

Session 10-04, a Regular Meeting of the Parks and Recreation Advisory Commission was called to order by Chair Bremicker at 6:30 p.m. on November 18, 2010 at the City Hall Cowles Council Chambers located at 491 E. Pioneer Avenue, Homer, Alaska.

PRESENT: COMMISSIONERS BREMICKER, HARRALD, BRANN, CARLINSCHAUER, CUMMING,
AND LILLIBRIDGE

TELEPHONIC: COMMISSIONER ARCHIBALD

STAFF: PLANNING TECHNICIAN JULIE ENGBRETSSEN
RECREATION SPECIALIST/COMMUNITY SCHOOLS COORDINATOR MIKE ILLG
PARKS MAINTENANCE COORDINATOR ANGIE OTTESON
DEPUTY CITY CLERK I RENEE KRAUSE

APPROVAL OF THE AGENDA

LILLIBRIDGE/BRANN - MOVED TO APPROVE THE AGENDA AS PRESENTED.

The agenda was approved by consensus of the Commission.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

(Minutes are approved during Regular Meetings.)

CUMMING/BRANN - MOVED TO APPROVE THE MEETING MINUTES OF SEPTEMBER 16, 2010 AND OCTOBER 25, 2010.

There was no discussion.

VOTE. YES. NON-OBJECTION. UNANIMOUS CONSENT.

Motion carried.

PUBLIC COMMENTS REGARDING ITEMS ON THE AGENDA

There were no public comments.

VISITORS

Dave Seaman, President, The Kachemak Bay Wooden Boat Society (KBWBS). He stated that they have been attempting to lease a portion of a lot that the Pier One Theater and the campground next to the lagoon from the City. He summarized the steps the KBWBS has gone through so far and what they intend to do with the property. There is support for the endeavor by the Port and Harbor Commission, the Homer Yacht Club and other entities around town. The KBWBS is looking to establish a place where classes can be conducted, they can perform the boat reconditioning and building, hold the yearly festival and provide the storage needs of the KBWBS. The KBWBS would like a lease for thirty years for \$1.00 per year. It is believed that the economic benefit (bringing people to Homer) and cultural interest plus the family oriented activities offered by the KBWBS would be a fair exchange for the lease amount offered. The selected located is desirable due to the access to the water to launch the boats. The yearly festival would require access to a larger area for the weekend that it is held. The proposed building would actually only displace four camping spots. This results in a minimal revenue impact to the Parks and Recreation revenues.

The KBWBS is also planning on including a small playground that would be beneficial to the families that normally use that campground.

Mr. Lillibridge gave more details on the location of the building and the benefits to families coming to the Spit during the summer season.

Chair Bremicker inquired if Commissioner Lillibridge and he would have a conflict on a motion to support the KBWBS which is on the agenda under New Business. He is only a member.

Deputy City Clerk Krause explained that since both the Chair and Commissioner would be perceived by the Public as having a conflict even though they would not be receiving any monetary gain as members of the KBWBS they are more inclined to support and approve of a lease by Council. She further confirmed that a motion by a commissioner present that they have a conflict would be made and voted on then they would step down, Chair Bremicker would turn the meeting over to the Vice Chair, Ms. Harrauld. Commissioner Lillibridge and Bremicker would abstain from participating in the discussion and any forthcoming motions made by the remaining commissioners. Once the order of business has been dealt with they would then come back to the table. She additionally explained that they would still have a quorum present when they were found in conflict and thusly Commissioner Archibald attending telephonically would be able to vote also.

This will be address later in the agenda.

In response to questions regarding drawings or plans the Clerk stated she could provide copies of the information that the KBWBS provided to the Lease Committee.

Chair Bremicker called for a brief recess at 7:19 p.m. The meeting reconvened at 7:24 p.m.

Deputy City Clerk Krause distributed copies of the documents received from KBWBS at the last Lease Committee meeting for review.

There was no further discussion.

RECONSIDERATION

There were no items scheduled for reconsideration.

