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Memorandum

TO: Mayor Castner and Homer City Council
FROM: Rob Dumouchel, City Manager
DATE: September 22, 2022
SUBJECT: City Manager's Report for September 26, 2022 Council Meeting

Main Street Sidewalk Construction

There is now a concrete curb laid all the way up Main Street! Expect to see paving in the near future as the project works its way towards a conclusion.



Master Transportation Plan Update

Work continues on the Master Transportation Plan (MTP). Economic Development Manager Julie Engebretsen and Public Works Director Jan Keiser made a presentation to the Homer Drawdown group on September 22nd about the MTP and how non-motorized transportation will be addressed. Drawdown and City staff are also planning for the Trails Symposium which is scheduled for October 1st at Kenai Peninsula College's Kachemak Bay Campus. Public input collected at the Trails Symposium will be incorporated into the non-motorized transportation element of the MTP. Additionally, Kinney Engineers, the MTP consultant, will be conducting a mini-neighborhood traffic study of the Ohlson/Bunnell (Old Town) neighborhood, to help inform the engineering of the pavement restoration project.

Red Cross Visit

Bridget Vivoda, a Red Cross Disaster Program Manager for Anchorage and the Kenai Peninsula, met with Fire Chief Mark Kirko, Special Projects Coordinator Jenny Carroll, Assistant to the City Manager Christine Drais,

and myself to discuss Red Cross programs and opportunities for partnership. We are tentatively looking at an emergency shelter training opportunity to be held in spring of 2023.

Chamber of Commerce

Economic Development Manager Julie Engebretsen and I met with Chamber Executive Director Brad Anderson and two Chamber Board members to discuss ways the City and the Chamber can better partner in the coming years. We have an upcoming opportunity to update our agreement with the Chamber, and this was a great opportunity for each party to learn more about how we expect our organizations to grow and change into the future.

Seldovia Visit

I made my way to Seldovia to meet with leadership from the City and Seldovia Village Tribe. I spent an afternoon with Seldovia City Manager Rachel Friedlander, Seldovia Mayor Jeramiah Campbell, and President/CEO of the Seldovia Village Tribe Crystal Collier. We discussed visions for the future of Homer and Seldovia. We also looked for various ways that we can continue to partner together to create regional benefits.

Cosmic Hamlet Pickleball Tournament

Homer Community Recreation hosted a 3 day competitive pickleball tournament over Labor Day weekend. This inaugural event attracted 56 players from Alaska, 2 from Hawaii, 1 from Arkansas and 1 from Canada for a total of 60 people. The event ran very smoothly with a volunteer team including Lin Reid, Janie Leask, Christopher Mullikin and Recreation Manager Mike Illg. The general feedback from the participants was very positive with the exception of only having the ability to play on 3 pickleball courts inside the HERC gym without any space for participants and spectators to watch nor was there much room for eating, bags, socializing etc. We are looking forward to offering this again in the years to come.



Short Term Rentals – Work Session in October

The special projects team will be presenting at the next scheduled work session in October on short term rentals (STRs). They made stops at the Economic Development Commission and Chamber of Commerce in the last couple weeks to preview the concept with important stakeholders. We anticipate a follow up work session will be held to work on potential solutions later in October.

Enclosures:

1. September Employee Anniversaries
2. Flyer for non-motorized transportation symposium



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TO: MAYOR CASTNER AND CITY COUNCIL
FROM: Andrea Browning
DATE: September 26, 2022
SUBJECT: September Employee Anniversaries

I would like to take the time to thank the following employees for the dedication, commitment and service they have provided the City and taxpayers of Homer over the years.

Aaron Glidden	Port	18	Years
Ryan Browning	Police	12	Years
Nick Poolos	Admin	12	Years
Tracie Whitaker	Police	8	Years
Lisa Linegar	Police	7	Years
Jakob Richter	Fire	3	Years
Charles Benson	Police	1	Year
Andrew Cranley	Public Works	1	Year
Samantha Cunningham	Fire	1	Year
Jedidia Gautier	Port	1	Year

HOMER PATHWAYS FORWARD: NON-MOTORIZED TRANSPORTATION SYMPOSIUM

Come learn about and give community feedback towards a safe, walkable, bikeable, and trail friendly community.



LOCATION: Kachemak Bay Campus

DATE: Saturday October 1st 1 - 4pm.

JOIN HOMER DRAWDOWN AND THE CITY OF HOMER TO HELP DEVELOP A VISION FOR A SAFE WALKABLE, BIKEABLE, TRAIL FRIENDLY COMMUNITY

- Learn about People-Oriented Transportation efforts
- Comment on current walk/bike/trail infrastructure and future desires
- Make recommendations for the 2022 Homer Transportation Plan

Snacks and Beverages Provided

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