

**COOPER LANDING WALKABLE COMMUNITY COMMITTEE  
MONDAY, MARCH 20, 2017**

**6:00 PM**

**LOCATION: COMMUNITY CLUB**

**MINUTES**

1. CALL TO ORDER: 6:01
2. ROLL CALL: S Holsten, D Carlson, J Cadieux, D Story, regular members  
Guests: K Recken, N Vanderhoff, S Wilmuth, J Thomas, D Michels, B Bray
3. REVIEW OF MINUTES from 12/16/2016: J Cadieux moved to accept as written.  
S Holsten second. Accepted unanimously.
4. TREASURERS REPORT: ~\$1800 in account.
5. CORRESPONDENCE:
  - a. K Button email requesting to be placed upon a notification list. There is none though meetings are published on the Crier. K Button would like to see our minutes. They are not posted on our website at present. DM suggests we post them on the website.
  - b. D Story will make a page on the website and will post Dec 2016 and today's meeting notes. Notes will be posted from this point forward.
  - c. J Cadieux wrote an email letter to KMTA requesting grant to pay for her attendance to Alaska Trails Conference as a representative of CLWCP. It is anticipated that the board will authorize this grant.
  - d. D Carlson has pursued fish art for bridge and corresponded with several artists. She has been referred to a new designer, Paul Tornow. Anticipate this art be mounted on the walkway safety rail/barrier of the Kenai River Bridge walking pathway. The metal artist Paul Tornow works with is in Sterling and has done work for King Fisher and Troutfitters locally. Several guests present acknowledge familiarity with his work and spoke approvingly. Once Deb obtains estimates from this recent contact she will communicate further with the rest of the committee.
6. OLD BUSINESS
  - a. Update on projects
    - i. Bean Creek (mapping) Project:
      1. Several of the committee and public guests have walked the potential pathway.
      2. See rough map. Anticipate that the pathway would remain within the DOT ROW. Some property owners may need to be contacted due to their proximity though no requests will be made to cross adjacent private land. (Later determined to avoid any proximity and keep the pathway entirely on ROW or DNR lands.)
      3. Pathway may need to start at Hall and end before Bean Crk from the Old Hwy.
      4. The path would likely go onto the road and back off again in places if it were to continue in the future.

5. The only properties that would be impacted by running adjacent to properties would be those that front off Raven St. The rest of the lands adjacent are DNR. (Note: later determined to end before Bean Crk and avoid all but DNR lands.)
6. Public notification and out-reach? SH strongly advises based upon reactions of neighbors on the Snug Harbor Project.
  - a. DS has spoken to Krissy Route and Martha Story from the Community Club (CC). DS will contact Mitch Dickenson to determine if Mitch would like to walk the project prior to the CC meeting.
  - b. JC and SH will write bulletin and KR will provide content and copyediting. This will have to be ready for DS to present to the CC mtg.
  - c. DS will attend and present at Mar 30 Community Club meeting and get their voted-upon approval for
    - i. the scope of the project and
    - ii. permission to pursue the project.
  - d. We will need to have a communication plan developed for how we will fully engage the community in this project including at least...
    - i. We should post on the Crier
    - ii. We mail the informational bulletin to folks who own land on either side of Bean Creek Rd along the proposed area (after blessing from CC). We will need to use tax addresses since some landowners will not get these notices if their CL P.O. Box is used.
    - iii. Other communication as indicated in a master plan
7. The route will be flagged so that folks can see where the project would be placed.
8. Signage to alert users of dangers (bears) and sensitivity (Bean Crk and Kenai River habitat) would be needed.

- ii. Trail Activity
  1. The trail that goes east from Russian Campground toward Gwin's needs brushing.
  2. Princess employees (According to DM) are available after mid-May.
  3. VBS kids might be available June 18-24
  4. The ski trails off of Bean Crk trail need to be brush hogged.
- iii. Snug Harbor Project
  1. KMTA Grant
    - a. Fed dollars are available up to \$24,000 at a time.

- b. JC and SH have put together a grant request for a design effort similar to the master Walkable Plan for finishing the bike path both separated and shoulder portions with beautification, benches, interpretive signs, etc.
- c. This could become a guide for further projects.
- d. The plan will likely also affect the Kenai River Bridge project and the portion of the pathway along Helen Rhode Park. It may also include the gravel area at the base of Campus Dr. Those present, both committee and public, agreed that these three sections should be included in the design plan.
- e. We'll end up with a map and design parameters.
- f. Walkable will get that plan written up and printed.
- g. If money is left from the design plan then we might get a few things purchased.
- h. KMTA offered that we should submit a phase two for completion once the design plan is written.

2. Construction update
  - a. Matt Bean will not be the supervisor for Fed Hwys this summer.
  - b. Fed Hwys likely won't start until at least mid-June.
  - c. They are not finished with signage and shoulder work for the separated bike path.
  - d. Motorized use of ROW is illegal. Motorized use of a walking/biking path is also illegal. Some folks have begun to already use the pathway on off highway vehicles (OHV). Gouges have occurred. The pathway is not built to sustain motorized vehicle traffic.
  - e. Fed Hwys will put up non-motorized signage this summer. Community education has begun via Crier postings.

- b. 2017 Trail Run
  - i. Karl has made the initial application for the permit
  - ii. Insurance proof from CC needs to be requested. DS contact Cheryle James of the CC board to get the proof of insurance.
  - iii. We need a co-coordinator to help Karl with organization. This could be determined at the first meeting.
  - iv. The first organizational TR meeting will occur April 3<sup>rd</sup> 6:00 at Hall.
    1. DS will contact Jessica to secure the Hall.
    2. DC and JC will prepare/update the list of jobs prior to the April 3<sup>rd</sup> meeting.
  - v. The Run will occur on June 4<sup>th</sup>. This should allow more of the seasonal employees to attend.

- c. Bypass mitigation
  - i. CLAPC met with the Mayor (on various subjects and he brought up the bypass.) M Navarre stated that he liked the idea of having the Walkable Project built as mitigation for the bypass. We want Mike Navarre to put his stated support in writing.
  - ii. CNF requested a walk/bike path across Snow River Bridge as mitigation for the CL Bypass.
  - iii. DS and JC will draft a letter that we will ask the Mayor to sign and pursue his signature to document his support.
- d. Website administration
  - i. DS and JC will work on JC's access to ensure that JC has full admin capability.

7. NEW BUSINESS

- a. Set date for next steering committee meeting agenda to include:
  - i. Work session for discussion of new members, roles, and expectations for any individual member and ourselves.
  - ii. Communication protocols
  - iii. Update on Website administration
  - iv. Other...

8. INFORMATION and ANNOUNCEMENTS none

9. COMMITTEE MEMBER COMMENTS none

10. SELECT NEW MEETING DATE: To be discussed at Trail Run meeting.

11. ADJOURNMENT: 7:54 p.m.