

PARKS AND RECREATION ADVISORY COMMISSION
SPECIAL MEETING
DECEMBER 8, 2011

Session 11-11, a Special Meeting of the Parks and Recreation Advisory Commission was called to order by Chair Bumpo Bremicker at 5:38 p.m. on December 8, 2011 at the City Hall Cowles Council Chambers located at 491 E. Pioneer Avenue, Homer, Alaska.

PRESENT: COMMISSIONERS LILLIBRIDGE, BRANN, ARCHIBALD AND BREMICKER

ABSENT: COMMISSIONER CUMMING (EXCUSED)

STAFF: DEPUTY CITY CLERK I RENEE KRAUSE

APPROVAL OF THE AGENDA

Chair Bremicker requested a motion to approve the agenda.

BRANN/ARCHIBALD – SO MOVED.

The agenda was approved by consensus of the Commission.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES *(Minutes are approved during Regular Meetings.)*

There were none to approve.

PUBLIC COMMENTS REGARDING ITEMS ON THE AGENDA

There were no comments from the public present.

VISITORS

There were no visitors scheduled.

RECONSIDERATION

There were no items scheduled for reconsideration.

STAFF AND COUNCIL REPORTS/COMMITTEE REPORTS/BOROUGH REPORTS

There were no reports included for this special meeting.

PUBLIC HEARINGS

No public hearings were scheduled.

PENDING BUSINESS

A. Review and Updating the Strategic Plan for 2011-12

Chair Bremicker requested guidance from Staff on how to proceed with making changes to the existing plan. Staff recommend reviewing the plan and delete completed items, then discuss adding items under each section or create new.

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The commission reviewed and discussed making changes to the Mission Statement and determined that the word "advocate" should be inserted before in.

The following additional changes to the 2012 Strategic plan was discussed and agreed upon by the Commission:

- Remove the goals under 3-5 Year Period, list under new heading General Goals of the Commission
- Change "retaining" to "obtaining" and add the word "additional" in the first goal listed
- Delete "Keep on top of" replace with "Receive notification"
- Add "Identify and" preserve areas of natural beauty and access
- Delete "Preserve Beach access" replace with "Receive Notification"
- Add Report on City cemetery maintenance costs, future land use, budget origination funds derived and originated, how many plots, costs where does that money go.
- Raise Public Awareness of Parks and Recreation Opportunities on the Homer Spit

Under 3-5 Year Projects – Revised category

- Advocate for a Parks and Recreation Department – get information on each city on the Peninsula that has a Parks and Recreation Department and Commission
- Establish Campground Host Program at Karen Hornaday Park

The commissioners entertained a brief discussion on having a campground host for the park.

Staff commented on the current format and recommended a few changes in the goals and objectives and projects.

Rename 1-2 Year Period to Projects

- add "pedestrian path" to the first item
- Move 2nd item to the 3-5 year projects heading. Revisit later in the year.
- Add to 3rd item, support playground improvements
- Revise 7th item to read, "Create an overall uniform sign design for the city parks and recreation areas.
- Add new item, Review Town Center Plan to identify short term projects

Under Actions of the Commission

- Add Educate other city commissions, committees and boards
- Staff to send notices of commission projects

BRANN/ARCHIBALD – MOVED TO DIRECT STAFF TO MAKE THE REVISIONS TO THE STRATEGIC PLAN FOR REVIEW AT THE JANUARY 19, 2012 MEETING.

There was a brief discussion.

VOTE. YES. NON-OBJECTION. UNANIMOUS CONSENT.

Motion carried.

There was no further discussion.

NEW BUSINESS

There was no new business on the agenda.

INFORMATIONAL MATERIALS

There were no informational materials.

COMMENTS OF THE AUDIENCE

There were no audience comments.

COMMENTS OF THE COUNCIL MEMBER (if one is assigned)

None.

COMMENTS OF STAFF MEMBERS

Ms. Krause stated that the revised draft Strategic Plan will be on the January agenda for further comments and revisions.

COMMENTS OF THE COMMISSION

There were no comments from the commissioners.

COMMENTS OF THE CHAIR

Chair Bremicker requested that elections be on the January agenda.

ADJOURN

There being no further business to come before the Commission Chair Bremicker adjourned the meeting at 7:05 p.m. The next regular meeting is THURSDAY, JANUARY 19, 2012 at 5:30 p.m. There will be a SPECIAL MEETING on DECEMBER 8, 2011 at 5:30 p.m. at the City Hall Cowles Council Chambers.

RENEE KRAUSE, CMC, DEPUTY CITY CLERK I

Approved: