

Minutes 22 March 2012, K-Drive Path Committee

Conference Room Upstairs at City Hall

Attending: Bumpo Bremicker (chair), Dave Brann, Dave Clemens, Beth Cummings, Lindianne Sarno (recording), Mike Stockburger (new member); Absent: Lynn Burt

Call to order, 5:40 p.m.

Dave Brann moves; Beth seconds approval of agenda, agenda approved.

Dave Brann moves Beth seconds approval of minutes, with this addition: regarding Beth's fundraiser idea, Dave Brann has doubts (1) because of what happened at Karen Hornaday Park, (2) is concerned that privately raised petty cash would be used for items that should be paid from HART funds. Minutes approved.

No public comments, no reconsideration, no visitors, no committee reports, no hearings.

Pending Business: Continued Discussion and Planning. Dave Brann hands out and explains the draft path maintenance plan (see attached handout). Summer and winter maintenance differ. Pack snow or plow it? Dave Clemens advises winter bicyclist's bike on studs. Path in winter will be multi-use: ski, snowshoe, bike, run. If plow in winter, melts quicker in spring. Regarding maintenance, we need to research: who owns the trail? The City? Don't make an assumption. Trail would be maintained at a high level, like a multiuse trail. City plows East End Road path, which is paved. K Drive Path will not be paved and plow vehicle could deform gravel structure.

Dave Brann is working on proposed funding plan. HART funds (Homer Accelerated Roads and Trails), \$304,554 in that account. \$100,000 added annually. Can be used for initial survey, materials, engineering, building, hiring contractor. Bond issue not needed, since HART funds are a reliable income stream, City can borrow against that and repay over time. STIP estimate was \$35-40 million, way too high. K Drive Path Committee is asking for city staff time, not funding. Other potential sources: Homer Foundation, donations, fundraisers, STIP, grants.

We describe path to Mike to get him up to speed. Mike owns Homer Boat Yard on Kachemak Drive and drives heavy rigs on K Drive frequently.

Packet that will go to Parks and Recreation and City Council: Make sure pages 57, 58, and 59 are removed from packet.

Private landowners on Kachemak Drive: will need each individual's permission. City Manager Walt Wrede will write the letter asking for right of way. . It's on his desk.

We agree to lobby City Council. Beth Cummings > Beth Wythe, Dave Brann > David Lewis, Dave Clemens > Mayor Hornaday, Lindianne Sarno > Brian Zak, Mike Stockburger > Barbara Howard, Bumpo Bremicker > Barbara Howard. We will wait till we have the whole packet to complete our lobbying assignments.

Walt Wrede joins us.

Beth Cummings wants to see this summer a retaining wall planned at the west end of the proposed trail, cut trees, get plans going.

Walt comments that Dave should bring a plan. Dave plans this summer to concentrate on making Mud Bay Trail a four foot wide walkable path.

Beth: Mud Bay Trail is inappropriate for bicyclists, OK for pedestrians. Find a way to build a terraced walkway or retaining wall on south side of drive. Also, have a bridge made beyond the west end of Aviation Leasing, over the culvert.

Bumppo: will need real engineering on that section of trail.

Dave Brann: This summer, signage. Small speed feedback signs. Need DOT permission? Letter from city not necessary. Dave will photograph existing signs and include with map to DOT. Share the Road program.

Digital signs are \$3,000 each, differing degrees of information can be harvested, depending on cost: count vehicles, record speeds.

Signs go up on Mud Bay Trail when snows melt. "No Camping." Sign on two 4 x 4 posts, "Mud Bay Trail." Lynn and Beth will arrange this.

We choose meeting dates: April 5, May 24 (no Dave Brann), June 14.

Comments: Thanks to Mike Stockburger for joining the committee. We are making good progress.

Adjourn: 8 p.m.