STAFF AND COUNCIL REPORTS/COMMITTEE REPORTS/BOROUGH REPORTS

Planning Technician Engebretsen distributed the following items:

1. Comments from Commissioner Archibald regarding various items on the agenda.
2. Updated information on Jack Gist Park Improvements Phase I and Karen Hornaday Park Improvements Phase I from the 2011-2016 CIP.
3. Parking Plan Concept from the Karen Hornaday Master Plan
4. Draft Diamond Creek Park Master Plan submitted by Commissioner Brann

She inquired if there were any questions on the materials. Commissioner Lillibridge asked about the status of the \$52,000 received in stimulus funding.

Community Recreation Coordinator Illg responded to a question on the status of the \$52,000 stimulus funding stating that was to be used at the park; there are substantial drainage issues, expand on parking, and installation of a gate. He is not aware if any of that work has been done and Public Works Director Meyer would be the best one to answer that question.

Community Recreation Coordinator Illg further reported that he sent an email with information on the old intermediate school building. This building is currently being utilized during the mornings and on weekends. He attended the EDC meeting and advocated for the use of this building for recreational uses. He was not sure that they could generate the funds needed to pay the utility bills. There is budgetary requirements to generate revenue to cover the expenses related to the courses and classes offered. He gave a brief summary on the requirements for the classes offered and differences for

educational and recreational. He stated that revenue generated is \$25,000-\$30,000.00 per year. The costs for the building is about \$80,000.

Planning Technician Engebretsen stated that staff would bring a status report of this building in January for the regular meeting. She noted the last paragraph in her report.

Commissioner Brann would like to see this commission take a pro-active stance and inquired what the Commission could do for Community Recreation Coordinator Illg regarding this building. Community Recreation Coordinator Illg suggested a formal recommendation from this Commission to the EDC to consider the Community Recreation Program and keeping the Boys & Girls Club; the Community Recreation program has a vested interest in the building.

Planning Technician Engebretsen stated this topic could be placed on the January agenda no action could be taken at this time. Community Recreation Coordinator Illg was asked to provide usage, revenue and expense information on the building for the January meeting packet.

Community Recreation Coordinator Illg stated there is a draft MOU for Jack Gist Park with the Softball League. They are still working with the Little League for an agreement with the Karen Hornaday Park. There is a deadline for the spring/summer recreation catalog of January 10, 2011 if the Commissioners had anything to add to it.

Commissioner Cumming questioned if any of the memorandums come before the Commission for review and recommendation. Planning Technician Engebretsen will address this issue with the City Manager and have the response for them in January.

There was no further discussion.

Parks Maintenance Coordinator Angie Otteson reported that the total revenue for the 4 parks on the Spit and Karen Hornaday Campground totaled \$175,819.00 this year. This reflected approximately \$10,000 increase over the 2009 season. The season is April 1st to September 30th each year. She stated that the KBWBS proposed project is very favorable and supports it but would like to see it located closer to the road instead of the selected location. She also noted that Council is looking to cut the summer parks maintenance personnel whose main purpose is to maintain the public restrooms and parks. The revenue collected is put into the general fund and the total budgetary needs is approximately \$400,000. Commissioner Lillibridge asked if this was the appropriate time to make a motion to recommend Council. Ms. Engebretsen explained that it was a bit late in the Budget process but that the Commissioners and any resident was encouraged to attend the next council meetings and recommend supporting and not cutting the budget. She distributed a listing of parks and trails to the commissioners.

Commissioner Brann will be attending the next Council Meeting and will include a statement of support in his comments to Council.

There was no further discussion.

PUBLIC HEARINGS

No public hearings were scheduled.

PENDING BUSINESS

- A. Spit Comprehensive Plan - Draft dated September 28, 2010
1. Staff Report dated November 8, 2010 from Julie Engebretsen

Planning Technician Engebretsen distributed copies of comments from Commissioner Brann and Cumming. She asked if there were any more comments or if what was presented was good; she would submit that in memo form to the Planning Commission.

Commissioner Lillibridge commented on item #13 of the staff memo, "The plan does not place enough emphasis on the importance of parks, recreation and open space on the Spit." She wondered if this was the appropriate time to discuss this point.

