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Memorandum 21- 128

TO: MAYOR CASTNER & HOMER CITY COUNCIL

FROM: PARKS, ART, RECREATION AND CULTURE ADVISORY COMMISSION

THRU: RACHEL TUSSEY, CMC, DEPUTY CITY CLERK

DATE: JULY 15, 2021

SUBJECT: BEACH POLICY AMENDMENTS

The Parks, Art, Recreation & Culture Advisory Commission (PARCAC) took action on rewriting the City Beach Policy at their following meetings:

- February 18, 2021 regular meeting
- March 18, 2021 regular meeting
- April 15, 2021 regular meeting
- May 20, 2021 worksession
- May 20, 2021 regular meeting
- June 17, 2021 regular meeting

Final approval of the revised policies was postponed to the June 17th regular meeting to give time for a Beach Policy Work Group, comprised of Commissioners Roedl, Lowney, and Lewis, to review the policy and separate the document into policy and recommendations. The work group met on June 1st and provided Clerk staff a page-by-page account of which amendments to keep, what to change, and any additional revisions they found. Given the large number of revisions, Deputy City Clerk Tussey produced a clean, reformatted draft that would accompany the current 2017 version for comparison.

What Changed

- Layout and formatting.
- Title is now “Beach Policy and Management Plan” to address the document’s dual purpose as providing policy and management guidance.
- Content reflects the changes made by PARCAC and the work group.
- Verbiage used provides policy guidance without sounding like recommendations/goals.
- Additional imagery and updated maps were included.
- The Proposed Easement and Pedestrian Access to Outer Beach Area map was omitted given it’s a very specific proposal to a singular area that does not warrant its own page in a policy/management plan.

- Appendix A (Beach Access Notes) and Appendix B (Mainland public access points to Kachemak Bay) were removed from the policies and to be merged into a single, stand-alone document for regular review by the commission. The primary reasoning for this amendment is so any changes/updates made to the list of public beach access points would not require a full Council approval every time.

Recommendation

Adopt Resolution 21-053 amending the Beach Policy and renaming it the Beach Policy and Management Plan.

Attached: PARCAC Meeting Minute Excerpts
 DRAFT 2021 Beach Policy & Management Plan
 2017 Beach Policy