

Homer Comprehensive Plan Update Citizen Advisory Committee (CAC) Meeting #5
Monday, July 30th 6:00-8:30 pm.
Cowles Council Chambers
Meeting Notes

Six of the thirteen committee members were present at the meeting held at the Cowles City Council Chambers. The meeting was facilitated by Chris Beck and Tanya Iden of Agnew::Beck Consulting and Tamas Deak of KPB.

Attendance:

Committee Members

Allegra Bukojemsky	Ethan Martin - ABSENT
Marianne Schlegelmilch	Michael McCarthy
Bill Smith	Val McLay
Christopher Story - ABSENT	Jim Henkelman - ABSENT
Hannah Bradley - ABSENT	Bob Howard - ABSENT
Anne Marie Holen	Barb Seaman - ABSENT
Tina Day – ABSENT	

Interested Community Members

n/a

Staff

Beth McKibben, Homer Planning Dept.	Chris Beck, Agnew::Beck
Tanya Iden, Agnew::Beck Consulting	Tamas Deak, KPB

Meeting Overview

The meeting's purpose was to review the draft Homer Comp Plan Public Facilities and Services Chapter and the Land Use Map and Categories.

Public Services and Facilities

As the CAC provided input, revisions were made to the document. The CAC's feedback will be reflected in the revised document. A summary of key suggestions follows:

- Police Dept. discussion should incorporate that the police force is measured by its competence in responding to calls and community needs along with their professional staff.
- Add to water and sewer discussion the importance of conserving water where possible and considering incentives for saving/reducing water use. Also look to new technologies to provide service
- Remove discussion of Twitter Creek as a possible reservoir site.
- Discuss that demand on parks and recreation is growing and they may need additional resources to respond to the need.
- Discuss the importance of watershed management planning in relation to storm water control.
- Insert an Org chart of the City admin staff.

- Update the discussion of the City Hall/Plaza Review Committee to better reflect progress made.
- Include discussion of Homer's exceptional public education system and put more emphasis on college's plans for expansion.
- Solid waste discussion need to more explicitly encourage recycling.
- Youth services discussion should be more about reducing barriers to participation in youth activities.

Land Use Map and Categories

The group reviewed the Land Use Map and associated categories together. Key discussion topics include:

- Differing between R2A and R2B may not be necessary. Consider dropping this distinction (B&B by right or admin. Review)
- The CBD should have an Old Town/Town Center overlay rather than changing the eastern portion of the CBD to GC1 zoning.
- How can Student Housing be incorporated into a land use district?
- The GC2 zoning around the wetland/Kachemak drive area needs to be re-evaluated. May not be an appropriate designation – should rather be Conservation.
- Include a new zoning category - neighborhood commercial. Potential areas are near Homer Brewpub, up West Hill Road.

Wrap-Up

Accidentally omitted from the CAC packet was a new 1st goal for the Economic Vitality Chapter. This new goal was circulated and reviewed during the meeting and the CAC was asked if they wanted the goal included in the Economic Vitality Chapter. The group agreed to the goal with a minor revision.

Changes will be made to the Public Facilities and Services Chapter, the Land Use Map, and the Land Use Classifications and they will be distributed to the CAC.

Next Meeting:

Monday, August 6, 2007, 6-8:30pm in City Council Chambers

Purpose will be to review the draft Parks, Recreation, & Culture Chapter and the Draft Transportation Chapter.