



MEMORANDUM

Re-Appointment of Franco Venuti to the Planning Commission Appointment of Dotti Harness and Sam Walker to the Planning Commission

Item Type: Action Memorandum
Prepared For: Homer City Council
Date: June 23, 2025
From: Rachel Lord, Mayor

Franco Venuti is reappointed to the Planning Commission with a term to expire on July 1, 2028.

Dotti Harness and Sam Walker are appointed to the Planning Commission with terms to expire on July 1, 2028.

Recommendation

Confirm the re-appointment of Franco Venuti and appointments of Dotti Harness and Sam Walker to the Planning Commission.

Attachments:

Application of Franco Venuti
Application of Dotti Harness
Application of Sam Walker
Application of Mike Stark

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Submitted by Visitor (not verified)

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Applicant Information

Full Name

Samuel Walker

Physical Address Where you Claim Residency

32070 Ranch Ln , Homer AK

Mailing Address

P.O. Box 1871, Homer, AK, 99603

Phone Number(s)

9073998786

Email

Aktframe@gmail.com

Advisory Bodies

Planning Commission – Meetings held on the 1st and 3rd Wednesday of each month at 6:30 p.m. and Worksessions at 5:30 p.m. prior to each meeting. No first meeting in July or second meetings in November and December.

Residency

Are you a City Resident? No

How long have you been a resident of the South Peninsula Area? 24 years

Background Information

Have you ever served on a similar advisory body?

Kachemak Bay advisory planning commission seat B
1 year

Other memberships

Kachemak Bay advisory planning commission seat B

Special Training & Education

None

Why are you interested in serving on the selected Advisory Body?

The planning commission has a big impact on our community and what our town looks and feels like. I want to steer Homer in a sustainable direction that would benefit affordable housing for locals, a healthy environment down the road, and thoughtful development.

For Planning Commission Only: Have you ever developed real property other than a personal residence?

I am a contractor specializing in Timberframe construction.

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[1] <https://www.cityofhomer-ak.gov/cityclerk/application-appointment-advisory-body>



Advisory Body Application
For Appointment to
Committees, Commissions, Board
& Task Forces

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Applicant Information

Full Name: Dotti Harness

Physical Address Where you Claim Residency: 459 Klondike Ave. #1, Homer, AK. 99603

Mailing Address: PO Box 123, Homer, AK. 99603

Phone Number(s): 907-299-6789

Email: dottiharness@hotmail.com

Advisory Body You Are Requesting Appointment To

X Planning Commission – Meetings held on the 1st and 3rd Wednesday of each month at 6:30 p.m. and Worksessions at 5:30 p.m. prior to each meeting. No first meeting in July or second meetings in November and December.

☐ **Parks, Art, Recreation & Culture Advisory Commission** – Meetings held on the 3rd Thursday of February through June and August through November at 5:30 p.m.

☐ **Port & Harbor Advisory Commission** – Meetings held on the 4th Wednesday of January, February, March, April, September, and October at 5:30 p.m.; the 4th Wednesday of May, June, July, and August at 5:30 p.m.; and the 2nd Wednesday of December at 5:30 p.m.

☐ **Economic Development Advisory Commission** – Meetings held on the 2nd Tuesday of each month at 6:00 p.m.

☐ **Library Advisory Board** – Meetings held on the 3rd Tuesday of each month, excluding June and July, at 5:30 p.m.

☐ **ADA Advisory Board** – Meetings held on the 2nd Thursday in the months of April, May, June, July, October, November, and as needed at 4:00 p.m.

Please Answer the Following

Are you a City Resident? X Yes ☐ No If yes, how long have you been a City resident?
10 +/- yrs

How long have you been a resident of the South Peninsula Area? 30+/- yrs.

