

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.

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