



AGENDA

ADA Advisory Board Regular Meeting

Thursday, April 13, 2023 at 5:00 PM

City Hall Cowles Council Chambers In-Person & Via Zoom Webinar

Homer City Hall

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1. CALL TO ORDER, 5:00 P.M.

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13. COMMENTS OF THE CITY STAFF

14. COMMENTS OF THE BOARD

- 15. ADJOURNMENT** Next Regular Meeting is **Thursday, May 11, 2023 at 5:00 p.m.** All meetings are scheduled to be held in the City Hall Cowles Council Chambers located at 491 E. Pioneer Avenue, Homer, Alaska and via Zoom Webinar

Session 23-01 a Regular Meeting of the ADA Advisory Board was called to order by Chair Donna Aderhold at 5:07 p.m. on February 9, 2023, from the Cowles Council Chambers, City Hall, located at 491 E. Pioneer Avenue, Homer, Alaska and via Zoom webinar. Due to technical issues with Zoom the first part of the meeting recording was not captured.

1. CALL TO ORDER

PRESENT: BOARD MEMBERS ADERHOLD, GEISLER, DEADRICK, PARSONS, SAFRA AND THORSRUD

STAFF: ADA COORDINATOR KRAUSE, PARKS SUPERINTENDENT STEFFY

2. AGENDA APPROVAL

Chair Aderhold requested a motion to approve the agenda.

GEISLER/DEADRICK MOVED TO APPROVE THE AGENDA AS PRESENTED.

There was no discussion.

VOTE: NON-OBJECTION. UNANIMOUS CONSENT.

Motion carried.

3. PUBLIC COMMENTS UPON MATTERS ALREADY ON THE AGENDA

Pat Case, city resident, expressed support for the grant application and that the resolution or proclamation should be ready for Council to take with them to Juneau. Mr. Case appreciated the new accessible entrance into City Hall, but questioned if the slope was appropriate while it may meet ADA regulations that doesn't mean it could not be built to a lesser slope. He also commended Public Works in the manner they are addressing the accessibility points that has been brought forward.

4. RECONSIDERATION

5. APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES

- 5. A. Unapproved Meeting Minutes
Unapproved Special Meeting Minutes for November 10, 2022

Chair Aderhold requested a motion to approve the minutes.

PARSONS/GEISLER MOVED TO APPROVE THE MINUTES OF NOVEMBER 10, 2022 SPECIAL MEETING.

Board member Parsons noted a correction of the word “decimated” should be “disseminated” on page 6 of the packet, second paragraph, line 4.

Chair Aderhold requested any additional corrections, questions or comments on the minutes.

There was no further discussion on the minutes.

PARSONS/GEISLER MOVED TO APPROVE THE MINUTES OF THE NOVEMBER 10, 2022 SPECIAL MEETING AS AMENDED.

VOTE: NON-OBJECTION. UNANIMOUS CONSENT.

Motion carried.

6. VISITORS/PRESENTATIONS

7. REPORTS

7. A. ADA Coordinator Report

Chair Aderhold introduced the item and deferred to ADA Coordinator Krause.

Ms. Krause responded that she did not have anything to report in addition to the items in the packet. She did note that she provided a status update on the Parks, Playground and Campground Transition Plan which is addressed under Pending Business.

Chair Aderhold opened the floor to questions and or comments from the Board and there were none.

7. B. Public Works Report

Chair Aderhold introduced the item. Deputy City Clerk Krause noted that Public Works Director Keiser stated she would not be attending this meeting. Parks Superintendent Steffy was not on Zoom at this time but he was scheduled to attend.

Chair Aderhold requested a motion to suspend the rules to address this item later in the agenda when Mr. Steffy arrived.

GEISLER/THORSRUD MOVED TO SUSPEND THE RULES TO ADDRESS THIS TOPIC LATER ON THE AGENDA WHEN STAFF WAS PRESENT.

There was no discussion.

VOTE: NON-OBJECTION. UNANIMOUS CONSENT.

Motion carried.

Parks Superintendent Steffy extended his apologies for arriving late to the meeting. He then proceeded to provide information on the Library Western Lot Trail Grant Project starting with the application for a National Parks Service River & Trails Conservation Assistance program. This grant provide planning assistance for trail projects and has been used on many of the City of Homer's trails. He provided a brief listing of the trails. He reported the following for the proposed project:

- installation of bridges
- access to newly installed elements
- ADA Compliance in accessibility throughout
- Trail tread
- changes to the proposed new elements will be relocated on the drawing as they are not all going to be placed away from the roadway and further within the property
- There is no defined funding for this project at this time.

Mr. Steffy responded to questions on the following:

- safety with regard to the homeless persons that are known to frequent this area by employing crime prevention through environmental design
- Engineering drawings depicting the actual ADA slopes, etc.
 - o Project will be in phases due to funding procurement
 - o Steering Committee support for incorporation and accessibility of the placement of elements within the parcel closer to the main trail.
 - o Sidewalk is existing infrastructure and will be included in overall accessibility improvements designated by the City that is needed.
 - o This location is the only location within the city that on street is allowed.
 - o The repairs to the sidewalk may be elevated on the list if funding is obtained on the main project.
- This project may tie in with the HAP project

Chair Aderhold provided the comment in the city hall entrance ADA Ramp project slope was in accordance with ADA regulations.

Boardmember Parsons stated that the drawing looks like what is in the ADA regulations and that it would be better to have more than the one in twelve slope that is the bare minimum.

Mr. Steffy provided information on the theme for the Conference last fall was accommodating disabilities from an accessible standpoint, and not limit it to visible disabilities and consider the invisible disabilities such as Autism Spectrum disorder and PTSD and that compliance with the ADA is the bare minimum and encouraging more which will facilitate greater ease of use from the disabled population when interacting with city facilities.

8. PUBLIC HEARING(S)

9. PENDING BUSINESS

9.A. Parks Transition Plan - Status Update Agenda Item Report ADA 23-004

Chair Aderhold introduced the item and deferred to ADA Coordinator Krause.

ADA Coordinator Krause stated due to unexpected family emergencies she was out of state for most of the time after the November 10th Board meeting. She explained that the transition plan draft did not get completed as planned. Ms. Krause explained she is currently working on the draft document and plans to have the first draft for the April meeting. She responded to Boardmember questions regarding the inclusion of the notes and reported that they are being inserted into the draft document, what is taking the time is inserting the section of ADA regulations that are applicable to the non-compliance. She is also reformatting the document so that there is a better grouping exhibiting the non-compliant features of the park, playground or campground. Ms. Krause also explained that this document will be incorporated or merged with the facilities transition plan once it is approved by City Council. There will be some reformatting of the entire transition document as a whole to make it more user friendly.

Boardmembers remarked on looking forward to reviewing the draft document at their April meeting and expressed their appreciation for all the work that Ms. Krause was doing to get the document completed.

10. NEW BUSINESS

10. A. Advocacy Efforts for ADA Compliance in Homer

Chair Aderhold introduced the item and opened the floor for discussion. She noted that the minutes on pages 3 through 5 of the packet depicted the discussion at the last meeting.

Chair Aderhold facilitated discussion on what the Board could do to advocate for accessibility in local businesses. Topics or points made:

- At the last meeting the discussion included the possibility of promoting the use of an application called “Blue Path” it was found that this is not an actual application, but a website. So Independent Living Center was looking for something else.
- The Board does not have authority to enforce ADA compliance on businesses.
- The Board could offer information to the business on the benefits to being accessible.
- Presenting to the Economic Development Advisory Commission, Chamber of Commerce and Rotary meetings
- Bunnell Art Gallery now has an ADA accessible restroom
- Have the Homer News print an article on Accessibility and ADA Compliance
 - Various accessibility issues in public buildings and locations along Pioneer Avenue were pointed out

- Boardmember Safra volunteered to work with Economic Development and the Chamber
 - She advocated including the Senior Center and Veterans organizations since those also fall within the demographics that make up a majority of the residents in Homer.
- Educating the local businesses on the possible increase in revenue for their business if they make simple accommodation changes.
- Boardmember Parsons volunteered to keep abreast of persons that were experts in various fields coming to Alaska or opportunities to invite those persons to speak to the Board.
- Chair Aderhold stated that she will contact KBBI

10.B. US DOT RAISE Planning Grant Application and Recommendation of Support
Agenda Item Report ADA 23-001

Chair Aderhold introduced the item by reading of the title.

ADA Coordinator Krause noted that Parks Superintendent Steffy had joined the meeting.

Chair Aderhold informed Mr. Steffy that the Board passed a motion earlier to suspend the rules to allow him to speak.

Mr. Steffy provided some information on the purpose and use of the grant application to his understanding.

ADA Coordinator Krause explained to the limit of her knowledge the reason for the Agenda Item Report and the action requested of the Board. She facilitated a brief discussion on the topic with Boardmembers commenting on the value to support the application.

Boardmember Parsons provided his understanding and supported the comment made by Mr. Case regarding the Council to advocate on the city's behalf for the planning funding and this would open up the possible infrastructure funding in the future. This would include the HAP trail.

Chair Aderhold provided the scheduling on the Council level regarding the visit to Juneau.

Boardmembers offered comments of support on the application.

SAFRA/GEISLER MOVED TO ADOPT ACTION ITEM REPORT ADA 23-001, THE ADA ADVISORY BOARD SUPPORTS THIS ACTION BY THE CITY OF HOMER AND FURTHER RECOMMEND THAT CITY COUNCIL ISSUE A RESOLUTION IN SUPPORT OF THE DOT RAISE PLANNING GRANT.

There was no discussion.

VOTE: NON-OBJECTION. UNANIMOUS CONSENT.

Motion carried.

10.C. ADA Compliance Projects – Budget Requests

Chair Aderhold introduced the item and deferred to Parks Superintendent Steffy requesting input on the requests for the Airport Sidewalk Repair and City Hall Entrance Projects.

Mr. Steffy stated that he understood there were concerns about the intent and the focus of the new restroom at the airport. He provided information on the compliance regarding the existing ADA designated stalls in the men's and women's restroom and addressed the concerns expressed by the Board regarding the "gender neutral" designation, family restroom designation as well as being designated as the accessible restroom. Mr. Steffy responded to questions, comments and clarified the following:

- Using existing accessible stalls as family restroom stalls
- Location of new ADA compliant restroom
- The need for a changing area for older persons not just children
- The need to accommodate families with young children in one safe space
- Gender neutral is the applicable term used to describe a facility available for all
- Oversight on the use of the new restroom, hopefully signage will be enough to deter someone who does not require an accessible restroom
- Existing stalls in both restrooms are not large enough nor do the walls come down to the floor which would be able to contain young children or install a changing table.
- The expense to retrofit the existing restrooms is more than constructing the new single restroom.
- It was unknown at the time if construction of the new restroom would bring the city into complianceⁱ

The Board had no further questions and thanked Mr. Steffy for his information as it provided a much clearer picture for them.

