All meetings scheduled to be held via Zoom Webinar and in person in the City Hall Cowles Council Chambers located at 491 E. Pioneer Avenue, Homer, Alaska.

Melissa Jacobsen, Interim City Manager/City Clerk

Approved:_____