

**COOPER LANDING WALKABLE COMMUNITY  
COMMITTEE**  
**FRIDAY, DECEMBER 16, 2016**  
**1:00 PM**  
**LOCATION: COMMUNITY CLUB**

**MINUTES**

1. CALL TO ORDER – 1:04pm
2. ROLL CALL – Sandra Holsten, Martha, Story, Kim Neiss, Lia Slemmons, Michael Downs, Chris Degrenes, Deb Carlson, Kathy Recken, David Story, Nick Vanderhoff
3. INTRODUCTION OF GUESTS
  - a. Lia Slemmons – Kenai Mountains-Turnagain Arm National Heritage Area
  - b. Michael Downs – Outdoor Recreation Planner, Alaska Rivers and Trails Conservation Assistance
  - c. Absent: Joselyn Biloons – Alaska Department of Transportation Area Planner
4. NEW BUSINESS – conducted at end to allow for guest speakers attendance

(See continuation of meeting notes on page 5 of this document. Meeting was divided to accommodate guests.)

## Strategic Doing Exercise – Michael Downs, ARTCA

**What would it look like if we had improved access to walkable pathways for guests and residents in our community?**

**What do we each bring as an asset:**

- Lia Slemmons – KMTA helps to match grants with groups to take on smaller projects. Bring's some money (under \$20,000 – must be matched but can be with volunteer hours) and graphic design and a board with knowledge of the communities. KMTA board is an asset as well. Sue McClure is on the board.
- Kim Neis – used to be a proofreader and am happy to help do that. Also have a little time to help. Can look at a project and see how it might impact folk. Community insight.
- Martha Story – laborer and trail knowledge for construction or maintenance. Potential for volunteer coordination. Know the folk who work at the USFS and how to point folk in the right direction. On KMTA board. Community Club Member. She and David house the Walkable tools. Also own a brusher and chainsaw. Jessie Lobinsky (took John Eavis place at USFS) has enthusiasm and knowledge of the area)
- Sandra Holsten – been through the Snug Harbor project and that brings insight into issues. Understand federal land management agencies and their project budgets etc. Some experience in the political arena as well. Knows how to write grants. Grit. Ed Holsten is on the KPB Road Board and Federal Subsistence Board. Knows photographers and video people for marketing projects.
- David Story – CL Advisory Planning Commission member, photography, writing, access to labor pool of volunteers. Coordinate ideas into documents, prefers writing, trail design, houses walkable tools.
- Kathy Recken – avid walker and hiker, knowledge of trails, CL Advisory Planning Commission member, written grants before, desire to see this happen. Good sense of politics of community and borough. On the school board.
- Deb Carlson – part of the start of the Walkable Community Project, work on smaller projects that don't require a lot of oversight. Actual trailwork. Bean Creek trail – Dan Michaels wants to help with it. Holder of the committee's memory. Lots of documentation of past info.
- Chris Degrenes – brings time to volunteer and knowledge of state government specifically state lands. Can help introduce the managers of state lands to the committee and its ideas. Like to do hands on work and labor. Also on CL Advisory Planning Commission. Extensive experience working with volunteers.
- Nick Vanderhoff – 20 year resident of CL and I am glad to help do projects especially physical involvement rather than political involvement. Can see how others work together and offer pathways through. Good with heavy equipment. Is able to bring different perspectives from the community.
- Michael Downs – RTCA – interested in helping, facilitation, working with Alaska Trails to bolster their volunteer program. Looking for smaller projects to test

waters for larger projects. Offer the network and some knowledge of trail design. Ask Paul for assistance. Very open to working with all groups across the state. Possible interpretive help through a grant.

## What could we do together?

### **Bean Creek trail: put in flagging, vision**

- Mapping Project - Access to maps for who owns what land. How do these paths get people to the places that are important?
- Identifying potentially affected landowners.
- Ask State Parks about land issues
- Walk intended line, GPS and put it into map viewer.
- Get community presence and locals informed – transparency
- Re instate weekly walks
- KPB has maps of the ski trails that legally exist.
- Trying to get excited about walking and its benefits.
- Get school kids out to walk and the population begins to do so too.
- Plan around pre season workers are are not working yet for helpers
- Post a flyer with employers that says this is what is going on in community so employees can see what volunteer activities are available. (Kim agreed to distribute flyer if someone would put it together)
- Access KPB parcel view
- Keep vision of connecting boat launch, bridge path, school, CLCC and Princess
- Work with neighbors along intended route and ID all people along route.
- Talk up walking efforts

### **Outreach Project**

- Explaining what Walkable is and is about
- Get kids and families out
- Community school involvement
- Public events
- Recruit volunteers at the beginning of season
- Plan to raise awareness of Walkable plan

### **Education program** for how to safely use the Snug Harbor Path

- RTCA is working with Anch. Park foundation for Schools on Trails program.