Planning Technician Engebretsen responded that if there was a specific statement for the document. She understands that there is a strong interest in recreation on the Spit but that this is not the document for it. Commissioner Lillibridge stated that the plan states less than 4% of the Spit is delegated for parks. She personally went and visited all the parks on the Spit and proceeded to give a personal overview of each park. She would like to suggest all the parks and recreation issues on the spit come under the auspices of the commission. This would mean that the issues with Mariner Park, Seafarer's Memorial, etc. She wanted the Commission have more consideration on a decisions that affect parks and recreation on the Spit. Staff explained that the comprehensive plan is not site specific it is a document that outlines the goals and future development of the land and/or area. Ms. Engebretsen further explained that specific issues are addressed in individual master plans. The master plans address nuts and bolts where the comprehensive plan addresses how to get there. It was noted that it was a good idea but the role of the commission is outlined in city code.

There was a brief discussion on the appearance of the park area next to Land's End as more of a parking lot than a park. Commissioner Lillibridge would just like to see more attention spent on these parks. It was again noted by staff that this was a very good point that would be addressed by the Needs Assessment and the ever present funding issues.

Chair Bremicker directed focus back to the list given at the previous meeting. Ms. Engebretsen stated the Planning Commission will review this list and take it into consideration when making their recommendations to council.

Commissioner Brann offered further explanation on the entrance to Mariner Park. Discussion ensued on the safety hazards, pedestrian and cyclist access issues that could be rectified by relocating the entrance and lowering the speed limit also. There was a brief diatribe regarding pedestrian and bike access along Ocean Drive leading to the Spit.

There were no further additions or comments for the Spit Comprehensive Plan by the commissioners.

There was no further discussion.

- B. Kachemak Drive Bike/Pedestrian Path
1. Staff Report dated November 8, 2010
a. Resolution 10-78(A), Adopting the 2011-2016 CIP
b. Page 45 from the 2011 CIP, Kachemak Drive Rehabilitation and Bike Path
c. Alaska Statewide Transportation Improvement Plan

Planning Technician Engebretsen provided information on the STIP and how it is used when determining which projects get funding that are state or federal. She recommended that a committee be formed or one commissioner selected to work on this project to see if there is funding, what can be done. This is a large, time intensive project that would best be served by a smaller focused committee. There is a lot to think about. There is no funding for this project by the state. Chair Bremicker stated that there would be monies in the trails fund. Staff explained that the HART fund does not contain the amount of

funding that this project would need and typically does not fund this type of work. They may be able to use some funds for matching purposes. Commissioner Cumming reported that in a conversation with Ms. Jocelyn Biloon with the DOT stated it was on the state list.

Chair Bremicker gave a summary outline of creating a committee. Staff explained that a committee can be appointed by the Chair with a minimum of two commissioners. Community Recreation Coordinator Illg commented that a representative from the newly formed bike group may be interested in participating on the committee. Commissioner Lillibridge inquired about a daily vehicle count for the traffic impact. Staff recommended keeping the committee small so that they did not need a large requirement for a quorum but invite the special interest groups and public to attend meetings to offer input. Discussion developed on establishing the first meeting date and time. It was agreed to set December 2, 2010 at 5:00 p.m. in the Mayor's Conference Room Upstairs. Ms. Engebretsen stated that if it was a short meeting she would be able to attend. She explained that she would assist for this first meeting to get the committee established but after that they would be on their own. She further recommended that they do not invite the groups for the first meeting until they have ironed out what they want to do and where the group wants to end up. Commissioner Cumming brought up the issues regarding right of ways, getting property owner support, wetlands, and drainage, and dealing with these issues.

Chair Bremicker noted the time and asked for any additional comments.

There was no further discussion.

- C. Change in Meeting Time
 - 1. Staff Report dated November 8, 2010
 - 2. Draft By-Laws showing Meeting Time Change
 - 3. Draft Resolution 10-XX, Amending the Meeting Time

Planning Technician Engebretsen explained that they discussed the proposed meeting change at the October 25, 2010 Special Meeting and they need a motion to approve the change to the bylaws for it to go to Council for approval at their next Meeting December 13, 2010.