Mr. Steffy then fielded comments and questions on the repairs to the sidewalk as follows:

- this item was noted in the facilities transition plan that was adopted in 2019
- there have been a number of slips and trips but one incident that caused serious injury
- there was a question as to whether the improvements could be done prior to the city securing the new lease
 - o the City owns the building but the State owns the land
- Mr. Steffy was unaware of the delay in getting the repair done sooner

Chair Aderhold noted that there was no action required by the Board but she will note in her report to the Council that they discussed and supported these Budget Requests by Public Works.

11. INFORMATIONAL MATERIALS

- 11.A. 2023 Regular Meeting Schedule
Adopted Resolution 22-085
- 11.B. City Hall ADA Compliant Entrance Ramp
Agenda Item Report ADA 23-003
- 11.C. Board Bylaws
ADA Bylaws Adopted
- 11.D. ADA Calendar
2023 ADA Calendar
- 11.E. City Manager's Reports
CM Report for January 23, 2023
- 11.F. Disability Related News Items
Rest Areas Getting Adult Changing Rooms

Chair Aderhold noted the items under Informational Materials and opened the floor to discussion or comment from the Board.

Chair Aderhold commented that the State of Alaska does not really have rest areas and it may be nice to have something more than port-a-potties. She then offered that it will be nice to complete the parks transition plan and progress to the trails transition plan.

Parks Superintendent Steffy brought forward a previous discussion of having Corvus Design to work on a draft one page master transition plan for the parks. Mr. Steffy advocated for the Board to see this earlier so that Corvus could be directed to draft a one page document and it can be included in the final approved transition plan that is submitted to Council. Points were made that this step may delay the final draft approval and staff could review and determine if it would be beneficial to have Corvus perform the one page summary for the parks and if staff determines that it would be beneficial they can reach out to the Chair to sponsor an ordinance for funding.

12. COMMENTS OF THE AUDIENCE

Pat Case, city resident, commented that he has always advocated for the disabled and while it is all about the disabled but it struck him that ultimately the goal is inclusivity and being one society, use the same facilities, use the same restroom or attend the same Chamber of Commerce luncheon. He also wanted to commend the Public Works Department for keeping the snow off the sidewalks. Mr. Case cautioned the Board to be strategic in the campaign for accessibility for businesses, stating that they cannot get ahead of themselves, things must be done in the right order to have the biggest impact and communication is a big deal. He expressed concerns when Government gets into the place where the public has already begun to work and gum up the process. He advocated that the Board works with them in this endeavor and not do it alone.

Fred Agree, commented that in the 2 hours sitting in the audience he was very impressed with all the work that the Board has done.

13. COMMENTS OF THE CITY STAFF

Parks Superintendent Steffy expressed his appreciation for the commitment, passion, interest, insight and expertise the Board brings to the City to help it be more compliant to our differently abled population all across the spectrum and really appreciates the receptiveness and eagerness to provide input. He believed the Board was doing a phenomenal job and thanked them for their work.

14. COMMENTS OF THE COMMITTEE

Boardmember Deadrick apologized for her comment earlier and then noted the requirements of her new fulltime job at her age and stated she was looking forward to the month of July when she is off and performing a walkability survey and that maybe Mr. Case would be willing to participate. She was looking forward to the trail transition plan and apologized for not having the time she thought she would have to contribute. Ms. Deadrick requested clarification on the status of the survey they created last year and if it had been distributed.

ADA Coordinator Krause responded that it was submitted to the City Manager for review and approval and that is where it ended up. She will try to get some update on that for the next meeting.

Chair Aderhold offered to mention it in her comments at the next Council meeting when she provides the ADA Board report.

Boardmember Thorsrud echoed Mr. Steffy's comment on this group and that it was a pleasure working with them. She has been on this Board for a little more than a year and it is a pleasure working with everyone. Ms. Thorsrud stated that when she is asked about it she tells them that it is the most efficient and passionate Board that she has ever been on and in the meetings they actually do something other than sitting for four or five hours. She reiterated that she enjoys working with everybody.

Boardmember Geisler echoed Boardmember Thorsrud sentiments noting that she and Chair Aderhold have been on the Board for quite some time now and believes this is probably the biggest group they have had and the most engaged group at that.

Boardmember Parsons thanked Mr. Case for coming to the meetings and providing insightful commentary and believes they should heed his advice as a group now that there are community members advocating already and that they should partner, not take over and that is absolutely a lesson that he was taking home tonight. He then directed his comments to Mr. Steffy regarding the sidewalk at the airport stating that it was difficult to internalize and he found it distressing that there is a known hazard at a public facility that led to a significant

injury and it has been there for over a year and was not fixed. he questioned why it was not fixed. Mr. Parsons asked how this Board could advocate for getting things taken care of and fixed quicker in the future, such as establishing an emergency fund or just emphasizing the urgency to make certain repairs a priority where Public Works can just get it taken care of. He further emphasized that the Board and City should make safety come first and figure out a way to do it. He then thanked everyone and that they were awesome to work with.

Chair Aderhold echoed everyone's stated sentiments and thanked them as well. She commented that they are a very compassionate, kind and thoughtful group that works really hard. It impressed her that Boardmembers come in with their packets all labeled with sticky notes and it is amazing that they are getting into the materials and really taking these issues for the betterment of the city. Ms. Aderhold expressed her appreciation that the City takes the Board very seriously, allowing them to make recommended changes since the Board has been formed and believes that is what makes them a good working Board. When they put together a plan and it does something and the city can actually take that plan and do something with it rather than put it on a shelf it was great. She expressed her thanks to the Board.

15. ADJOURNMENT

Seeing no further business before the Board, Chair Aderhold adjourned the meeting at 7:35 p.m. A Regular Meeting is scheduled for Thursday, April 6, 2023 at 5:00 p.m. in the Cowles Council Chambers at City Hall located at 491 E. Pioneer Avenue, Homer, Alaska and via Zoom webinar.

Renee Krause, MMC, Deputy City Clerk II/ADA Coordinator

Approved: _____

ⁱ In accordance with 2010 ADA Standards for Accessible Design 09/15/2010 edition, Title II and III, Section 213 Toilet Facilities and Bathing Facilities - 2.13.1 General. Where toilet facilities are provided they shall comply with Section 213; 206 Accessible Route and Section 603.

Water Closets and Toilet compartments

213.3.1 Toilet Compartments: Where toilet compartments are provided, at least one toilet compartment shall comply with 604.8.1. In addition to the compartment required to comply with 604.8.1, at least one compartment shall comply with 604.8.2 where six or more toilet compartments are provided or where there is a combination of urinals and water closets with totals of six or more fixtures. 213.3.2 Where water closets are provided one shall comply with 604. 213.3.3 Urinals where one urinal is provided at least one will comply with 605.



AGENDA ITEM REPORT

ADA Staff Report for April

Item Type: INFORMATIONAL MEMORANDUM
Prepared For: ADA ADVISORY BOARD
Meeting Date: APRIL 13, 2023
Staff Contact: RENEE KRAUSE, ADA COORDINATOR

Summary Statement:

The Community Survey as presented was approved by the City Manager for distribution at city facilities. He shared that he would be interested in seeing the results in which I informed him that they would be included in the Parks Play Areas and Campground Transition Plan which is projected to be submitted this summer for Council approval.

I would like the Board to determine a time frame in order to have the surveys available for the community to respond to but allowing enough time for me to gather the results and input into the transition plan draft for presentation.

Recommendation:

Establish deadline for responses to the survey.

COMMUNITY SURVEY ON ACCESSIBILITY OF THE CITY OF HOMER PARKS, PLAY AREAS, BEACHES, RECREATIONAL ACTIVITIES AND WEBSITE

**This Survey does not include trails located within the city limits.
They will be addressed in a separate Trails Accessibility Survey at a later date.
You do not need to be a resident of Homer in order to participate in this survey.**

Question 1. Are there recreational activities conducted by the City of Homer, or a park, campground or play area owned by City that you or someone you know cannot enjoy because of accessibility issues?
☐ Yes ☐ No If yes, please list the park or program and issue: _____

Question 2. Have you or a person you know with a disability participated in a recreational program or visited a city owned park, play area or beach that was accessible? ☐ Yes ☐ No If yes, please identify: _____

Question 3. In regards to accessibility, rank the following amenities or features found in the City of Homer Parks, Play Areas, Campgrounds, or website in the order of importance to you, your family or a person you know, with 1 as the most important.

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|---|----------------------------|
| _____ Beach Access | _____ Shelter/Pavilion |
| _____ General Access to facility, restroom, pavilion, ballfield | _____ Play Area/Playground |
| _____ Picnic table/fire ring/grill | _____ Sports field |
| _____ Parking | _____ Campground |

Question 4. Is the City of Homer website accessible? ☐ Yes ☐ No If No, Please provide a brief description on what the City could do to make it more accessible. _____

Question 5. Do the City of Homer Park facilities provide adequate accessible features to citizens with disability issues? ☐ Yes ☐ No If No, Please provide a brief description on how the City could improve accessibility: _____

Question 6. What improvements would best promote accessibility to the City of Homer parks, play areas, ballfields and beaches? Please provide a brief description: _____

Question 7. Which location owned by the City of Homer do you use the most for the opportunities that it provides?
☐ Karen Hornaday Park ☐ Campground ☐ Playground ☐ Playing Fields ☐ Pavilions ☐ Park as a Whole
☐ Mariner Park ☐ Campground ☐ Day Use Area ☐ Gazebo ☐ Park as a Whole
☐ Bishop’s Beach Park ☐ Beach Access ☐ Pavilion ☐ Restroom Facilities ☐ Access to Beluga Slough ☐ Park as a Whole

- ☐ Jack Gist Park ☐ Playing Fields ☐ Disc Golf Course ☐ Park as a Whole
 - ☐ Ben Walters Park ☐ Pavilion ☐ Restroom Facilities ☐ Playground ☐ Access to Beluga Lake ☐ Park as a Whole
 - ☐ Seafarer's Memorial
 - ☐ End of the Road Park
 - ☐ Nick Dudiak Fishing Lagoon
 - ☐ Skate Park
 - ☐ WKFL Park
 - ☐ HERC for Community Recreational Activities offered
 - ☐ Other (Please list)_____
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Question 8. Which locations owned by the City of Homer can you not access, but would like to, because of the amenities it provides?

