

**Homer Comprehensive Plan Update Citizen Advisory Committee (CAC) Meeting #4**  
**Tuesday, June 26<sup>th</sup> 6:00-8:00 pm.**  
**Cowles Council Chambers**  
**Meeting Notes**

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Nine 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, Steve Colt from the University of Alaska, Anchorage and Tamas Deak of KPB.

**Attendance:**

Committee Members

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

Interested Community Members

n/a

Staff

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

**Meeting Overview**

The meeting's purpose was to review the draft Homer Comp Plan Economic Vitality Chapter and Land Use Chapter.

**Economic Vitality**

The CAC was generally pleased with the Chapter. 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:

- Encourage small scale employers with approximately 10 employees (in addition to sole proprietorships).
- Work to position Homer as a leader in new technologies that respond to changing climate.
- Broaden the discussion of affordable housing to include a range of housing options for many economic levels.
- Illustrate the challenge of balancing the positives/negatives of tourism. Strengthen Homer as a destination but also focus on the importance of benefiting the community.
- Strengthening educational opportunities is very important. Strong desire for the University to expand.

**Land Use**

The CAC, in general, liked the Chapter. The CAC's comments will be reflected in the revised document. Key suggestions follow:

- Better describe and illustrate land use districts discussed in Goal 1.
- Include an objective to shift platting authority from Borough to City.
- Use incentives where possible to implement standards.
- Define "strip development."
- Add the right to vote to the discussion on the benefits of annexation.
- Underscore the importance of a clear and orderly process for annexation if it is to occur.

**Wrap-Up**

Agnew::Beck, KPB, and Steve Colt will incorporate the changes to the documents and circulate them for review (with the changes indicated).

The CAC determined that the next meeting should last until 8:30 because a lot of information must be covered.

**Next Meeting:**

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

Purpose will be to review the Land Use Map and Classifications and the Public Facilities and Services Chapter.