

1 **CITY OF HOMER**  
2 **HOMER, ALASKA**

3 Erickson/Aderhold

4 **RESOLUTION 24-019**

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6 A RESOLUTION OF THE HOMER CITY COUNCIL SUMMARIZING THE  
7 JOINT WORKSESSION WITH THE PARKS, ART, RECREATION, AND  
8 CULTURE ADVISORY COMMISSION AND STATING ACTION ITEMS  
9 FOR THE COUNCIL AND COMMISSION

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11 WHEREAS, The Homer City Council and Parks, Art, Recreation, and Culture Advisory  
12 Commission (PARCAC) held a joint worksession on January 17, 2023; and

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14 WHEREAS, Agenda items for the worksession included joint training, discussion topics  
15 outlined in a memorandum and email from Councilmember Erickson, and discussion on  
16 PARCAC appointments; and

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18 WHEREAS, Discussion during the worksession included PARCAC developing a strategic  
19 plan, the proposed new multiuse community recreation center, long-term planning and needs  
20 assessment for Homer’s parks, promoting arts in the community and the configuration of the  
21 commission relative to an arts focus, review of city code related to PARCAC responsibility and  
22 review, and park and community recreation policies; and

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24 WHEREAS, Councilmembers Erickson and Davis provided Memorandum CC-24-027 to  
25 city council at its January 22, 2024 regular meeting summarizing the worksession; and

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27 WHEREAS, Current city council process is to follow-up joint worksessions and special  
28 topic discussions (council “champion” work) with informational memoranda followed by  
29 resolutions for action.

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31 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Homer City Council requests PARCAC  
32 complete the following tasks during the 2024 calendar year, with support from staff and city  
33 council as appropriate:


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- 35 • Develop a strategic plan to guide commission work through 2024 and beyond that  
36 includes indoor recreation and outdoor parks, trails, and sidewalks.
  - 37 • Develop and review policies related to community recreation and parks.
  - 38 • Develop a prioritized list of parks and recreation needs and associated costs that the  
39 city council the city manager can use when evaluating the Capital Improvement Plan  
40 and preparing annual budgets.
  - 41 • Evaluate the role that PARCAC should play in promoting the arts in Homer.
  - 42 • Review the recreation fee schedule and evaluate opportunities for a scholarship fund.

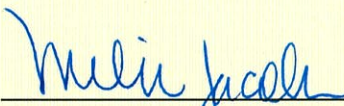
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BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that city council, led by parks and recreation champions, and aided by city staff, will complete the following tasks during the 2024 calendar year:

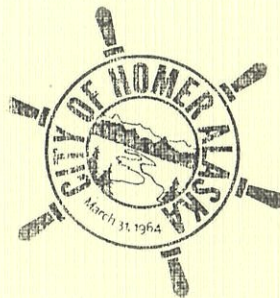
- Continue evaluation of a new multi-use community recreation center, requesting input from PARCAC as appropriate.
- Review city code and prepare ordinance(s) that clarify PARCAC’s review role related to proposed new subdivisions, sidewalks, parks, and trails. Send introduced ordinances to PARCAC, and other commissions as appropriate, for review before final reading.

PASSED AND ADOPTED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF HOMER, ALASKA, THIS 12<sup>th</sup> day of February 2024.

CITY OF HOMER  
  
KEN CASTNER, MAYOR

ATTEST:  
  
MELISSA JACOBSEN, MMC, CITY CLERK

Fiscal Note: N/A





# MEMORANDUM

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## Proposed Strategic Plan for Parks, Art, Recreation and Culture Advisory Commission (PARCAC), Plus Two Items for Possible Council Action

**Item Type:** Action Memorandum  
**Prepared For:** Mayor Castner and Homer City Council  
**Date:** January 17, 2024  
**From:** Council Members Erickson and Davis

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Based on the January 15, 2024 Joint Worksession with PARCAC, as well as previous meetings held with PARCAC members, we recommend that council support PARCAC beginning work on a Strategic Plan, ideally to be completed this calendar year, that would address some or all of the following:

- Questions related to community recreation (support for new rec center, including possible capital campaign; how to identify our clientele; what role do schools play & does this need to be adjusted; how to set fees in a way that encourages participation; best ratio of staff to volunteers)
- Updated parks plan, with long term needs lists that Council can use when preparing annual budgets.
- The role of PARCAC in promoting the arts in the community. Should PARCAC always include a member or members whose focus is the arts?

Three addition items were identified, two of which may require Council action (in coordination with staff):

1. Update city code to ensure that sidewalks (in addition to parks and trails) are explicitly identified as falling under PARCAC's auspices.
2. Update city code to require that PARCAC be given the opportunity to review proposed new subdivisions for recommended trail and/or sidewalk facilities, and associated easements, prior to the preliminary plat being sent to the Borough for approval.
3. Develop a policies for community recreation and parks.