- ☐ Karen Hornaday Park ☐ Campground ☐ Playground ☐ Playing Fields ☐ Park as a Whole
 - ☐ Mariner Park ☐ Campground ☐ Day Use Area ☐ Gazebo ☐ Park as a Whole
 - ☐ Bishop's Beach Park ☐ Beach Access ☐ Pavilion ☐ Restroom Facilities ☐ Access to Beluga Slough ☐ Park as a Whole
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 - ☐ Skate Park
 - ☐ WKFL Park
 - ☐ HERC for Community Recreational Activities offered
 - ☐ Other (Please list)_____
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Question 9: Are there any additional improvements that the City can provide regarding accessibility within the city's parks, play areas, recreational programs, ballfields, campgrounds, fishing lagoon or the website? Please provide a brief description:_____

We appreciate your participation in this survey regarding ADA accessibility of the City of Homer Parks, Play Areas, recreational programs, campgrounds, the fishing lagoon and/or website. Your answers will provide information to assist the City of Homer address ADA Compliance in regards to its facilities and programs. If you would like to be contacted regarding your responses to the survey please provide your information below:

Name:_____ State:_____ Zip Code:_____

Address:_____ Phone:_____

Mailing Address:_____ Email:_____

City:_____



AGENDA ITEM REPORT

Parks, Playgrounds & Campgrounds ADA Transition Plan Draft

Item Type: INFORMATIONAL MEMORANDUM
Prepared For: ADA ADVISORY BOARD
Meeting Date: APRIL 13, 2023
Staff Contact: RENEE KRAUSE, ADA COORDINATOR

Summary Statement:

This is the first progress draft of the transition plan for the City of Homer Parks, Playgrounds, & Campgrounds ADA Transition Plan. I have been able to compile most of the information that was compiled during the summer of 2021 by the members of the ADA Advisory Board into this document. I am still diligently working on getting the document formatted and compiled as well as entering in the required regulations, descriptions and non-compliance issues. All pictures are entered from the sites that were visited. I am almost finished with entering in the remaining identifying data and non-compliance.

Please note that there are still some remaining formatting issues that will be corrected such as page breaks and titles, etc.

The final step will be working with Public Works Superintendent and the Public Works Director on entering the estimated costs for ADA compliance before final draft document can be presented for approval.

Recommendation:

Review and make any recommendation on formatting or content.

ADA Transition Plan

Parks, Play Areas & Campgrounds



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1.0 Introduction

The American Community Survey (ACS) estimates the overall rate of people with disabilities in the US population is around 25.6 percent. The data shows that disability increases with age, for people 65 and over. In Alaska, the numbers reported having a disability overall were 12.6 percent. It was reported that 28.9% of Alaska residents had some form of disability. In Homer 19.5 percent of residents are over the age of 65 (www.census.gov). In short, hundreds of people in our community face disabilities and many of those use Homer's parks, play areas and campgrounds on a regular basis. Homer's mission is to be a dynamic community where all can live, play, work and invest. To make that mission a reality, it needs to be accessible. The City of Homer owns and manages 17 parks, comprised of over 520 acres of land, along with 5.41 miles of maintained trails. These range from small pocket parks and multi-use trails to forested natural areas, larger established parks with play areas, campgrounds, and sports fields. To ensure our parks and trail systems are accessible to all, the City has commenced the development of an Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA) Parks, Play areas & Campgrounds Transition Plan in 2021. This document will become incorporated with the ADA Facilities Transition Plan adopted by City Council in 2019.

1.1 ADA Background

The ADA is a civil rights law that requires all state and local governments to provide equal access to programs and services for all community members. It was signed into law by President George H.W. Bush on July 26, 1990 and went into effect in 1992. The ADA is a landmark civil rights law that prohibits discrimination against individuals with disabilities in access to jobs, public accommodations, government services and programs, public transportation, and telecommunications. The ADA treats access as a civil right.

Title I of the ADA prohibits private employers, state and local governments, employment agencies and labor unions from discriminating against qualified individuals with disabilities in job application procedures, hiring, firing, advancement, compensation, job training, and other terms, conditions, and privileges of employment. The City of Homer is an Equal Employment Opportunity (EEO) employer and adheres to the requirements of Title I.

Title II of the ADA adopts the general prohibitions against discrimination contained in Section 504 of the Rehabilitation Act of 1973, but applies to all state and local governments, regardless of whether or not they receive federal funding. It prohibits the City from denying persons with disabilities the equal opportunity to participate in its services, programs or activities, either directly or indirectly through contractual arrangements. It is the policy of the City of Homer to make every reasonable effort to provide equal access to all City facilities, services, programs, and activities for citizens with disabilities in accordance with the ADA and Section 504 of the Rehabilitation Act of 1973.

Title III applies to public accommodations, which include businesses open to the public and requires them to make reasonable modifications to accommodate individuals with disabilities.

1.2 Community Involvement

Community involvement is a priority of Homer and an essential part of the ADA requirements. The City is required to involve the public in the evaluation and prioritization process. To ensure the community had various ways to engage the public, meetings were held via electronic means as well as in person. The public was invited to attend and participate in the facilities review and site accessibility audits.

2.0 Regulatory Standards and Guidance

2.1 Audit Standards

Multiple federal guidelines were applied to the parks, trails and campgrounds accessibility audits. The first is the Americans with Disabilities Act Accessibility Guidelines (ADAAG), also known as the 1991 standards, which addresses entries, doors, service counters, showers, curb cuts on sidewalks, pathways and trails within parks, and other typical building elements when applicable. The second is 2010 Standards for Accessible Design, effective March 15, 2012 that includes requirements for play areas, fishing areas, boating areas, and more.

The Access Board issued accessibility guidelines for newly constructed and altered recreation facilities in 2002, these supplement the ADAAG. All newly designed, constructed, and altered recreation facilities covered by ADA were required to comply.

Certain parks elements do not yet have a final standard, these include trails, picnic areas and campgrounds. On these elements, the Outdoor Developed Areas Guidelines (ODAG) were used. The site accessibility reports cite both the ADAAG 2010 Standards and the Outdoor Developed Areas Guidelines.

This report identifies the barriers and performance-based solutions in the form of project recommendations. Some of these projects will require further design prior to implementation. All improvements will require maintenance to ensure continued compliance with these guidelines.

2.2 Transition Plan Requirements

The ADA Parks, Play areas & Campgrounds Transition Plan (Parks Transition Plan) development includes the following features:

- A list of physical barriers that limit accessibility of programs or activities to individuals with disabilities, also known as a self-evaluation.
- A detailed description of the methods that will be used to make is accessible.
- The official responsible for implementation of the plan.
- A timeline for corrections.

The Parks Transition Plan timeline is designed to provide flexibility to the City around specific parks, play areas, and campgrounds, ensuring that continuous access and improvements are being made.

In 2019, the City Council adopted the City of Homer ADA Transition Plan (Transition Plan), which identified the ADA coordinator, evaluated communications and other city facilities, developed a dispute process and modifications request. This information is available on the City of Homer website or at the City Clerk's Office. This Transition Plan began the audit process with the evaluation of entrances, restrooms, sidewalks, parking areas and curb ramps at all city facilities.

The Parks Transition Plan describes those barriers to and within Homer's parks, campgrounds, and play areas, and provides recommendations to remove barriers found. This document will supplement the earlier Transition Plan created for City buildings and facilities to fulfill the requirements in Title II of the ADA.

The Parks Transition Plan and the previously approved Facilities Transition Plan will be integrated into a single overall Plan after completion.

2.3 Program Access Recommendations

The US Department of Justice test for existing facilities is known as the program access test. A program is an opportunity made available by the individual department, in this case Parks. A program is not just an activity for which a person registers and pays a fee. It can be the program of picnicking, parking or fishing. It is a program if it is an activity made available by the Parks or Recreation department. The program access test does not apply to new construction or alterations and additions. New construction, alterations or additions must be designed and constructed to comply with the 2010 Standards for Accessible Design.

There are multiple ways in which a program can be made accessible. In Title II regulations, Section 35.150(b) describes the methods an entity can use to make programs accessible. They include:

- Redesign or acquisition of equipment;
- Move program to accessible buildings;
- Assignment of aides to program beneficiaries;
- Delivery of services at alternate accessible sites;
- Alteration of existing facilities and construction of new facilities;
- Use of accessible rolling stock or other conveyances; and
- Any other methods that result in making its services, programs and activities readily accessible to and usable by individuals with disabilities.

The program access recommendations are based on a minimum of ***one out of three assets should be accessible***. All unique assets should be accessible. Some barriers, identified in the site accessibility reports will not need to be changed until a renovation or rebuild based on

the technical infeasibility, historical preservation, construction tolerance or that no current guidance is available.

3.0 Methodology

The methodology of this portion of the transition plan included the following elements.

3.1 Access Audits

Members of the ADA Compliance Committee, Public Works Staff, and members of the Parks, Arts, Recreation & Culture Advisory Commission (PARC), and interested community members conducted accessibility audits for six parks, including campgrounds, one separate campground and one memorial park. These audits were conducted July through September 2021 and 2022.

The site visit accessibility audits consisted of an overall site report and individual checklists that covered parking, accessible routes and means of access, play areas, shelters/picnic areas, outdoor recreation amenities such as fire rings or bar-b-que grills and park site.

- The overall site report for each park facility includes the following:
 - a description of the specific barriers at each location
 - reference to the regulation or guideline citation
 - digital images of the barrier
 - location within the site
 - methods to meet accessibility requirements
 - recommendations for addressing the barrier
 - priority ranking in accordance with federal guidelines

3.2 Findings

The accessibility audits identified multiple access deficits across the system. This represents a better than average number of access deficits, meaning City of Homer parks, play areas and campgrounds are less accessible than many larger communities, but comparable to similar communities across Alaska. Projects were prioritized using Department of Justice (DOJ) guidance which considers the following priorities.

1. Accessible approach and entry (parking, accessible routes)
2. Access to programs and services
3. Access to Restrooms
4. Access to other items (drinking fountains, trash receptacles, grills, benches, etc.)

Each location was prioritized based on community usage, survey responses, public comment or participation, access to park amenities such as playground, trails, and campgrounds and was given a higher priority.

4.0 Transition Plan

The accessibility audits identified multiple access deficits across the system. To effectively and efficiently improve accessibility they were prioritized over a ten (10) year timeline to ensure program access. The prioritized list includes barriers to access all features at each location.

This prioritization of the projects within the Parks Transition Plan was accomplished through meetings and site visits open to members of the community, in collaboration with the ADA Compliance Committee members, Public Works Staff, and Parks, Arts, Recreation & Culture Advisory Commissioners. This work sought to identify the most efficient and effective way to make the City's parks, campgrounds and trails more accessible. The prioritization focused on all of the deficiencies that could be addressed in the recommended timeframe while working on program access.