Background Information
Have you ever served on a similar advisory body? If so please list when, where, and how long:
Kachemak Heritage Land Trust in Homer, 2005-2015 Board President.
Please list any current memberships or organizations you belong to related to your selection(s):
South Peninsula Hospital Foundation, Vice President, 2021 – current.
Please list any special training, education, or background you may have which is related to your selection(s):
10 yrs. Planning Tech/Zoning Code Enforcement, City of Homer, 2005-15, 4+- yrs. Ass. to the City Manager, City of Homer, 2015-2019, Certified Floodplain Manager for the City of Homer, American & Alaskan Planning Ass. Trainings, and “Coastal Erosion”, “Wetlands Management” and “Roads” offered by Kachemak Bay Research Reserve.
Why are you interested in serving on the selected Advisory Body? This may include information on future goals or projects you wish to see accomplished or any additional information that may assist the Mayor in the decision making process. You may attach an additional page if needed.
<p>I am interested in working with the City’s Comprehensive Plan, the Title 21 rewrite, and other projects. Having lived in the Homer areas for 30 years and being a former Planning Technician, I bring both experience and diversity to the HAPC. If chosen, I look forward to working on:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Seeking solutions for diverse housing, - Balancing land use with environmental impacts, - Encouraging various transportation modes, so residents feel safe to walk and bike, and - Taking proactive measures to protect the City’s vulnerability to stormwater, erosive, and mudslides.
FOR PLANNING COMMISSION ONLY:
Have you ever developed real property other than a personal residence? If yes, briefly explain:
Yes in 2005. Conditional Use Permit for a triplex at 459 Klondike Ave.

FOR PORT & HARBOR ADVISORY COMMISSION ONLY:

Do you use the Homer Port and/or Harbor on a regular basis? ☐ Yes ☐ No

If yes, what is your primary use? ☐ Commercial ☐ Recreational ☐ Other: _____

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Advisory Body Application For Reappointment to Committees, Commissions, Board & Task Forces

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Applicant Information

Full Name: FRANCO VENUTI

Physical Address Where you Claim Residency: 4066 KACHEMAK WAY

Mailing Address: 818 SMOKY BAY WAY #134

City: HOMER State: ALASKA Zip: 99603

Phone Number(s): (907) 399-1550

Email: fcvenuti@gmail.com

Advisory Body You Are Requesting Reappointment To

- ☒ Planning Commission
- ☐ Parks, Art, Recreation & Culture Advisory Commission
- ☐ Port & Harbor Advisory Commission
- ☐ Economic Development Advisory Commission
- ☐ Library Advisory Board
- ☐ ADA Advisory Board
- ☐ Other – Please Indicate _____

Please Answer the Following

Do you have a current Public Official Conflict of Interest Disclosure Statement on file with the City Clerk as required by HCC 1.18.043? ☒ Yes ☐ No

What resident type is your current seat? ☒ City Resident ☐ Non-City Resident

Has your residency changed since your last appointment? ☐ Yes ☒ No

How long have you served on this advisory body? 15 YEARS

Advisory Body Application for Reappointment to the Planning Commission
Franco Venuti

I offer the following Public Service experience:

From 1999 to 2003, I served as a member of the founding Board of Directors for the Homer Boys and Girls Club.

Between 2000 and 2006, I served two terms as a member of the Library Advisory Board.

From 2004 to 2010, I served as a member of the Homer Chamber of Commerce Board of Directors. For three of those years, I was elected vice president, working with President Kelly Cooper.

From 2010 to the present, I have served on the Homer Planning Commission, where I am currently a member. Over the past 15 years, I have been elected to the position of Chair three times.

From 2012 to the present, I have served as the Homer representative on the Kenai Borough Planning Commission, where I also serve as a member of the Borough Plat Committee.

I believe in responsible public service, and I am honored to have served the Homer community in these positions. I bring extensive experience as a tradesman, contractor, and building inspector in Alaska to this Planning Commission.

My ongoing connections with the community of Homer, as well as many friends and businesses throughout the Kenai Peninsula, place me in a very effective position to continue serving in this seat. I look forward to continuing to serve on this commission.

Background Information

Please list any current memberships or organizations that you belong to related to the advisory body you serve on:

PLEASE SEE ATTACHED

Please explain why you wish to be reappointed to the Advisory Body to which you currently serve. This may include information on accomplishments or projects completed, future goals for the body, or any additional information that may assist the Mayor in the decision making process. You may attach an additional page if needed.



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Email: _____

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How long have you served on this advisory body? _____

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