

Report for ADA Advisory Board for City Council **July 11, 2024.**

(Council member Venuti)

Chris Thorsrud, the chair, called the meeting to order. There was a full Advisory Board present.

Under public comments, resident Pat Case mentioned that a State Transportation group going to be in Homer on the 24<sup>th</sup>. He was planning to talk to them about the crosswalk needed from the library to the Post office and the crosswalk across East End Road for the SVT Clinic and Food Pantry.

New Business was addressed prior to Pending Business, as Jenny Carroll was present at the meeting to present the City's draft 2025-30 CIP for review and consideration. She provided the background and what action was needed from the ADA Advisory Board. She answered questions and asked that three projects be recommended to the City Council. It was decided that the recommendations would be finalized at this meeting, and Renee would give them to Jenny Carroll. The three projects selected last year were brought forth. It was good news to see that the Hornaday Park Public Restroom Facility was underway. It was decided to keep the City Hall Access Barrier Removal combined with Pavement Accessibility at City Facilities as the **first** project. The **second** project is the Nick Dudiak Fishing Lagoon Accessible Ramp and Fishing Platform. The **third** project is the Multi-Use Community Recreation Center. All of these were discussed as very important.

Renee recapped the findings that Alaska violated Title II of the ADA by failing to provide an accessible ballot for in-person voting. At the current time, this is a state violation. The slope of the handicapped spaces and a lack of sidewalk to get to the voting polls from the upper parking lot were cited as issues in Homer. The City has the wheelchair access slope issue in the plans for improvement. It is on the Board's CIP list.

Under pending business, the draft trail appendix was examined after the site audit made in June. There was even a photo of the audit crew in the Homer newsletter.

Brad Parsons reminded us that this was the 34<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the passage of ADA, and all were invited to a celebration on the 26<sup>th</sup> of July at the Independent Living Center.

Pat Case was thanked for his dedication to this Advisory Board.

Renee will continue to clerk for the ADA meetings. We celebrated her new position in the Clerk's Office.

The next scheduled meeting is August 8 at 4:00 p.m.