These priorities focused on which parks, campgrounds and trails were most used by the community and visitors to improve accessibility, evaluating which deficiencies to correct first for the most benefit. Lastly, that all program types are accessible somewhere within the system.

The transition plan works toward this goal with the expectation that any new construction will be fully compliant and help the department move over time to a completely accessible parks system within the City of Homer.

See Exhibit A for Accessibility Audits on the following:

1. Karen Hornaday Park including playground, campground and ballfields
2. Mariner Park including Day Use Area and campground
3. Beluga Slough Trail
4. Bishop's Beach Park
5. Bayview Park
6. Jack Gist Park including ballfields
7. Seafarer's Memorial

5.0 Cost Estimating and Financing

5.1 Cost Estimating

The timeline for this work outlined in the Parks Transition Plan is ten years which takes advantage of the biennial budgeting process the City follows. Initial work has been focused on cost estimates for the projects undertaken in the biennium budget period and a five-year proposed project list. Maintenance and smaller capital projects would occur in the annual budget established and as needed. Detailed development of budget offers would be written and submitted over the next three biennia. More detailed cost estimates for future projects

would be developed for those budget offers. Any new construction undertaken is required to be fully accessible.

Upon completion of the prioritization, the City of Homer Public Works performed cost estimating with park maintenance operations, administration and planning to further understand the project groupings and how we might contract for certain work such as paving parking lots vs. a discrete set of access projects at a single park. Original cost estimates were based on past experience with similar projects and assumptions regarding future economic conditions and related to construction only (no design or project costs).

These numbers were reviewed and revised with a multiplier to bring to 2023 cost estimates. Additional work on costs will occur leading up to development.

Potential cost savings may be realized from strategic scaling of contracts. Analysis of the project list identified 6 major types of work that include the following six trades or project types:

Parking/Paving/Concrete

Labor

Plumbing

Electrical

Signage

Potential CIP Project

Further costing will evaluate opportunities to do multiple projects across the park, playground or campground system, such as all sign upgrades.

5.2 Funding

There is no dedicated source of federal funds for accessibility renovations to existing sites.

The work will be done through three main funding channels as follows:

- Maintenance and repair
- Small capital projects
- Capital Improvement Plan (CIP) projects.
 - Current CIP projects will be reviewed to see if they may be amended to capture additional access improvements. An example of this might be the Bayview Park. This will increase the available number of accessible play areas.
- Available Grant funding and other sources that could help implement some of this work
 - ADA modifications are common, and grants will be competitive. Some opportunities may be available through the following:
 - Community Development Block Grant Funds: Many agencies receive federal Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) funds for accessibility renovations at existing sites. CDBG funds often have a scale of priority. It is important to establish accessibility as a priority for CDBG applications.

- State/Federal Grant Programs such as the Land & Water Conservation Fund, The Great American Outdoors Act; Community Facilities Direct Loan & Grant Program in Alaska, or Recreational Trails Program
- State Appropriations: The City has successfully competed for appropriations for larger projects and if offered by the State would be an avenue for funding.

6.0 Recommendations

In addition to the audit findings, opportunities to improve accessibility via policies and procedures were identified through the self-evaluation. The following recommendations are not an exhaustive policy review, but highlighting best practices based on discussions with staff, ADA Advisory Board members, PARC Commissioners and interested members of the community.

1. Implement modifications according to the approach proposed in Section 4.0 and the Parks Transition Plan to accommodate all users.
2. Develop maintenance staff training and checklists to improve accessibility during routine maintenance. Items such as accessible routes, gaps, changes in level, door closing force and common obstructions can be part of ongoing routine maintenance work.
3. Update website with more details regarding ADA access at each park. This would include parking and restroom accessibility along with what is accessible and lengths of accessible trails, so park patrons can make informed decisions before traveling to the park.
4. Ensure all contracts have language regarding modifications that a contractor will make to provide equal access to services, programs and activities.
5. Improve wayfinding signage so people with disabilities can more easily and conveniently navigate the park system and the city as a whole.
6. If portable toilets are provided at a park site, make sure at least one is accessible.

Facility Name: Karen Hornaday Park				TIME OF ASSESSMENT: July - September 2021		
STRUCTURES/FACILITY/AREA(S): Karen Hornaday Park has only portable toilets at the time of accessibility surveys. Projects are in planning stages for redesign of entrance road, parking lot, pedestrian trail and new restroom facilities.						
ADA STD SECT #/ORAR	ACCESSIBILITY ISSUE	COMMENTS	BUILDING LOCATION OR OTHER IDENTIFIER	PICTURE/IMAGE	ESTIMATED COST	PRIORITY & TIMING - Based on ADA Reg. Guidelines
206.2.1; 206.2.2;	No accessible route from upper ballfields, playground or parking lot to pavilion Slope is greater than 1:48	Furnish and install accessible route to pavilion from parking lot, playground and upper ballfields. Where multiple sports fields or courts are provided an accessible route is required to each field or area of Sport Activity	Pavilion closest to parking lot & playground			Priority 1
208.2 502.2 502.3 & 502.6	Designated accessible parking is not posted or available	Recommend paving and striping of parking lot for efficient use of available space. Redesign should be considered such as use of field located to the south of the newest pavilion.	Main Parking Lot in area where former restroom was located			Priority 1
1011.2.1	Pavilion has one ADA Compliant picnic table	Recommend installation of additional accessible table due to high use of pavilion.	Main Lower Pavilion			Priority 4

ADA STD SECT #/ORAR	ACCESSIBILITY ISSUE	COMMENTS	BUILDING LOCATION OR OTHER IDENTIFIER	PICTURE/IMAGE	ESTIMATED COST	PRIORITY & TIMING - Based on ADA Reg. Guidelines
303	Transition to concrete pad under pavilion requires regular maintenance.	Add material to maintain accessible approach. Regrade slope	North/east side of pavilion nearest to playground and upper ballfield			Priority 1
302.1, 402.2, 403.2	The rope climb is surrounded by rocks with no ADA access point.	Remove rocks and install accessible pathway to amenity.	Lower field near pavilion.			Priority 1
208.1, 208.2, 208.2.4 & 502.6	Parking for the playground is limited to approximately 3 spaces with no designated Handicap parking.	Define parking spaces and designate a minimum of one space (all three would be preferred) as Accessible Parking.	Playground entrance			Priority 1
240.1 240.2.1 1008.1 1008.2.1	The climbing wall just outside the entrance to the playground has the potential to be an accessible feature but is not maintained. The entrance is not accessible	Maintain area and create access entry to incorporate into main playground	Playground entrance			Priority 4

ADA STD SECT #/ORAR	ACCESSIBILITY ISSUE	COMMENTS	BUILDING LOCATION OR OTHER IDENTIFIER	PICTURE/IMAGE	ESTIMATED COST	PRIORITY & TIMING - Based on ADA Reg. Guidelines
302.1; 302.3; 303.1; 304.1; 403.1; 402; 403.5.1; 1008.1- 1008.2.1; 1008.2.4; 1008.2.6	Playground has a wood chip base this is not accessible material; entrance to small children's play area	Furnish & install accessible route into & throughout the playground ensuring stable, firm non-slip material	Entrance to playground and small children's area			Priority 1
1008.2.4; 1008.2.6; 1008.4.3	Potentially accessible feature just outside the small children's play area.	Recommend relocating component to ensure accessibility or clearing area to enable access	Play Area			Priority 4
1008.4.2; 308, 1008.2.6, 1008.2.4	Accessible communication station and a wheel that requires standing to access. A Climbing wall feature within the small children's play area that may be accessible.	Recommend modification on the height of the wheel for accessibility. Clear width and access Ground should be firm and stable Child reach needs to be verified	Play Area			Priority 4
302.1 , 303.1, 305.2, 1008.2.4	This play area is surrounded by wall or fence and is not accessible by wheelchair or those with mobility or visual impairments without assistance.	Modify to provide accessible route to this area. Installation of suitable materials to make ground firm and stable is needed	Play Area			Priority 1

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303.1 1008.3.1, 1008.3.2	All access to this play component require stepping up. There is no chair level access.	Modify component to provide required accessibility by providing accessible platform access from wheelchair, etc.	Play Area			Priority 2
1008.2.1	This boat play component is partially accessible but the sand box around it is not accessible.	Modify component to make sand box accessible which would allow access to the boat	Play Area			Priority 2
240.2.1.2,	A typical playground feature that provides multiple access points but has no accessible transfer point.	Recommend modification to add a transfer platform.	Play Area			Priority 4
240, 403	Swings have accessible option	Recommend providing additional accessible swings	Small Children's Area			Priority 4
240, 302, 304, 305, 404.2.3	Entrance to older children's play area needs to be wider for accessibility.	Recommend extending the opening to be ADA compliant	Play Area			Priority 1

ADA STD SECT #/ORAR	ACCESSIBILITY ISSUE	COMMENTS	BUILDING LOCATION OR OTHER IDENTIFIER	PICTURE/IMAGE	ESTIMATED COST	PRIORITY & TIMING - Based on ADA Reg. Guidelines
1008.2.1	Safety hazard	Logs are rotten and should be removed	Play Area		Labor for staff to remove	Priority 1
1008.2.1; 1008.2; 1008.2.4.1 1008.2.6; 1008.2.6.1	Accessible climbing wall next to entrance to elevated play component. No accessible entrance to Boat	Recommend installation of transfer platform to access elevated play components; Tube slide with elevated play area should provide additional access point since this is the only play component of type. Boat play component could be accessible feature with modifications	Play Area- Mutiple Sections			Priority 4
1008.2.6, 206, 404,	Ground material not ADA compliant	Recommend replacing materials and installation of a firm stable surface material	Stand & Spin			Priority 1

ADA STD SECT #/ORAR	ACCESSIBILITY ISSUE	COMMENTS	BUILDING LOCATION OR OTHER IDENTIFIER	PICTURE/IMAGE	ESTIMATED COST	PRIORITY & TIMING - Based on ADA Reg. Guidelines
1008.4	Component is not ADA Compliant and not required but it would be beneficial to have one that is ADA Compliant with regard to reach	Replace and install equipment with options for lower reach, if possible	Zip Line Play Component			Priority 4
206, 404, 1008	Accessible Route is needed and replacement of ground materials	Remove and Replace solid stable ground materials	Swings			Priority 2
221.2 221.2.1.4 221.2.3 221.3	Bleachers at upper field – no accessibility, too close to fence, no hand rails or safety railing to prevent falling off the top seat	Furnish and install or modify existing to provide better safety; Install bench and area for wheelchair seating; provide accessible seating	Upper field closet to playground			Priority 1 & Priority 2
1011.2, 1011.3 1011.5	Grills swivel. Req. 40" x 48" clear ground space on all sides; 2-5% slope and 15"-34" height req.	Remove and Reinstall to allow for ADA required height clearance and slope	Central pavilion nearest upper ball field			Priority 4
206	Pavilion approaches are not ADA compliant, slope too steep and not enough flat surface area; Tables that built in are not accessible	Regrade and install ADA compliant pathway route(s) to pavilion. Furnish/install section for ADA compliant table(s); create ADA compliant surface	Upper Pavilion nearest to western ballfield and lower Highland Games Field			Priority 1

