

Session 19-02 a Regular Meeting of the ADA Compliance Committee was called to order by Acting Chair Dally at 4:00 p.m. on March 14, 2019 at the City Hall Conference Room located at 491 E. Pioneer Avenue, Homer, Alaska.

PRESENT: TESS DALLY, JOYANNA GEISLER

TELECONFERENCE: LINDA MUNNS, DONNA ADERHOLD, AND PAM VAN HOOZER

STAFF: MELISSA JACOBSEN, CITY CLERK
RACHEL TUSSEY, DEPUTY CITY CLERK

APPROVAL OF AGENDA

GEISLER/VAN HOOZER MOVED TO APPROVE THE AGENDA.

There was no discussion.

VOTE: NON OBJECTION: UNANIMOUS CONSENT.

Motion carried.

PUBLIC COMMENTS REGARDING ITEMS ON THE AGENDA

RECONSIDERATION

SYNOPSIS APPROVAL

A. March 14, 2019 Meeting Synopsis

GEISLER/MUNNS MOVED TO APPROVE THE MEETING SYNOPSIS.

There was no discussion.

VOTE: NON OBJECTION: UNANIMOUS CONSENT.

Motion carried.

VISITORS

Acting Chair Dally noted there would be visitors later in the meeting.

PENDING BUSINESS

A. ADA Self-Evaluation and Transition Plan Update

Deputy City Clerk Tussey provided a brief update on the plan revisions she made, and upcoming meetings she had with Dan Gardner, Public Works Superintendent and Aaron Glidden, Port Maintenance Supervisor, to go over timeline designations. The committee discussed items from the draft plan and follow-up topics, specifically:

- The blank column pertaining to the committee's recommendation to Council,
- Information regarding who is responsible for airport improvements,
- Costs to replace the grating outside the upper City Hall entrance and the possibility of using alternative materials that could be sourced from local businesses,
- Consensus/concerns regarding the timeline definitions used and gathering timeline information from City staff,
- How issues have been organized: recurring, completed, N/A, or need to be prioritized by staff,
- Concerns on "routine building maintenance" not being listed properly in City policy,
- Having an introduction narrative, what should be included in it, and providing a list of points to Committee Member Aderhold to prepare a draft.

VISITORS

The committee agreed to return to Visitors to allow a person from the public to share an ADA compliance-related project he's been working on.

Raiden Skorski-O'donnell, 6th grade student at McNeil Canyon Elementary, presented to the committee a science fair project he has been working on that focuses on accessibility at local businesses for people with disabilities or use wheelchairs. The committee discussed the project with Mr. Skorski-O'donnell and suggested he present his findings to City Council at a future meeting. They thanked him for his presentation.

NEW BUSINESS

A. TITLE III ADA Exemptions Applied to Religious Entities that Serve the City Residents

Acting Chair Dally read the title, noting that it may be a moot point if City Council is no longer going to provide monies to the non-profit that it was in regards to. City Clerk Jacobsen confirmed that the resolution failed. There was brief discussion on how State/City funding to religious entities prompts Title III, requiring ADA accessibility in religious facilities.

INFORMATIONAL ITEMS

A. Election Stakeholder's Group Update – Verbal Report by Committee Members Aderhold and Geisler

Committee Member Geisler provided a brief update on the on-going efforts of the Election Stakeholder's Group, which also includes Committee Member Aderhold and City Clerk Jacobsen, to improve voting accessibility in the Kenai Peninsula Borough. The committee discussed the existing voting process and the possible outcomes of the group's work.

COMMENTS OF THE AUDIENCE

Tela Bacher, Recreation Organizer for Independent Living Center Trails Program, commented on the ADA Self-Evaluation and Transition Plan draft. She shared her support for many of the improvements being recommended, especially to the public restrooms, and hopes they could be completed this summer rather than next year.

The committee briefly discussed when they intend to submit their final plan to City Council for approval, and how it could mean many improvements being completed this summer. Ms. Bacher also shared what the Independent Living Center Trails Program is.

COMMENTS OF STAFF

COMMENTS OF THE COMMITTEE

Committee Member Geisler noted the work the committee has to do and their pending deadlines. There was brief discussion on final plan completion dates.

ADJOURN

There being no further business to come before the Committee the meeting adjourned at 5:01 p.m. The next regular meeting is scheduled for May 9, 2019 at 4:00 p.m. at the City Hall Conference Room located at 491 E. Pioneer Avenue, Homer, Alaska.

RACHEL TUSSEY, DEPUTY CITY CLERK I

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