CARLINSCHAUER/LILLIBRIDGE - MOVED TO APPROVE THE BYLAWS CHANGE OF THE REGULAR MEETING TIME TO 5:30 P.M. FROM 6:30 P.M.

There was no further discussion.

VOTE. YES. NON-OBJECTION. UNANIMOUS CONSENT.

Motion carried.

NEW BUSINESS

- A. 2011 Meeting Schedule

A brief discussion ensued regarding the frequency of the meetings and if they should change any of the days. Chair Bremicker noted that the other Commissions and Board have not changed to fewer meetings. Staff noted that due to the infrequent meetings prior due to membership that meeting every other month in the winter and every month during the season would be easier. They were reminded that if necessary they can have a special meeting if needed to address the outstanding work product. Commissioner Brann suggested that they keep the regular schedule as outlined and hold special meetings as required. Then at the end of the year if they have held meetings every month they should address changing the frequency of the meeting schedule.

LILLIBRIDGE/BRANN - MOVED TO APPROVE THE 2011 MEETING SCHEDULE AS PRESENTED WITH THE AMENDMENT TO THE MEETING TIME FROM 6:30 P.M. TO 5:30 P.M.

There was no further discussion.

VOTE. YES. NON-OBJECTION. UNANIMOUS CONSENT.

Motion carried.

There was no further discussion.

B. Kachemak Bay Wooden Boat Society (KBWBS) Lease

Chair Bremicker introduced the KBWBS lease request.

It was allowed that Chair Bremicker and Commissioner Lillibridge could participate in the discussion for explanation and discussion on the purpose and direction that the Wooden Boat Society intends. The KBWBS is not planning on having a building right away when they receive the lease that is a long term goal for the Society. The Commission asked for information regarding support from the Pier One theater group and if they have offered support for the proposed KBWBS plan. Commissioner Lillibridge stated they have approached and had dialogue with the theater group; then went on to say that she would believe a sub-committee created to address the entire pier one parcel and the parks and recreational issues on the Spit as a whole. She emphasized the benefits to look at the entire 11 acres, rehabbing the land, playground for kids. She went on to further note that the center campsites are cramped and need some help and the issues with the Pier One building itself.

It was noted that creating a committee was a good idea and to establish a committee to specifically look at the Spit Parks.

Planning Technician Engebretsen interjected that the lease for the KBWBS is currently before the Lease Committee and creating a committee to address this lot will not further KBWBS goals.

Chair Bremicker appointed Commissioner CarlinSchauer, Archibald and Lillibridge to the Spit Parks and Recreation Committee. They will meet on December 2, 2010 at 5:30 p.m. in Council Chambers. Angie Otteson would be the staff person for any questions or information the committee would need for the first meeting. It was noted that the Harbormaster should be invited to get his input also. An invitation will be extended to Pier One folks.

Commissioner Cumming inquired about the fact the parcel is not a park and expressed concern how it could come under the Parks and Recreation Commission. The 11 acres is a campground. Ms. Engebretsen explained that it is a port asset but currently has the campground on the majority of the parcel and since camping is considered recreational that is how they would be able to offer recommendations. There are some extenuating issues but other parks need attention too.

Commissioner CarlinSchauer is supportive of the idea that KBWBS has presented but would like to look over the selected site before making and recommendations and would like to serve on the committee.

Commissioner Brann commented on the KBWBS proposal in that he liked the idea of their plan and he would like to offer some support for their plan for the location. He believes they have done their homework. He understood there will be a loss of some revenue with the proposed building taking away four campsites but felt that would be minimal compared to the value of what the KBWBS would offer visitors and residents. They may be able to reconfigure those spots. He was concerned that this issue was going to be studied another month or two.

There was a general discussion that the commission could not make a motion to support the KBWBS at this time until further information and a site visit has been done. Ms. Engebretsen stated that the commission could certainly hold their recommendation until a later date when they have received more information. She explained that this issue is before the Lease Committee. Ms. Lillibridge responded that she believed that this was supposed to be before the Planning Commission that the Lease Committee approved it and recommended moving it forward at the October 14, 2010 meeting. Ms. Engebretsen suggested maybe it's to be before Council. Ms. Lillibridge then stated the recommendation was before council for January. Ms. Engebretsen proceeded to comment that this should not cause much delay and that if the Council had any parks or recreational concerns they would forward them to this Commission. It was requested that Harbormaster Hawkins attend the committee meeting so he could explain the land usage and since he was the one who suggested this location for the KBWBS.