### **Maintaining trail on highway.**

## What should we do together?

- **Bean Creek Trail**
  - What do we want the outcome of the trail to be? Trail should go from Princess to Bridge.
  - Have a layout and design for the trail within one year.

- Have community support.
- A schedule and commitments to complete it.
- What do we need to do in the next 90 days?
  - Deb will coordinate a walk of the intended trail in Mid January.
  - David will prepare maps and property owner info to have ready for walk.
  - Chris will talk to State Parks to introduce concept and see land ownership.
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  - Locate intended trail by July.
  - State support by August.
  - Ownership maps and lists of affected owners by end of July.
- Next meeting must include the agenda established by the Strategic Doing exercise.
- Michael will email David regarding the Schools on Trails program to forward on to Deb and Kathy.
- Powerline Clearing – slash and debris buildup.

**Schedule to work toward:**

Late Dec – Dan, Chris and Deb walked from CLCC to Bean Creek

Mid Jan. – walk trail Jan 18

By July – identify physical trail

End of July – obtain private property maps

By August: seek state support

- Chris will talk to State Parks by mid Jan.
- Deb will talk to Dan and coordinate a day to walk trail in January.
- David will pull maps. Whoever GPS' it has Gaia, print maps and GPS along the way.
- Kathy will pull maps of private property when David pulls maps of area.
- Design issue: soft trail or hard trail. Chris will find out.

CLWCP Committee meeting continued...

5. REVIEW OF MINUTES from 12/02/2015
6. TREASURERS REPORT
7. CORRESPONDENCE
8. OLD BUSINESS
  - a. Update on projects
    - i. Website
    - ii. Snug Harbor
      1. There have been snow machines using the path. Can we put something out on the crier stating no motorized use? **Sandra** volunteered and did so.
      2. Unfilled obligation to educate kids about biking and walking the path.
    - iii. 2017 Trail Run
      1. We support the run and request that **Karl** Romig continue to arrange the DOT permit etc. but that we aim to have a committee organize the event and have more meetings.
      2. **Kim** will take on posting the flyers for the run and trail work needs. **Someone** needs to make up flyers.
      3. **Karl** is finding out if it can be changed in the calendar to June 3<sup>rd</sup>. or June 4<sup>th</sup>?
      4. **Chris** knows of many areas on trail that need work
      5. **Deb** sent list of things that can help next trail run go smooth. **Deb** asked Dan M to lead another walk Jan 18 at 11AM.

2017 Trail Run Ideas

  - Working with chamber to give discounts to anyone who registers/donates to the race
  - Use Chris's simple chart to figure out top three in each category
  - Mark certain areas on route better
  - Use emails from registration for mailing list
  - Have pre meeting even if by phone a day or two before.
  - Music PA system
  - Better signage for start and finish
  - Post times
  - Cold. Gas patio heaters or move from shade. If in June may not be an issue?
  - Assign every task to specific people
  - Assign camera people
  - Have registration sign up early

- Have tarps up early if still in shade and wind
- Weed whack in front by kenai lake lodge if permissible
- Pre print up donation slips and place by donations giving donor credit
- Have supplies: duct tape, string, stapler, hammer, tacks,
- Put grommets in signs
- More red flags in all intersections
- Make sure participants know flags are to be followed and cones not or whatever current strategy
- Garbage can at end
- Hand out cell phone numbers to workers
- Distribute fruit at both ends ahead of time
- More waters
- Book hall ahead
- Flagger at Keith F. house
- Flagger across from Kingfisher
- Runners on road signs
- Purchase our own cones. (already purchased red and green flags)
- Canopy needs weights as well as staking
- 1st walker gets a prize
- re think age groups
- Give ribbon as soon as participant comes in to save time, can announce them all at once later.
- Have only 10 K run and 5 K walk
- Speak loudly at ribbon and drawing, remind all of sponsor CLWCP
- **need** coordinator and more meetings prior

## 9. INFORMATION and ANNOUNCEMENTS if any:

### Needs:

1. **Need Someone** to come up with flyer to send message to local businesses that there are opportunities for seasonal employees that come early to help with trail work.
2. **Need Someone** to come up with Same idea for flyer to send to local businesses that the Trail Run is coming up and their employers need to know!
3. **Need Someone** to be Trail Run coordinator: need to schedule more meetings and come up with specific task assignments

4. **Need Someone** to send us Email addresses of Lia and Michael
5. **Need Someone** to work with KMTA on possible grant (Sandra, Kathy R.?)
6. **Need Someone** to work with Michael Downs and Paul Clark with AK River and Trails Conservation Outdoor Rec Planner to fill out application to receive assistance and volunteers. Application process starts in July and ends in Oct. (please correct me here, **David**)

10. COMMITTEE MEMBER COMMENTS

11. SELECT NEW MEETING DATE

- a. Bean Creek Rd/intended Trail walk: Wednesday January 18<sup>th</sup> – 11am
- b. Next meeting: Thursday March 9<sup>th</sup> at 6pm.

12. ADJOURNMENT – 3:50pm