

Minutes

Kachemak Drive Trail Committee Meeting
December 6, 2012

Attending: Bumppo Bremicker, chair, Dave Brann, vice-chair, Beth Cumming, Lynne Burt, Lindianne Sarno, secretary.

Visitors: Larry Slone, Planning Commission, Carey Meyer, Director of Public Works, Kappi Hansen, Kachemak Drive resident

Bumppo calls meeting to order, 5:35 p.m.

Beth moves, Dave seconds motion to approve minutes of last meeting

Possible outside Funding Sources, discussion of:

General questions: Is City staff required to write grant application or can we? What are the steps to writing and obtaining a grant?

Beth: Keep in mind we have \$300,000 HART funds, available for matching funds, available specifically for TRAILS. Cannot be used for roads. 1% for trails.

Dave: Some grants require matching funds in \$\$, some permit matching in labor and materials. Dave will research steps of getting a grant through the city for the trail. Dave asks us all to research grants for trails, each come up with a couple of leads.

Examples: Tom's of Maine – up to \$50,000, national initiative, requires 501(c)3
Kodak American Greenways, up to \$2,500, economic development and environment

Dave: What is grant for?

Bumppo: focus on phase 1 completion. Construction dollars.

Carey Meyer: Regarding grants, City Council needs to approve acceptance of grant, Katie writes grants, and Committee can gather information. There is a value to finding grant websites and directing Katie to them. Many grants look to the city to be the pass-through agency. Some like low overhead non-profits. Ask Katie, she sometimes sees a grant advertisement, Sometimes is possible to fit project to grant. Example: Fish & Wildlife, Beluga Slough Trail, Community Coastal Assistance Impact Program. Borough, State and Federal dollars.

Google Trail Grants.

Lindianne: Asks Carey to discuss Survey, \$20,000, how it will be spent.

Carey: Our trail needs a project manager. Funds approved 10 days ago. Bill Nelson would do engineering design. Task order, term contract, he'd make design happen, engineering firm gets 5% mark-up.

Beth: Survey/design? City/State boundary need to know.

Carey: Committee assistance is usual. Committee input to designer. Kevin Walker. It's a narrow trail survey, 20 feet each side of proposed line.

Bumppo: When?

Carey: Task order tomorrow or Monday. Have Ability Survey do by Christmas, by February have 35% design. Spend half dollars by then with request for comments. Cost estimate. Credible project.

Bumppo: Ready by spring?

Carey: Will map survey limits and walk it with Dave to make sure. Probably 6" gravel, ditch on upper side, 2 spots need bridges or culverts and fill. Term contract, Bill Nelson Engineering, Kenai, works with Ability Survey. They did Reber Trail together. We will have a product we can attach to a grant application.

Beth: Wants written authorization for Mud Bay Trail.

Carey: Could sign, wouldn't mean anything. (Does not sign.) Should be in Homer Non-Motorized Trails Plan. Planning Commission responsibility.

Beth: Mud Bay Trail costs under \$5,000 total, Carey's time is only cost so far.

Bumppo: Can add Mud Bay Trail to Homer Parks & Rec Trails Brochure.

Carey: Can amend Homer Non-Motorized Trails Plan. Talk to Rick Abboud and Julie Engebretsen about amending Trails Plan. Add trails classifications. Hasn't been amended since 2004. Should be amended every five years. Commission should have some public meetings, get input.

Beth: Tidal lands.

Dave: Two lines, 23' and 26'. Tide line is rarely above 26'. Raised boardwalk might be useable. In state R.O.W. Level 1 trail is no problem. Level 3 trail needs to be above tidal influence.

Bumppo: Area connecting to Spit.

Carey: Tidal influence is not wetlands.

Beth: Wants to discuss who owns the rest of the trail, City will own first 1/3 mile.
Bumppo: Not this discussion now.

Carey: Have you walked Beluga Slough Trail yet? Walk it, please. We have old trail materials squirreled away. Some can be re-used, incorporated into a project. They were slippery. We restored wetland. Need to get USF&W dollars for completion. Can get Corps of Engineers permit to fill up to ½ acre for recreational purposes. Might use for raised portion of trail. But raised portion will cost \$500/foot. Gravel = \$60/foot. Heavy timber frame, pressure treated, with galvanized steel grating. Would work for tidal influence area of Kachemak Drive Trail.

Lindianne: Thanks Carey.

Carey: Want to support Committee. Will continue to come back. You can help with in-kind labor. Volunteer effort. Show volunteer labor, donated materials, helps with grant application.

Next meeting: Bumppo and Lindianne will be gone, Dave, Lynne and Beth can attend. No need to cancel. Kappi Hansen volunteers to take notes. Bumppo appoints Kappi to committee. Does Kappi need to fill out a form with Renee?

Next meeting: January 3

February 7 and March 7.

We describe Kachemak Drive Trail and Mud Bay Trail to Larry Slone. SAFETY IS OUR NUMBER ONE CONCERN. Motivation for this committee is public safety. Larry needs more information. Lindianne offers material from our files since Bumppo and Lindianne each have sets of committee records. Kappi will take a packet of material from Lindianne and leave it with Renee for Larry.

Comments of Committee:

Lynne: Grateful that Carey visited meeting. Thank you, Beth, for inviting Carey.

Beth: We are committed to building this for a little as possible. Not \$1,000,000.

Lindianne: Grateful to Larry for attending to learn, Dave for hard work, Kappi, for joining committee, Beth for bringing Carey to meeting.

Dave: Look up one or two grants, pass to Katie. Look at Alaska Trails Newsletter, use search engine to look up, every time use search engine, 5 cents donated to trails.

Kappi: I know my homework.

Bumppo: Gratitude to all. Adjourns meeting at 7:15 pm.
Recorded by Lindianne and e-mailed to Renee on December 7, 2012.