There was no further discussion.

C. Karen Hornaday Park Update - Bridge Request

Chair Bremicker read from the title and stated that a park walk through was conducted prior to this meeting. He requested Ms. Engebretsen to enlighten the Commission on the item.

Ms. Engebretsen explained that she did not have first-hand information. Mayor Hornaday requested this item to be placed on the agenda. She did speak with Ms. Anne Marie Holen, Special Projects Coordinator who copied her on an email response that was sent to the Homer Independent Living Center.

They have a program called TRAILS (Total Recreation and Independent Living Services). As part of their program they are interested in accessible outdoor recreation for all users. They would like the City to donate an unused ramp from the Harbor as a bridge crossing for Woodard Creek. She noted that this issue would come before the Port and Harbor Commission too for a recommendation.

It was noted by Ms. Holen to TRAILS that in her conversation with City Manager Wrede, he explained that a decision could not be made until receipt of clear design drawings, and a complete budget.

This project would also have to have the recommendation of the Friends of Woodard Creek and the Parks and Recreation Commission.

She reminded them to keep in mind that if the City were to provide any labor it would require Davis-Bacon wages, possible environmental permitting issues, and that this project would not be even considered until Spring 2011 due to the Public Works overloaded schedule. They have too many projects lined up already. Due to the budget cuts the city cannot hire a project manager which has been needed for some time. No matter how good and beneficial the project, it takes up a lot of staff time.

If a budget and design drawings are created then a meeting can be arranged between TRAILS, City Manager Wrede and Public Works Director Meyer and the City will have a better idea on the feasibility of the bridge project.

Ms. Engebretsen was not sure if this was the proper time to make a recommendation since they are not sure if the ramp can be used as a bridge crossing.

Commissioner Cumming explained that a bridge has been discussed for a very long time and she would love to see one. The proposed bridge is 70 feet long and the approach on each side needs engineering. The bridge would have to be Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA) compliant. The approaches would require lots of work, the soils are unstable, and cost would be in the hundreds of thousands of dollars, especially on the west side. She further questioned if the bridge placement would be an extension of Cityview. Commissioner Cumming stated she attended the Council meeting where Bobbie Munn, TRAILS, made a presentation to Council on the idea. During the presentation she noted they have a grant for a bridge, but it must be ADA compliant. There are more opportunities for TRAILS to receive additional grants also. One is a grant from Soils and Water which the City has applied for too. She feels

that there are many issues and questions with the installation of a bridge. Commissioner Cumming also feels that the TRAILS need to know the overall plans for the Park.

Community Recreation Coordinator Illg suggested they contact TRAILS to attend a meeting for an informational presentation.

Ms. Engebretsen stated that at issue is the engineering, which needs to be done before a recommendation from this commission should be made. Until they know the details it would not be prudent for this Commission to forward a recommendation. Commissioners agreed that the concept was good, to make a presentation to the commission, to offer support but more information is required for a full recommendation to Council. It was determined to extend an invitation to Ms. Munn to attend the March meeting to make a presentation to the commission. Commissioner Archibald had concerns that the ramps would be appropriate for a bridge, there is some damage too. He had additional concerns with a private entity putting a bridge in a city owned property and could not support that part. However, he did support the idea of a bridge and it should be under the City. Safety concerns were also expressed and that a representative from the hospital should be included in future discussions as an interested party.

There was no further discussion.

D. Park Master Plans

Ms. Engebretsen had requests for Jack Gist park and WKFL Park to be on the agenda and after further thought she recommends that the Commission work on creating a Park Summary for each park. This would be a one or two page document that contains basic information such as:

1. What is the park?
2. How big is it?
3. Foreseeable needs over the next 5-10 years.
4. Location?
5. History?
6. Facilities?