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1011.2.1	Available Picnic Tables are not ADA Compliant	Provide minimum of one ADA Compliant Table	Upper Pavilion nearest to western ballfield and lower Highland Games Field			Priority 2
1008.2.6; 206.7.9; 206.7.9, 404.2.3, 404.2.4.4	Entrances to dugouts are not compliant; grade has step up; Dugout entrance is not ADA Compliant - opening is too narrow	ground surface must be maintained and inspected on a regular basis to ensure compliance; Remove and Replace Gate & fencing to provide required clearances	Team Dugout (requires location verification)			Priority 1
206.2.1 221.4 221.2.1.4 221.2.3 221.3	There is no accessible route from/to accessible parking spaces. Bleachers do not provide accessible seating or companion seating.	Furnish and Install accessible route from parking lot (when completed) Provide designated wheelchair seating with companion seating. Provide regular maintenance to grounds	First lower field at KHP			Priority 1
FACILITY NAME: Bishop's Beach Park & Beluga Slough Trail				TIME OF ASSESSMENT: July-September 2021		
STRUCTURE/FACILITY/AREA(S): Bishop's Beach Park provides access to miles of public beaches, a picnic pavilion with fire ring and bar-b-que grill and picnic tables. There is a large grassy manicured lawn area and currently restroom facilities are portable toilets as plumbed toilets are in the planning and design phase with expectation of construction in 2022/23. It also provides vehicle access to the						
208	Handicap parking has too much slope, no accessible access	Regrade and repave parking lot to include	Accessible Parking spaces to pavilion and			

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208.2 208.2.4 302, 502.4	to pavilion or portable toilets. Overall slope in parking space should not be over 1:48	pavement marking for minimum # of required accessible parking spaces with the required # of spaces to be van accessible	future restroom location			Priority 1
206 206.2.1 502.1 – 502.3.4	No Accessible approach to portable restrooms and picnic pavilion	Furnish & install accessible walkway to picnic shelter and restroom from handicap parking spaces				Priority 1
703, 502.6, 703.7.2.1	Signage and no van accessible parking spot; Access to facilities; slope of accessible parking spaces	Handicap parking signage updated regarding fines. Van accessible parking and pavement marking. Regrade and repave parking lot to maintain correct slope	Bishop's Beach Parking lot			Priority 1
402, 404	Transition from ground to elevated walkway is too high; Transition from	Recommend regular maintenance to ensure there is no	Beluga Slough Trail approach			

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	ground to elevated walkway is too high and there is too steep of slope; Transition is too high, vegetation impairs visibility	ledge. Correct slope and transition from ground to elevated walkway; maintain vegetation on a regular basis to insure accessibility; Maintain difference between ground and elevated walkway on a regular basis to keep compliant and retain slope ratios				Priority 1
402, 404	Nominal transition issues on this segment. Good example of what access should be.	Recommend maintenance to maintain proper transition measurements.				Priority 1
FACILITY NAME: Mariner Park and Campground				TIME OF ASSESSMENT: July-September 2021		
STRUCTURE/FACILITY/AREA(S): Located at the base of the Homer Spit, Mariner Park, is a 111 acre mul;ti-use area that is one of the most popular beach access points in Homer. There are 34 campsites available April 1st through October 30th. There is a Day Use Area along the northern border of the park with picnic tables, fire rings and a gazebo. The gazebo is available for reservation for private events. There are seasonal restroom facilities provided.						
ADA STD SECTION #/ORAR	ACCESSIBILITY ISSUE	COMMENTS/ SUGGESTIONS	BUILDING LOCATION OR OTHER IDENTIFIER	PICTURE/IMAGE	ESTIMATED COST	PRIORITY & TIMING
206.2.1, 502	No accessible parking designation No ramp to gazebo interior	Construct and place a accessible ramp intp the gazebo. Identify accessible parking space(s)	Gazebo and Parking in Day Use Area			Priority 1

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210, 504, 505.10.2	No Handrails on the steps. Steps are too steep with narrow rise and steps.	All steps on flight of stairs shall have uniform riser heights and uniform tread depths. Recommend Rebuilding stairs to be compliant with regulations including handrails.	Gazebo Mariner Park Day Use Area			Priority 2
903	Bench is minimum compliant height 17 inches. But does not have the required transfer back support or seat width. Wheelchair space is limited in the gazebo dependent upon number of people.	Bench shall provide for back support or shall be fixed to a wall. Grab bars should be installed to provide assistance for transferring to the bench. Install compliant seating that is 17-19 inches from the floor, seat width 42 inches long and 20 inches deep.	Gazebo Mariner Park Day Use Area			Priority 2
ORAR F244.2.3.1, F244.3, F245.2.5.1; & F244. 5.3	Fire Ring is not compliant 20 feet from parking lot, No accessible route	install accessible route from parking lot and gazebo to Fire Ring and picnic table	Gazebo Mariner Park Day Use Area			Priority 3

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ORAR 1011.2; 1011.4; F244.2.3.1; F244.3, F245.2.5.1; & F244. 5.3	No ADA Compliant Camp Site per regs Total of Camping Sites required is 2-3 based on overall # of sites. No ADA Compliant picnic tables. No accessible route from parking	No designated Accessible parking	Mariner Park Camping Area			Priority 1
ORAR 1016.2; 1016.3; 1016.4 1016.7.1;	No ADA parking designated No accessible route from parking to Host cabin. No Ramp Access or alternate method of notification to get camp host attention if not outside.		Camp Host Cabin			Priority 1
ORAR 1016.2; 1016.3; 1016.4 1016.7.1; F244.2.3.1; F244.3; F245.2.5.1; F244.5.3 703.4.1; 703.5.5; 703.5.6; 703.7	Fee Kiosk Area Bulletin Board height is 50" Doggie Bag Dispenser 38.5" No accessible route to portable restroom facility. Dumpster is not accessible Picnic tables rotted and not compliant. Campsite 21 feet 3inches wide by 22 feet long. Fire Ring 17" height	Furnish & Install Clear Access to Kiosk; Install Doggie Bag Dispenser at regulation height	Entrance Location at Mariner Park			Priority 3

ADA STD SECT #/ORAR	ACCESSIBILITY ISSUE	COMMENTS	BUILDING LOCATION OR OTHER IDENTIFIER	PICTURE/IMAGE	ESTIMATED COST	PRIORITY & TIMING - Based on ADA Reg. Guidelines
FACILITY NAME: Fishing Hole Campground, Homer Spit				TIME OF ASSESSMENT: July-September 2021		
STRUCTURE/FACILITY/AREA(s): With over 80 sites and located next the Fishing Lagoon, 9 camp sites are located on the lagoon, the Fishing Hole Campground is a popular destination for campers. Amenities include Fishing Hole sites, beach sites, fish cleaning tables, handicapped accessible restroom facilities, potable water, and easy access to one of the city's RV dump sites. The Fishing Hole Campground has 16 sites that are available for camping during the winter months, from October 31- March 31 st .						
703.4.1; 703.5.5; 703.5.6; 703.7	Accessible Camping Spaces - Signage placement	Paved connections to pavilion & walkway to Restroom facilities - Signage placement requires correction	ADA Camp Sites at Fishing Hole			Priority 1
1011.2; 1011.4; 902.3 ABA	Picnic Tables, accessible	ADA Compliant picnic table provided, recommend adding one. Req. is based on each 24LF of usable space around table top, there should be min. of 1 wheelchair space.	Fishing Hole Pavilion			Priority 3
1011.2; 1011.3; 1011.5	Grill. Grills swivel. Req. 48" x 48" clear ground space on all sides; 2-5% slope and 15"-34" height req.	Relocate to maintain the required distance on all sides. Enlarge concrete pad or install appropriate materials to ensure ground accessibility	Fishing Hole Pavilion			Priority 3

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Facility Name: Seafarer's Memorial Park				Time of Assessment: July - September 2021		
STRUCTURE/FACILITY/AREA(s): Seafarer's Memorial is a 2.52 acre lot located off of the Sterling Highway near 13 the end of the Homer Spit, a memorial gazebo honoring those who were lost at sea, 45 parking places and open space providing unobstructed views of the surrounding mountains and Kachemak Bay and access to the Spit beach.						
ADA STD SECTION #/ORAR	ACCESSIBILITY ISSUE	COMMENTS/ SUGGESTIONS	BUILDING LOCATION OR OTHER IDENTIFIER	PICTURE/IMAGE	ESTIMATED COST	PRIORITY & TIMING
						

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FACILITY NAME: Jack Gist Park				TIME OF ASSESSMENT: July - September 2021		
STRUCTURE/FACILITY/AREA(s): Donated by Jack Gist's estate for new softball fields, this 10 acre park offers stunning views of Beluga Lake and Kachemak Bay. Three fields are utilized by the Homer Adult Softball Association and the Homer High Mariner Softball team. There is also a disc golf course located in the park. Restrooms are available during the summer season.						
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AGENDA ITEM REPORT

ADA Compliance Projects - Budget Request

Item Type: ACTION MEMORANDUM
Prepared For: ADA ADVISORY BOARD
Meeting Date: APRIL 13, 2023
Staff Contact: RENEE KRAUSE, ADA COORDINATOR
Fiscal Impact: \$9,739.20

Summary Statement:

This is a budget request to purchase a portable and removable roll-out access pathway for pedestrians, wheelchair users, strollers, and cyclists that will provide an ADA compliant access to facilities entrances, events, recreational programs, beach areas or even areas along trails that are not accessible. Along with the equipment that will facilitate ease of application and convenience to store the pathway.

This purchase will offer the ability to have 100 feet of pathway that is 5 feet in width and will provide a firm, safe, stable and easy to use ADA/ABA compliant travel surface over sand, grass, snow and ice. Over the past couple of years accessibility surveys performed in city parks and recreational areas showed that access, which is a top priority, are not accessible to someone with mobility issues. These pathways are a convenient and easy way to provide that accessibility. Application is easily provided by the MobiRoller which then allows one person installation. The pathway comes with the required anchors to keep it in place. Cleaning and maintenance of the pathway is easily accomplished by using a broom or power leaf blower.

This equipment can be available for groups that are using city facilities to hold their special event or if the city is holding an event in an area that would make it difficult for anyone with mobility issues to attend giving the City one more way of becoming an overall accessible community.

