

Minutes of Kachemak Drive Trail Committee, 5:30 p.m., October 11, 2012

Call to Order by Chair Bremicker

Attending: Beth Cumming, Lindianne Sarno (recording), Bumppo Bremicker, chair, Lynne Burt. Kevin Walker, visitor.

Agenda Approval – Beth move, Lynne, second. Approved.

Approval of Minutes of previous Meeting (September 13, 2012), Beth move, Lynne second. Approved.

Visitors, Kevin Walker, not city resident. You got my e-mail (needs Lynne's e-mail address). lynneburt890@gmail.com Resolution addressed first half mile, excludes other three miles. Assume city will help a lot with first half mile. That means I can move onto the other three miles. Allocation of \$20,000 to determine feasibility of first one half mile. Looking at gas line map for other three miles, it looks as if gas line will stay inside right of way. Might try to get out of road and into the sewer line right of way. Kevin is hoping to work with Enstar, acquire relevant survey information, and be able to use that to persuade them to finish their grading to resemble the path, for example ramps on both sides of driveways. Kevin was hoping City would be here this evening. Kevin would like to work closely with the surveyor hired by the city, whoever it is. If city sends out a bid package, Kevin will send it to a person he has worked with before.

Beth recommends Kevin contact Carey Meyer before 8 in the morning.

Bumppo: See if we can add factors to the Enstar survey before it goes out for a bid,

Kevin: If there is extra work, I can do it. Recommend surveyor to survey driveways, for example. The gas company's contractor may have equipment that can work from the road, putting the line into the side of the shoulder. 4" pipe. Won't be high pressure line. Gas line has to be about four feet deep.

We discuss minimum distance between water and sewer.

Bumppo: Factors: Extra fill, ramps for driveway, leave a ten foot pathway that's potentially bikeable with the addition of tyar and gravel.

Lindianne: Will Kevin be working with surveyor on first half mile also? Can we let Carey Meyer know that we want to be involved in the \$20,000 survey as well as the gas line survey?

Bumppo: we need to do a memo from this group saying we would like a representative from this group to work with the city on that half mile, so that we can help.

Kevin: First half mile, not sure exactly where the flags for the trail are.

Bumppo: Path goes from spit side, along the bottom, gets to one spot where tree is overhead, forks at that point, goes up the hill and on Mud Bay trail. We need to go with the surveyor.

Beth: Marker where city line and road right of way come together = first step.

Memo to Carey Meyer, Walter Wrede, and Homer City Council:
From Kachemak Drive Trail Committee

Thank you to Homer City Council for approving the resolution to allocate up to \$20,000 from the HART fund for the purposes of survey work and an engineering estimate for the first half mile of the proposed Kachemak Drive Trail.

Kachemak Drive Trail Committee requests that the city inform and include this committee in communications with the surveyor, so that we can assist on the ground and in providing information as to where we've flagged out a possible pathway. We are available to do brush clearing, and chain saw work to assist the work of the surveyor. We are interested in who, when and how the survey work will be done. Our goal is to make the \$20,000 go as far as possible by providing volunteer labor at every stage.

Plans, specifications and estimates should be developed with our input. We can provide the pre-engineering packet to the surveyor. We have done a lot of work and it should be shared. Using HOPP as our model, we need cost estimates to break out materials, equipment and labor, so that we can estimate cost savings from volunteer labor.

This committee supports Kevin Walker in his endeavor to provide input, receive information, and share expertise and in effect speak for this committee to the surveyor.

Included are our phone numbers.

Kevin Walker 235-5304, Dave Brann 235-6018, Bumppo Bremicker 399-1345, Lindianne Sarno 235-2952, Lynne Burt 235-5380, Beth Cumming 235-7971.

Lynne proposes that we accept, Bumppo seconds, this memo is approved.

Second memo:

To Walter Wrede, Homer City Manager:
From Kachemak Drive Trail Committee

This committee supports Kevin Walker in his endeavor to provide input, receive information, and share expertise as a private citizen to the contractor for the proposed gas line and find out if there is a way to connect the gas line work with construction of the Kachemak Drive Trail.

Beth moves, Lynne seconds, memo is accepted.

Kevin leaves November 11 – January 10, 2012. He will go in and talk to Carey Meyer before he leaves, and will be available telephonically if necessary.

Pending Business: Short Term and Long Term Goals of Committee. Beth: what next? To encourage public works to get right at the survey. Don't wait until the snow is too deep.

Memo to City Manager Walter Wrede and Public Works Director Carey Meyer:

From the Kachemak Drive Trail Committee:

The Kachemak Drive Trail Committee strongly urges the Public Works Department to proceed before snowfall with the survey and engineering work as described in resolution 12-079(S).

Lynne moves, Bumppo seconds, memo is approved.

Continued Pending Businesses:

Link to Kachemak Drive Neighborhood Association, phone calls, letter to editor, KBBI, eventual goal is community wide group. Volunteers for building the trail.

Lindianne: Concurrently, look for sources of funding. State, federal, city HART funds, grants. Dave Brann. HART funds will be continuing source of funds to attract matching funds.

Beth: Would like to have numbers available. Plans specifications and estimates. Next meeting is December 13. Request times in January, February. No meeting in November.

Beth: Has been thinking about possibility that whole drive doesn't have to be all one entity, state or city. Why not a city trail, first half mile, and then connect that to possible state trail.

New Business: Future of Kachemak Drive Committee, page 11. We will not consider dissolving this committee until the path is complete and ready for bicyclists. Lindianne moves, Lynne Burt seconds, unanimous approval.

Discussion and Recommendations on Actions Taken by Council at the October 8 meeting: we have already done this, and have memos to go.

Memo to Renee: Meeting dates: First Thursdays from now on would be preferable, and we do not need the city council chambers. We are a small group. We want to meet two weeks before Parks and Rec. Starting with December, January and February. December 6, January 3, February 7. Are these dates possible?

Kevin Walker suggests that we Google State of Alaska Application for Trail Safety, Signing and education projects, Alaska Trail Initiative.

Meeting adjourned by Chair Bremicker at 7:30 p.m.