

NOTICE OF MEETING REGULAR MEETING

- 1. CALL TO ORDER**
- 2. APPROVAL OF THE AGENDA**
- 3. PUBLIC COMMENTS REGARDING ITEMS ON THE AGENDA**
- 4. RECONSIDERATION**
- 5. SYNOPSIS APPROVAL**
 - A. May12, 2016 meeting synopsis **Page 5**
- 6. VISITORS**
- 7. PENDING BUSINESS**
 - A. Self-Evaluation and Transition Plan Update
- 8. NEW BUSINESS**
 - A. Review of City properties and prioritizing which could be evaluated or improved without much difficulty or expense **Page 7**
- 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 July 14, 2016 in the City Hall Cowles Council Chambers located at 491 E. Pioneer Ave, Homer, Alaska.

ADA Compliance Committee
May 12, 2016

1. Rick Malley, Committee Chair called to order
-He provided all attending members State of Alaska
ADA Grievance Procedure. (6 AAC 65.010-65.990)
2. The agenda was approved
3. No public comments regarding the agenda.
4. Reconsideration, accepted
5. Synopsis of April 14th meeting was approved.
6. We had two visitors attending.
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7. Pending business;
 - A.)Council member Aderhold made several suggestions regarding consistency of language in the ADA Grievance Procedure and ADA Grievance Form. He committee motioned and approved the procedure and form to go to the council for approval.
 - B.)Regarding Self evaluation and transitional plan, Melissa identified a grant from the Mental Health Trust for 10,000.00 to fund an outside party to begin the assessment process.

Council member Aderhold identified a grant for urban areas applicable to the city of Homer up to 20,000.00 that may be helpful in developing accessible alternative trails in the community.

8. New Business

A. ADA Public Notice

Melissa did a great job!

B. Special Events

Melissa followed up on the complaint from the visitor from last month who stated that her son was unable to attend a City event that lacked accessibility. Special events will be required to comply with the ADA public notice.

C. Rick provided the name and contact information of a certified interpreter for deaf and hearing impaired.

9. Comments from the Audience

Elka Ortega and her daughter

-Ms. Ortega stated that she had several concerns regarding accessibility in the City of Homer. Some of her concerns were regarding private businesses as well as City buildings. She asked "What will make them comply?" Melissa explained the grievance procedure

for City buildings and Rick identified community resources available to address her concerns. These resources include the Human Rights Commission, Department of Justice, and the Disability Law Center.

Ms. Ortega request that the door at City Hall be converted to an automatic door. Melissa stated that accommodations are being are arranged.

10. No comment from City Staff.

11. Comments from the committee

Rick shared information about State and local Government activities that are taking place to ensure accessibility during emergency. He has been working with FEMA and the Emergency Committee of Soldotna For Disability.

June 10th is a training for emergency training and people with disabilities.

Tess and Rick talked about the lack of a cross walk at the spit trail.

Council member Aderhold identified the “step in” matching grant. DOT, alternative transportation keeping in mind for crosswalks, sidewalks, and accessible trail systems.

Adjourn



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Memorandum

TO: ADA COMPLIANCE COMMITTEE

FROM: MELISSA JACOBSEN, CMC, DEPUTY CITY CLERK

DATE: JUNE 2, 2016

SUBJECT: REVIEW OF CITY PROPERTIES

In an effort to keep some momentum going on the evaluation of City properties, Chair Malley suggested the Committee review and prioritize properties that could be evaluated or improved without much difficulty or expense.

Deputy City Planner Engebretsen will have a large map printed for us by meeting time that will show the City's developed parks and trails.

City buildings include City Hall, the Library, the Harbor Office, Public Works, the Police and Fire Stations, and the HERC (Homer Education and Recreation Center aka the Old Middle School). There is also the Skyline Drive Fire Station and the Water Treatment Plant, but those are buildings that aren't normally accessed by the general public.

The harbor facility is another area to be considered. It was brought to my attention that the ADA fishing area at the Fishing Lagoon is missing

signage and needs blue paint again to clearly identify the area and I have advised the Parks Maintenance Coordinator of that deficiency.

I checked with the staff at the Harbor office for more information about access at the ramps and was told the Load and Launch Ramp has a paved area at top that allows access onto the dock, thereby gaining access to the boat. The best gangway ramp to use would be Ramp 3 since it's newer, longer, and less steep even during lower tides. During extreme low tides, it is recommended a boat meet the person at the Load and Launch Ramp.