Included are the Budget request form, quote received and informational materials and data sheet on the product.

Recommendation:

Make a motion to recommend City Council approve the purchase of two 50 foot rolls of MobiMat RecPath and the MobiRoller Dispenser in the amount of \$9,739.20 and include in the FY24/F25 Biennial Budget.

FY24 Proposed Budget Amendment Form

Fund Name: General CARMA (156)

Project Name: ADA Accessibility Equipment

Account #	Account name	Page #	Increase	Decrease	Balance
100-156	General CARMA			\$ 9,739.20	

Rationale:

The City Council has adopted several resolutions supporting accessibility throughout the city, purchasing this equipment would provide access to numerous events supported and/or sponsored by the City and held throughout the year within the City facilities and recreational venues such as Bishop's Beach, Mariner Park, Beluga Slough, or Karen Hornaday Park. This equipment would provide accessibility compliance where currently there is none.

The MobiMat RecPath is an ADA/ABA portable non-slip rollup access mat that can be used over sand, grass, snow and ice. They are UV, water and mildew resistant and provide a semi rigid, stable rollout pathway that remains nonslip even in inclement weather. It is also salt water resistant and can be extended into the water.

The cost for the MobiMat RecPath per 50 foot roll is \$2,219.00. This is a five foot wide, portable rollout access mat for pedestrians, elderly, strollers and people with mobility issues of any kind. They are great for use in creating accessible pathways to a beach area, park pavilions, or over snow and ice to view or attend an event.

The Mobi Mat Roll & Stow Manual dispenser is \$3659.00. This is a manual dispenser that is designed to transport, deploy and recover up to 164 feet of the MobiMat RecPath with or without a vehicle in a few minutes. It can also be fitted with a tow coupling to use a vehicle with the standard tow hitch.

Shipping is quoted at \$1,642.20 via ground by UPS, USPS or FED Ex

The Total estimated cost is \$9,739.20

Requested By: ADA Advisory Board Prepared By: Renee Krause, ADA Coordinator

218 Little Falls Rd, #12
Cedar Grove, NJ 07009

Date	Quote #
4/4/2023	E8442

Customer	Ship To
Homer, City of Renee Krause 491 East Pioneer Avenue Homer, Alaska 99603	Homer, City of Renee Krause 491 East Pioneer Avenue Homer, AK 99603

Terms	Rep	FOB	Quotation valid until
Net 30	BGPR	New-Jersey	May 31, 2023

Item	Description	Qty	Cost	Total
220464	Mobi-Roller for Mobi-Mat deployment 5' width(capacity 166 for AFX and 133' for A2X)	1	3,659.00	3,659.00
300257-1520	Mobi-mat (RecPath) AFX blue jay 5' x 50' 2h 20" staples + spikes	2	2,219.00	4,438.00
DELIVERY NT	Boxing/crating, Shipping, Handling, Delivery		1,642.20	1,642.20
	For questions or to proceed with ordering contact Bruce Glen at 917-459-9113 or bruce.glen@mobi-mat.com			

Freight Quote is an estimate only and may be subject to change at time of shipment	Subtotal	\$9,739.20
If authorized by your terms of sales or approved by your representative your signature below will act as consent to proceed with this order as quoted and will become a binding agreement to purchase. Credit Card Payments will be assessed a 3.5% fee.	Sales Tax (0.0%)	\$0.00
	Total	\$9,739.20
Currency Shown in U.S. Dollar - Foreign customers please remit payment in USD to avoid re-invoicing of any exchange rate loss or fees.		

Signature

Roll-Out Access Pathway



Mobi-Mat® RecPath™ is a portable and removable rollout access pathway for pedestrians, wheelchair users, strollers, bicycles and ATVs.

ADA/ABA/AODA - Compliant

Firm, safe and stable, easy for any type of wheelchair, stroller or walker to maneuver on – providing a smooth continuous surface without gaps.

Environmentally Friendly

Made of 100% recycled polyester, Mobi-Mat® RecPath™ contributes to the environment by utilizing recycled plastics.



RecPath™ channels traffic along designated areas to protect sensitive dunes.



User friendly Cool and smooth surface

The blue AFX Mobi-Mat® RecPath™ permeable structure remains cool when exposed to very high temperature up to 80°C (176°F), for the benefit of barefoot beachgoers and disabled people.

Lightweight and Easy Installation

Mobi-Mat® is only 0.27 lbs/sqft, facilitating installation and retrieval of a 50' long section by two persons in ten minutes. Installation and retrieval can be performed by one person when using our Mobi-Roller™.

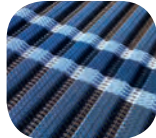
Color: Blue Jay

Easily provides dedicated traffic lanes. It is great for visually impaired persons.

Low Maintenance:

The Mobi-Mat® permeable structure allows sand to filter through, without sinking into the sand. Mobi-Mat® RecPath™ is easily maintained by sweeping any excess sand build up with a broom or with a leaf blower.



Product Trade-mark	Material	Grade	Color	Part Number	Roll Dimensions*			Roll weight (lbs)
					Width (ft)	Length (ft)	Diameter (in)	
 Mobi-Mat®	 100% Recycled Polyester	 0.27	 Blue Jay	206 483	5	16.5	12	22
				206 484		33	14	45
				206 485		50	16	68
				206 486		82	18	111
				206 488		100	20	135
				206 494	6.5	16.5	12	29
				206 495		33	14	58
				206 496		50	16	88
				206 497		82	18	144
				206 498		100	20	176

Anchorage included in the kit:

- X connection



- Staples and/or Spikes



* For any customized length, please contact DMS Inc. Phone# (973) 928-3040

The installation sheet can be downloaded on www.mobi-mat-chair-beach-access-dms.com

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5' & 6.5' wide RecPath™



RecPath™ Sign



Mobi-Roll'N Stow™



6.5' & 10' wide VMM™



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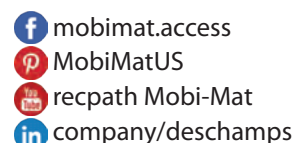
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Manual dispenser



DESCHAMPS' MOBI-ROLL 'N Stow™ is designed to transport, deploy and recover up to 164' (50) long Mobi-Mat® RecPath™, with or without vehicle in a few minutes.

Easy Assembly

DESCHAMPS' MOBI-ROLL'N Stow™ is delivered in kit ready to be assembled.

Robust system

MOBI-ROLL'N Stow™ is made of corrosion resistant material, and is therefore particularly suitable for seafront climate.

Easy manual deployment

MOBI-ROLL'N Stow™ can be pushed and pulled manually to deploy or retrieve up to 164' long Mobi-Mat® RecPath™.

Quick towing with vehicle in option

MOBI-ROLL'N Stow™ can be fitted with a towing coupling to deploy or retrieve up to 164' long Mobi-Mat® RecPath™ with a vehicle equipped with standard towing coupling.

Easy transport and storage

With its 50 lbs (23 kg), DESCHAMPS' MOBI-ROLL 'N Stow™ is very easy to transport and allows easy storage of the Mobi-Mat® RecPath.






100% non-slip surface

Guidance white stripes to facilitate the access for people with visual impairment



ADVANTAGES



- > Durable
- > Permeable
- > Customizable
- > 100% recyclable environmental friendly
- > UV, weather & salt water resistance
- > Flexible
- > Lightweight
- > Robust
- > Retains sand and dust
- > Highly engineered

Technical specifications

Dimension		Roll weight	Roll diameter	Blue Jay	Golden Sand
Width	Length				
1m 3.25ft	5 m 16 ft	8 kg 18lb	30 cm 12"	300248-0500**	300252-0500
	10 m 33 ft	15 kg 33 lb	35 cm 14"	300249-1000**	300253-1000
	15 m 50 ft	21 kg 46 lb	43 cm 17"	300249-1520**	300253-1520
	20 m 66 ft*	28 kg 62 lb	50 cm 20"	300250-2000**	300254-2000
	25 m 82 ft*	34 kg 75 lb	56 cm 22"	300250-2500**	300254-2500
	30 m 100 ft	41 kg 90lb	58 cm 23"	300251-3040**	300255-3040
1,50m 5ft	5 m 16 ft	11 kg 24 lb	30 cm 12"	300256-0500	300260-0500
	10 m 33 ft	21 kg 46 lb	35 cm 14"	300257-1000	300261-1000
	15 m 50 ft	31kg 68 lb	43 cm 17"	300257-1520	300261-1520
	20 m 66 ft*	41 kg 90 lb	50 cm 20"	300258-2000	300262-2000
	25 m 82 ft	50 kg 110 lb	56 cm 22"	300258-2500	300262-2500
	30 m 100 ft	60 kg 132 lb	58 cm 23"	300259-3040	300263-3040
2m 6.5ft	5 m 16 ft	15 kg 33 lb	30 cm 12"	300264-0500	300268-0500
	10 m 33 ft	28 kg 62 lb	35 cm 14"	300265-1000	300269-1000
	15 m 50 ft	41 kg 90 lb	43 cm 17"	300265-1520	300269-1520
	20 m 66 ft*	54 kg 119 lb	50 cm 20"	300266-2000	300270-2000
	25 m 82 ft	67 kg 148 lb	56 cm 22"	300266-2500	300270-2500
	30 m 100 ft	80 kg 176 lb	58 cm 23"	300267-3040	300271-3040
3m 10ft	3 m 10 ft	12kg 26 lb	25cm 8"	300470-0306	300276-0306
	5 m 16 ft	22 kg 49 lb	30 cm 12"	300470-0500	300276-0500
	10m 33 ft	42 kg 93 lb	35 cm 14"	300471-1000	300277-1000
	15 m 50 ft	61 kg 134 lb	43 cm 17"	300471-1520	300277-1520
	20 m 66 ft*	81 kg 179 lb	50 cm 20"	300472-2000	300278-2000
	25 m 82 ft*	100 kg 220 lb	56 cm 22"	300472-2500	300278-2500

Exact widths in m → 0,99m | 1,53m | 1,98m | 3,06m

*Lengths non standard in the USA

** Color not available in the USA

Mobi-mat® AFX Pedestrians & Vehicles of 3.5 tons & more (depending on the type of ground)

Tensile strength*	>100 kN/m 10 t/m 680lb/ft
Weight	<2kg/m² 0.4lb/sqft
Temperature : use & storage*	-40°C / + 80°C -104°F / +176°F
Combustion classification*	UL94 HB

*Non-contractual data



2 years warranty



ISO 9001 & ISO 14001 certification



experience of Access Mat solutions



Mobility: maximum ground grip



Bare foot friendly
> Soft
> Heat resistant



ADA/ABA compliant
Disable standards



Pedestrians and family with
> Strollers
> Wagons



Traffic
> Bikes
> Quads, Scooters...
> Service vehicles
> Small trailers



Light strip option - USB power cable
Maximum power 5W

Easy installation & low maintenance

QUICK INSTALLATION

Mobi-mat® is easy and quick to install.
Unpack, unroll and anchor the mat on the ground !

