

Committee Members: Lynne Burt, Beth Cumming, Dave Brann

Absent: Bumppo Bremicker, Lindianne Sarno

Staff: Julie Engebretsen from the City Planning Dept

Meeting Called to Order at 5:33 p.m. by Dave Brann as Acting Chair.

Agenda Approval:

The Agenda was approved by consensus of the committee.

Approval of the Minutes for May 24, 2012

Beth moved to approve minutes. Lynne seconded.

Requested to add to minutes - the Mud Bay signs are to go up on the trail, but not the "No Camping" signs.

Minutes were approved as amended by consensus.

Visitors

There were no visitors scheduled.

Reconsideration

There were no items for reconsideration.

Public Comments on the Agenda

There were no public comments.

Pending Business:

A. Memorandum dated May 18, 2012 Re: Resolution 11-090(A) and Council Action

The committee discussed the Clerk's memorandum dated May 18, 2012 Re: Resolution 11-090(A) and Council Action.

B. Kachemak Drive Pathways – Discussion on the Next Steps

The committee discussed Julie Engebretsen' memo dated May 24, 2012 Re: Actions requested by Council.

The committee requests that Julie Engebretsen ask Carey Meyer to break out the cost estimates per foot for different types of trails, with separate figures for (1) materials, (2) labor, (3) engineering.

This will make it possible for the committee to factor in donated labor, materials, and engineering into the committee's final cost estimates.

Julie initially stated that HART funds could be used for the initial design/engineering/surveying costs up to \$150,000.00. The TAC could possibly take more than one meeting to make decision, if approved would recommend City Council pursue.

1st Step

Dave moves the KDPC request City Council approve HART fund monies in amount of \$150,000.00 for initial design/engineering/survey costs. Beth Seconds the motion.

No discussion, all approved, and passed

2nd Step

Julie says it will be helpful to send attached draft titled DRAFT MEMORANDUM 6/6/12 VERSION to Parks and Rec July meeting.

Beth/Dave – So moved.

All approve, no opposition.

Julie recommends a member or two of the KDPC attend the TAC meeting on August 21 2012 to answer questions/make comments, Dave and Lynne say they will attend. Later in meeting all agreed that any citizen who is in favor and could attend would be very helpful.

Julie suggested members provide her with a comment from each of us Re: our involvement with the committee for the TAC meeting. We all said we would (positive feedback). To be given by July 15, email Julie.

Much discussion regarding notifying property owners, not until approved by Council (which is long way off).

Concern expressed that this will become buried once again. Dave is concerned that spending the design money without property owners knowledge or approval would be contentious. Beth stated there are only two property owners for the first approximate mile and hopes to see this section of the entire trail to be pursued, the City of Homer and DOT, and this is potentially the most challenging terrain for construction (the hill leading up to the airport). She hopes that if the pathway is completed in phases that this can get accomplished sooner than later.

It is such a large scale project no doubt would be completed in phases, noted that Kachemak Drive Sewer/Water project has taken 10 years so far.

Discussion of possible tax breaks for property owners who provide recreational easements on the power line right of ways or actual purchasing of easements.

Dave states that just because there may be a bike/pedestrian pathway in place not all cyclists will utilize it and that is their prerogative, they may still use the roadway.

Dave has also provided location sites for our proposed digital warning signs with a bicycle symbol as the message. First location is on the east end: one at the 90 degree curve near East End Rd. and another at the next significant curve near 4297 Kachemak Drive; then on the west end, one at the bottom of the airport hill and another near the curve before the Bay Club. This signage has already been approved by the City Council in the Resolution 11-090 (A), these particular signs costs approximately \$3000.00 each, and cannot be attached to another sign.

These should help to make the public aware that there are bikes on the road and hopefully slow the vehicles down or keep them within the speed limit.

Julie will check out what is going on with the boardwalk that is being replaced at Beluga Slough, we had requested use of it if it was available last year in a letter to Public Works.

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Regular Meeting

Julie says she sees this on the City Council 2013 budget (approved in December 2012) pending City Council approval. She stated that it takes three meetings to get an ordinance for the City council to use HART funds.

City will monitor all HART funds used very closely, more discussion of the committees idea that this trail could be built with less cost. Julie says if it is a City project, Bacon/Davis wages would be paid (strict rules regarding money to be spent), the scale of the project is triggering the process i.e. Corps of Engineers, fill over wetlands, etc.

Beth inquiring about the Karen Hornaday Playground funding and Julie explained how funding went through the Homer Foundation.

Discussion regarding the role of this committee for the future and if the Kachemak Drive Pathway is accepted, then this subcommittee is done with their role.

Committee members present all felt that it is not complete until the "ribbon is cut", the members want to stay involved and hope to build toward the volunteer effort that is felt will make this project move forward.

Informational materials

There were none

Comments of the audience

There were no comments

Comments of the city staff (if present)

There was no staff present.

Comments of the committee

Adjournment/next regular meeting is scheduled for July 26, 2012 AT 5:30 P.M. A onsite Worksession is scheduled July 3, 2012 at 5:30 p.m. Meeting at the Parking Lot at the corner of Kachemak Drive and the Spit Road. All meetings scheduled to be held in the Homer City Hall Cowles Council Chambers located at 491 E. Pioneer Avenue, Homer, Alaska.