These summaries can be written in house by staff. The larger parks like Jack Gist and Karen Hornaday require master plans as they are much larger facilities with more users, activities and problems. Master plans require public comment and input. So the Commission would have to hold Open Houses. Staff recommendation was for the Commission to direct staff to write up park summaries which a draft document could be provided at the January meeting.

Further discussion regarding the park users of Jack Gist, the benefits of having a master plan, needs assessment, the oversight of the commission with the parks, if the creation of another sub-committee could or should be created to address a master plan for Jack Gist which would require professional assistance and if there would be funding for that assistance or grants available. There were additional comments on the issue of including a soccer field. Commissioner Carlinschauer felt that he would have a conflict of interest for any future detailed discussion but he feels that the need for a soccer field should be addressed and included but did not want to displace any entity already in place. He noted that a soccer field is much larger than a ball field and there is not enough space at Jack Gist. He looks forward to establishing a soccer field or facility in the future. Community Recreation Coordinator Illg agreed and commented that it is one of the largest multigenerational organized sports. Currently the school fields are used but access is getting more and more difficult with community access being cutoff. The high school fields are limited to football only. The West Homer Elementary and Middle School fields are used although these are not regulation. The High School softball field is limited to High School Soccer use only which is approximately 21 days.

There is currently no city owned parks suitable for creating a soccer field. A large problem is creating or having enough parking adjacent to the soccer field.

Commissioner Lillibridge suggested inviting the Jack Gist group to attend the March Meeting to find out what they would like to see or how they envision the park to be. Community Recreation Coordinator Illg will extend an invitation to the group. She then asked about the status of Emerald Park as it was not on the list distributed by Ms. Otteson. Ms. Engebretsen explained that it was not a maintained park it was designated to remain in its natural state. It does have a Park Master Plan that outlines what will and will not be done. Emerald park is located on the corner of Upland and Highland, swampy, approximately one acre. If developed it would be a small neighborhood park. There was a brief comment on the ten acre parcel located above Karen Hornaday Park which has access problems that will someday have to be addressed.

There was no further discussion.

E. Strategic Plan

Ms. Engebretsen commented that a couple of years ago had a few priorities so she can add the few things and the committees that have been formed. She did not feel that they had to go through a visioning exercise since they established the committees. Commissioner Cumming requested a review and explanation on how to best use and develop a strategic plan. She felt that it would be really great to have an official direction on what they as a commission want to do. Ms. Engebretsen stated that if anything the current plan could use some updating.

There was no discussion.

INFORMATIONAL MATERIALS

A. Certificate Acknowledging Ruth Dickerson Service to the Commission

Chair Bremicker commented that he hoped Ruth was doing fine.

B. Commissioner Attendance Schedule for City Council Meetings

Ms. Engebretsen explained that a yearly calendar was created with a commissioner volunteering to attend and report to Council what the Commission was working on at one meeting a month. It was the Commissioners choice on which Monday, the 2nd or 4th that they could attend.

Commissioner Brann volunteered for November 22, 2010 and Commissioner Archibald volunteered for the December 13, 2010 meeting.

This will be on the January agenda for the 2011 council meetings.

There was no further discussion or comment.

C. Diamond Creek Easement

Ms. Engebretsen had mentioned this in her staff report and further informed the Commission that the City has been working with the state on this for approximately a year and it has finally been recorded and is a done deal. Commissioner Brann distributed an informational handout on the 275 acres located at the top of Baycrest Hill in the Diamond Creek drainage.

There was no further discussion.

D. Appointment of Tricia Lillibridge

Chair Bremicker formally welcomed Commissioner Lillibridge and commented that she has tremendous energy, and lots of great ideas.

Commissioner Lillibridge commented that she looks forward to working with the commission and glad that the mayor chose to appoint her. She requested each member to introduce themselves and give a little bit of information on how long they have been on the commissioner, etc.

E. Commission Annual Calendar

Chair Bremicker commented that in reviewing the Annual calendar and with the other things they worked on tonight it appears they will be pretty busy.

COMMENTS OF THE AUDIENCE

There were no audience comments.