Additional anchoring options :

- **Concrete anchoring kit**
- **Wood anchoring kit**
- **Compact ground anchoring kit**
- **Underwater anchoring kit for soft ground**
- **Underwater anchoring kit for compact ground**

EASY MAINTENANCE

Excellent corrosion resistance:

- **Galvanized steel anchors**
- **Aluminum rivets and stainless steel eyelets**

Use a broom, a leaf blower or a high pressure water jet to clean Mobi-mat®.



All anchors are provided with the mat.

Depending on the dimensions of the mats , the number of eyelets and anchors varies.

Endless applications



BEACHES &
BOATRAMPs



TOURISM



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PARKS &
GARDENS



EVENTS



FARMING



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CONSTRUCTION &
LANDSCAPING



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HOTELS & RESORTS



SPORTS



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Mobi-roller™
Mat dispenser



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Memorandum

TO: Mayor Castner and Homer City Council
FROM: Rob Dumouchel, City Manager
DATE: March 23, 2023
SUBJECT: City Manager's Report for March 28, 2023 Council Meeting

Budget

Since the last meeting, the majority of my time has been spent attempting to wrap up a first draft of the operating and capital budgets. Council will receive a draft of the FY24/25 Operating Budget in the supplemental packet on Tuesday, March 28th. Finance Director Elizabeth Walton and I have spent many hours together, and apart, preparing the draft document for Council with the help of our department heads and division managers. The actual ordinance will come before Council in April and we'll schedule some work session time to go through the proposal in more detail.

Parks Update

In March, we started the implementation of a strategy to split up Parks Division functions in a way that will hopefully improve service to the public and make our operations more sustainable. In the past the Parks Division was charged with parks maintenance, campground management, public restroom management, airport parking enforcement, and numerous planning, promotion, relationship, volunteer, etc. duties all of which was to be administered by one year-round full-time employee and a small team of temporary employees. That set up was not practical nor sustainable. To attempt to better manage these public facing functions, the labor has been redistributed: Port and Harbor is taking on Spit Camping and airport parking enforcement (as discussed in my last report, expect to see some legislation at the first meeting in April that supports that move); the Janitorial team is taking on all public restrooms (we experimented with a contract solution last year, but the contract was not renewed and that expense removed from the draft FY24/25 budget); park maintenance will remain in Public Works; and planning, promotion, public engagement, volunteer coordination, etc. will move to Economic Development. This first season will obviously have some challenges as we sort out how to operationalize these moves, but the desired outcome is a more positive visitor experience in our parks, campgrounds, and restrooms. In the FY24/25 budget, you will see some related changes. The Parks Division will be looking to convert a portion of temporary employee wages into a full-time maintenance coordinator and the Parks Superintendent will move under Economic Development with a different title. The Harbor will sponsor one new janitor position, and there will be a proposed expansion of the summer temporary employee team for field and admin staff.

FY22 Audit

The auditors have been on site this week wrapping up audit activities to include interviews of key personnel like myself, the Finance Director, the Chief Technology Officer, and the Mayor. The FY22 audit should be

complete relatively soon. I expect that the audit will be brought before Council in April for review and acceptance.

Council/Commissions Joint Session Plan – To Be Reconfigured

In my last report, there was a memo from the City Clerk which indicated we would be attempting to put together a joint session with Council and all the commissions to do some training and communicate about roles. We set a target of April 3rd, but it is not looking like we will get the level of participation we need to maintain a quorum of all bodies. Staff, working with Councilmembers Lord and Erickson, will reconfigure the plan. The most likely outcome will be a series of work sessions where Council meets with one commission at a time.

HPD Movie Night

The Police Department recently hosted two mental health themed movie nights where they screened a film called PTSD911 for police and fire staff and spouses. I was able to join in on one evening, and it was very encouraging to see our first responders actively acknowledge the impacts their jobs can have on mental health and look for opportunities to support each other.

FEMA BRIC Grant

In late 2022 we submitted a Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) Building Resilient Infrastructure & Communities (BRIC) grant application to adopt and implement a building code here in Homer. We are still waiting on a decision from FEMA regarding our submittal, but we are seeing promising signs that they like the project we proposed. On Thursday, March 16, Ryan Foster, Special Projects Coordinator, was invited to meet with officials of the City of St. Paul, AK, and the State of Alaska Division of Homeland Security & Emergency Management to discuss FEMA BRIC grant application process. St. Paul is considering applying for the 2023 FEMA BRIC grant for building code adoption and implementation and asked questions regarding the City of Homer's experience in submitting a 2022 application for building code adoption and implementation.

Coast Guard City Update

In my last report I wrote that we were waiting on Congress, turns out that was not entirely correct. A representative from the Coast Guard City program reached out to let us know our package was routed to the Commandant's office this month and once she signs it, *then* it will go to Congress for an approval process that takes about 30 days. We're still on track, just a month behind where we thought we were in the process.

Ladder Truck Update

Early reports from the recent ladder testing are good. We're expecting an official report soon. If all signs continue to point towards this being a good deal for the City, expect an ordinance in April to capitalize on this opportunity.

Goodbye to Christine Draais, Assistant to the City Manager

Christine joined our team as Assistant to the City Manager back in 2021. She has done a phenomenal job of keeping the City Manager's office organized and moving forward in the time she's spent with us in Homer. Christine brought great energy and a new level of hospitality to the office, and the various state and federal officials who visit us here in Homer. She has been my lead on publishing a very informative and useful City newsletter every month. She also provides a lot of behind the scenes services to me, the special projects team, and Human Resources. Bella Vaz will be moving upstairs from planning to take on the Assistant to the City Manager role shortly with remote support from Christine as we manage the transition.



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Memorandum

TO: Mayor Castner and Homer City Council
FROM: Rob Dumouchel, City Manager
DATE: April 5, 2023
SUBJECT: City Manager's Report for April 10, 2023 Council Meeting

Army Corps General Investigation Contract Has Been Signed

At our last meeting, Council adopted Resolution 23-026 authorizing the City Manager to negotiate and execute the appropriate documents to officially enter into an agreement with the US Army Corps of Engineers for the Homer Harbor Expansion's general investigation. Colonel Delarosa, who has been a regular visitor to Homer during his tour in Alaska, visited the harbormaster's office later that same week to sign the contract for the Army Corps. After many years of working towards this point, we are very excited to actually start the study with the Army Corps and see where the process takes us.

Tsunami Operations Workshop

Chief Kirko and I attended a two and a half day Tsunami Operations Workshop in Kodiak. The event was sponsored by a National Tsunami Hazard Mitigation Program grant and all costs incurred by the Chief and I were covered by a Federal grant to the State of Alaska. The workshop included lectures and tabletop exercises with representatives from the Alaska Department of Homeland Security & Emergency Management, the Alaska Division of Geological & Geophysical Surveys, the University of Alaska Geophysical Institute, the NOAA National Tsunami Warning Center, the National Weather Service, American Red Cross of Alaska, and US Coast Guard Sector Anchorage. It was a lot of information to digest, but I appreciated having an opportunity to focus on tsunami response and mitigation topics with a wide cross section of Alaska communities from "big" cities like Homer down to smaller cities like Achik.

Update on State and Federal Grants

At the last meeting there was a request for an update regarding grant applications. We didn't have enough time to turn that interest into a work session, but we have been able to produce a matrix that gives an easy to digest overview of the various programs in motion and how we are interfacing with them. The matrix also includes State of Alaska CAPSIS requests and community directed spending (CDS – the federal earmark replacement). Projects associated with CDS requests were built to fit existing City interests into the programs available for CDS per Senator Murkowski's and Representative Peltola's offices.

Lt. Browning to Present to Alaska House Judiciary Committee

At the request of Representative Vance, Lieutenant Ryan Browning will be giving his Parenting in the Digital Age presentation to the House Judiciary Committee on April 10th. His presentation is a very candid and honest look at what social media is doing to our kids. Out of 1870 Alaskan high school aged teens, 48% of the girls

reported serious depression, 33% reported having had serious thoughts of suicide and 27% had an actual plan to kill themselves. Lt. Browning put this presentation together after investigating a sexting case with an 18 year old and much younger girls, then had a teen suicide call a few weeks after that. It's for parents to talk to their kids and WHY that is so important. Lt. Browning talks a lot about bullying, and what Instagram is doing to our youth. Some things parents need to look for when there's an issue creeping up in their kid and more than anything – it's an eye opening view for parents into what their kids are experiencing online.

Community Jails Funding

Last year Homer, along with other local governments that are home to community jails, lobbied the State Legislature for increased funding for the community jails program. Those efforts were successful and resulted in an increase for all jails. Since that time, the State has not been paying at the correct rate for FY23 and the Department of Corrections (DOC) has identified and is correcting this issue. We expect the DOC to issue a payment of \$134,904 to make up for the underpayments.

Collaborative Housing Event a Success

On Saturday, March 25, Special Projects Coordinator Ryan Foster and City Planner Rick Abboud, along with a wide coalition of community groups hosted the Greater Homer Housing Conversation at the Christian Community Church. Approximately 100 attendees gathered to discuss housing challenges and working solutions to help bring about more housing options in the community. A report on the findings of the event will be available in April and members of the organizing coalition anticipate providing a presentation on the report to the City Council. Additional information can be found at <https://ddaalaska.com/homer-housing-solutions/>.

Climate Change Workshop to Feature Homer Speakers

On April 11-12, Special Projects Coordinator Ryan Foster will be attending and presenting at the People on the Move in a Changing Climate Workshop hosted by the Alaska Sea Grant. Funded by the National Science Foundation (NSF), People on the Move in a Changing Climate (PEMOCC) is a Sea Grant-led Research Coordination Network that fosters collaboration among diverse experts and stakeholders to address research needs related to climate-induced human mobility, its socioeconomic consequences, and its role in building resilience and adaptation to the impacts of climate change in US coastal and Great Lakes regions. Additional information can be found at Alaska Sea Grant: <https://alaskaseagrant.org/event/people-on-the-move-in-a-changing-climate/>.

Cybersecurity Training

Over the last 10 days, members of the IT team visited work sites across the City to conduct a review of basic cybersecurity tips with City employees. The goal was to refresh staff awareness of the importance of the following topics: General overview of cyber threats to municipal governments; Best practices for password hygiene, including how to create memorable and strong passwords and how to determine if your passwords have been hacked; How to scan attachments for malware; How to lock your screen to prevent access to unattended computers; Precautions to use with external media (USB drives, etc). In general, staff has demonstrated a strong understanding of the importance of the users' role in defending our information technology against cyber threats, as well as a putting to use previous training in specific techniques. We would like to extend this training to Council at a future date.

Pratt Improvements

Economic Development Manager Julie Engebretsen attended the Pratt Museum and Park charrette on Wednesday, March 29th. Landscape Architect Peter Briggs of Corvus Design is working with the Pratt as part of an Economic Development Administration grant to explore options to make ADA improvements to parts of

the trail system, to create an outdoor education and community gathering space, and to better connect the Pratt to Pioneer Ave and downtown Homer's walkable network. The charrette included a walk in the woods, and an opportunity to comment on storyboards. Corvus Design is the same firm that created the City's Wayfinding and Streetscape Plan. It's exciting to see collaboration between the Pratt and the City toward the common goal of a walkable, engaging downtown area.

Homer Little League MOU Update

Economic Development staff have been busy working with Homer Little League on an updated MOU for the ballfields at Hornaday Park. The draft MOU and a resolution will be presented at the next Council meeting for review and approval. Little League begins in early May, depending on when the fields are dry.

Thank You to Drawdown Volunteers

The "Drawdown Baggers" bagged another 30 sandbags on April 1st for a season total of 506 sand bags! Over the last few months, volunteers gathered at Public Works every Saturday at noon, for an hour of sand bagging. The bags are used by parks staff to spread sand by hand for winter trail maintenance where the toolcat can't navigate. Having pre-bagged sand saves a lot of time and effort for staff. Parks Planner Matt Steffy is also working with Homer Drawdown volunteers to plan summer trail projects that will increase the number of trails that can be maintained in the winter by machine, rather than by hand. The Small Works Trail Program will cover material expenses for the upgrades, with the help of hardy trail volunteers for construction. One of the trails planned for an upgrade is East Fairview Ave, from Kachemak Way to Heath Street. This trail is heavily used by high school students walking to school.

Attachment:

State and Federal Grant update to Council



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Memorandum

TO: Mayor and City Council
FROM: Jenny Carroll, Special Projects and Communications Coordinator
THROUGH: Rob Dumouchel, City Manager
DATE: April 4, 2023
SUBJECT: Update on Federal and State grant applications

This is an informational memo to provide an update on Federal and State grant applications submitted or in process in support of City of Homer projects.

Federal/State Grant Application Update

4/3/23

FY23

Project Supported	TPC	Grant Fund	Grant Funds Req	Match/Local Cost	Status	Notes
Slope Stability-Erosion Mitigation Program						
Kachemak Drive Peatland Water Quality Improvement (Kahcemak Sponge)	\$4,388,791	NOAA Habitat Conservation KBNERSS led/City partner	\$ 1,188,275.00 (land acquisition)	\$ 418,000.00 (land acquisition)	Award pending	Awaiting notification/entering into sub-grant agreement. Grant is for peatland acquisition
		Congressionally Designated Spending Request #1 of 4	\$ 1,890,000.00 (water works)	\$ 892,516.00 (water works)	Submitted 3/17/2023	To Sen Murkowski & Represenative Peltola City costs eligible for funds from ADEC Clean Water Revolving Loan Fund & HART funds
		State of AK CAPSIS	\$ 2,744,994.00		Submitted 2/14/2023	State capital funding very unlikely in the State's FY24 budget
Beluga Slough Stormwater Treatment System	\$ 690,000.00	Alaska Clean Water Actions	\$ 153,307.00	\$ 107,182.00	Submitted 11/9/2022 Awarded 3/1/2023	Grant agreement Ord before City Council City costs in-kind + elibgle for funds from ADEC Clean Water Revolving Loan Fund
		State of AK CAPSIS	\$ 502,604.00		Submitted 2/14/2023	State capital funding very unlikely in the State's FY24 budget
Transportation						
Transportation Planning	\$ 960,000.00	Safe Streets For All KPB Applic/City partner	\$ 960,000.00	\$ 23,000.00 (in-kind)	Award announced	Application approved Reso 22-063
Non-Motorized Trans Network (REACH Project)	\$ 1,500,000.00	Fed RAISE Planning Grant	\$ 1,500,000.00	\$ -	Submitted 2/28/2023 Awaiting decision	HDR application support Reso 22-087 approved Project support Reso 23-012 approved Start date July '23/End date June '25 RAISE Constr Grant possible Feb '25
Homer All-Ages & Abilities Pedestrian Pathway	\$ 3,900,000.00	State of AK Transportation Alternatives (TAP)	\$ 3,432,000.00	\$ 468,000.00	Submitted 2/15/2023 Awaiting DOT cost estimate	HAPP sections in PW's 5-year road plan Project support Reso 23-011 approved Award announce May '23; end date June '25
Main Street Rehab/ Sidewalk South	\$ 4,200,000.00	State of AK Community Transportation Program (CTP)	\$ 3,696,000.00	\$ 504,000.00	Submitted 2/15/2023 Awaiting DOT cost estimate	Main St in 7-10 year horizon in PW Road Plan Project support Reso 23-011 approved Award announce May '23; end date June '25 (\$500,000 set aside in HART for grant matching)
Homer Float Systems						
Float Systems 4 & 1 Replace		Fed Port Infrastructure Development Projects (PIDP)	\$ 32,800,000.00	\$ 8,200,000.00 (20% min match)	Application in progress Due date 4/28/2023	HDR application support Ord 23-12 aprproved Project support Reso to Council 4/24/2023 Could apply for PIDP '24 if '23 unsuccessful
		Municipal Harbor Grant	\$ 5,000,000.00	\$ 5,000,000.00	No action yet due in August 2023	If funded, leverages State match to lower City match
		Denali Commission Grant			Application not begun Due date 4/14/23	Can be used as non-Federal Match May not be competitive - \$1M max award
Building Code Development	\$ 587,500.00	State BRIC Sub-Grant (Building Resilient Infrastructure & Communities)	\$ 470,000.00	\$ 117,500.00 (covered by State of Alaska)	Submitted 12/21/2022 Awaiting decision	Council Approved application Reso 22-086 As a sub-applic State covers local match
Parks & Recreation						
Multi-Use Community Center	\$ 350,000.00	State of AK CAPSIS	\$ 350,000.00 (planning)	-	Submitted 2/14/2023 Awaiting decision	State capital funding very unlikely in the State's FY24 budget
Bayview Park Renovations	\$69,919 to \$79,919	State of AK Healthy & Equitable Community	\$ 70,000.00 (approximately)	Cost est. pending from PW director	Application in progress Due date 4/25/2023	Support Resolution on 4/10/23 CC agenda
Utilities - Infrastructure Resilience						
Drinking Water Resiliency (A-Frame Water Transmission & 250,000 gallon water tank)	\$ 2,852,253.00	Congressionally Designated Spending Request #2 of 4	\$ 1,931,090.00	\$ 921,163.00	Submitted 3/17/2023	To Sen Murkowski & Represenative Peltola City costs eligible for funds from ADEC Clean Water Revolving Loan Fund & HAWSP
A-Frame Water Transmission	\$ 804,029.00	State of AK CAPSIS	\$ 643,274.00	\$ 160,818.00	Submitted 3/14/2023	State capital funding very unlikely in the State's FY24 budget
Beluga Lift Station	\$ 2,937,353.00	Congressionally Designated Spending Request #3 of 4	\$ 2,000,000.00	\$ 937,353.00	Submitted 3/17/2023	To Sen Murkowski & Represenative Peltola City costs eligible for funds from ADEC Clean Water Revolving Loan Fund & HAWSP
Spit Road Erosion Mitigation (USACE General Investigation)	\$ 3,000,000.00	Congressionally Designated Spending Request #4 of 4	\$ 1,500,000.00	-	Submitted 3/17/2023	To Sen Murkowski & Represenative Peltola Match funds potential from State PROTECT grant (unknown)
Raw Water Transmission Main		FEMA Disaster Mitigation	\$ 1,988,650.00	-	Submitted 1/32/2020	Responding to FEMA requests for information

ADA ADVISORY BOARD 2023 Calendar

	AGENDA DEADLINE	MEETING	CITY COUNCIL MEETING FOR REPORT*	ANNUAL TOPICS/EVENTS
JANUARY	No Meeting Scheduled			
FEBRUARY	Wednesday 2/1 5:00 p.m.	Thursday 2/09 5:00 p.m.	Monday 2/13 6:00 p.m.	ADA Budget Review *may not be applicable during non-budget years Development of Annual Strategic Plans & Goals
MARCH	No Meeting Scheduled			
APRIL	Wednesday 4/5 5:00 p.m.	Thursday 4/13 5:00 p.m.	Monday 4/24 6:00 p.m.	- Review first draft Parks, Play Areas & Campgrounds Transition Plan - ADA Budget Review FY23-FY25
MAY	Wednesday 5/3 5:00 p.m.	Thursday 5/11 5:00 p.m.	Monday 5/22 6:00 p.m.	- ADA Budget Review FY23-FY25 - Second Draft Parks, Play Areas & Campgrounds Transition Plan - Create Strategic Plan for 2024
JUNE	Wednesday 6/7 5:00 p.m.	Thursday 6/8 5:00 p.m.	Monday 6/12 6:00 p.m.	- Final Draft Parks, Play Areas & Campgrounds Transition Plan - Engage in Education and outreach activities for ADA Compliance in Local businesses to promote Accessible Homer
JULY	Wednesday 7/5 5:00 p.m.	Thursday 7/13 5:00 p.m.	Monday 7/24 6:00 p.m.	- Term Expiration Notices/Reapplications Sent Out - Review City Recreation programs for ADA Compliance
AUGUST	Wednesday 8/2 5:00 p.m.	Thursday 8/10 5:00 p.m.	Monday 8/14 6:00 p.m.	- Reapplications Due - Continued Site Visits for City Trail Transition Plan, - Review City Recreational Programs for ADA Compliance
SEPTEMBER	No Meeting Scheduled			
OCTOBER	Wednesday 10/4 5:00 p.m.	Thursday 10/12 5:00 p.m.	Monday 10/23 6:00 p.m.	- Approve Meeting Schedule for Upcoming Year - Board Training by City Clerk
NOVEMBER	Wednesday 11/1 5:00 p.m.	Thursday 11/9 5:00 p.m.	Monday 11/13 6:00 p.m.	Review Strategic Plan & Goals for 2024
DECEMBER	No Meeting Scheduled			

*The Board's opportunity to give their report to City Council is scheduled for the Council's regular meeting following the Board's regular meeting, under Agenda Item 8 – Announcements/ Presentations/ Borough Report/Commission Reports.