COMMENTS OF STAFF MEMBERS

Planning Technician Engebretsen welcomed Tricia and congratulated them for making their way through this heavy agenda. She felt it was great to make motions and move right along, through the years this group has struggled through so this was great.

Deputy City Clerk Krause reminded the members of the two committees that they will have to create an agenda and will have to appoint someone to take a synopsis or minutes. The minutes did not have to be detailed just represent the action taken. She responded to a question regarding conversation or discussion between members what is allowed and what is not allowed. It would be best to include staff the clerk's office if emailing each other so that it cannot be perceived that there is hidden agenda. So discussion on what they would like to discuss but not discuss it. She stated that all meetings require a two week leeway to be noticed properly and to have the agenda to her no later than Wednesday the week before a scheduled meeting or sooner if possible.

Parks Maintenance Coordinator Otteson welcomed Tricia and commented it was very exciting and great to see so much enthusiasm.

Community Recreation Coordinator Illg welcomed Commissioner Lillibridge and stated he would not be able to attend the January meeting. He thanked everyone for serving and that this was the go to voice for parks and recreation in this community and it is encouraging to see more and more people getting involved.

COMMENTS OF THE COUNCIL MEMBER *(if one is assigned)*

None.

COMMENTS OF THE COMMISSION

Commissioner Lillibridge commented that she will not be at the January meeting. She goes by Tricia, not Pat or Patty or Patricia. She has resided in Alaska for most of her life, recently in Anchorage. She has been an avid user of parks when raising her kids and campgrounds. They chose Homer to live and retire to - Homer is the only place that brought a sparkle to their eyes. She commented it feels pretty good to be called a Commissioner. She stated they will find the money and they will get it built. She stated it was a pretty dynamic packet for the first one.

Commissioner Cumming commented that this was a great commission and they sure have lots of ideas. She is looking forward to the January meeting where they put into the strategic plan what they are going to do. She is new to the commission but she attended as the only member of the public to appear at the meetings, well most meetings.

Commissioner CarlinSchauer, everyone calls him Tommie. He has been a commissioner for two months. He visited Homer during the summer of 2008 for more than a two week vacation. He coached soccer the summer of 2009 and decided to move to Homer. He is a soccer coach. His sister lives here. He joined the commission to clean up the spit and work on the trails. He would like to see improvement. He stated that you need your trails. He believes these are important issues for the community to be addressed. He believes as an outsider that there is a continuation of the good work already done. He supports all the recreation here.

Commissioner Brann stated he has attended three meetings now, been in Homer since 1982 and been involved in recreation since that time. He would like to know what he can and should not say at the Council meeting, he listed continuation of funding for the parks maintenance workers, the two committees formed, the strategic planning, and the bridge issue. He gets frustrated sometimes with the time it takes to get something done. He believes that they can get 10 things done at a time, he loves the website it needs more winter recreation.

Commissioner Archibald has been in Alaska since one year after the earthquake. He has been in Homer over 20 years. He been involved in the Land Trust and the Equestrian Association; the Conservation Society and he has organized the Highland Games, raised a lot of money and knows what grass root efforts can do. He believes that they have a beautiful and dynamic environment. He believes it would be ludicrous not to protect what Homer currently has. He really wants to be part of that effort and his happy to be on the Commission. In response to a question from the Clerk regarding the Games there were several parties interested in looking into organizing the event again. He stated that if they could generate enough enthusiasm they may be able to get something together again.

Commissioner Carlinschauer, Lillibridge expressed interest in the Highland games too.

COMMENTS OF THE CHAIR

Chair Bremicker thanked all the great people for joining and welcomed Mike and Angie to attend any meeting. He thanked Julie and Renee for lending their expertise. He reminded the Commission about the December 2, 2010 committee meetings.

ADJOURN

There being no further business to come before the Commission Chair Bremicker adjourned the meeting at 9:30 p.m. The next regular meeting is Thursday, JANUARY 20, 2010 at 5:30 p.m. at the City Hall Cowles Council Chambers.

RENEE KRAUSE, CMC, DEPUTY CITY CLERK I

Approved: _____