

**COOPER LANDING WALKABLE COMMUNITY STEERING COMMITTEE  
MINUTES  
Dec 2, 2015**

**CALL TO ORDER 7:29**

**ROLL CALL** Karl Romig, Deb Carlson, David Story, Chris Degernes, Janette Cadieux with Sandra Holsten arriving late.

**INTRODUCTION OF GUESTS** Gloria Reyes

**REVIEW OF MINUTES FROM FEB 24, 2015** C Degernes moved to accept meeting minutes as written. D Story seconds. All agree. Passes unanimously.

**TREASURERS REPORT** S Holsten arrived late due to road conditions. She was unable to give the report.

**CORRESPONDENCE** See Old Business.

**OLD BUSINESS**

1. Capital Improvement Project: DONE
  - a. Email exchange with Alan Drake of DOT (Deb)
    - i. From DOT Alan Drake: All work has been completed. The prime contractor is Pruhs Construction and the subcontractor is Acme Fence Company Alan
    - ii. Nov 5: I forgot to ask the obvious. Are there any funds left from the Capital Improvement monies?
    - iii. Response from Alan: I don't think I understand the question. I did not respond.
  - b. Resurfacing of other portions of the pathway on either side of the bridge.
    - i. How's it working?
      1. Holding up so far and remains in good shape.
      2. Is sharp gravel so dogs seem to have some difficulty with it. Will likely be better over time.
    - ii. Do we need to ask for a pedestrian sign again where folks cross to Snug Harbor?
      1. There is one just after MP 47.
      2. DOT has so far refused to put in a pedestrian crossing sign but they have just put one into Moose Pass with flashing lights and reduced speed for when children are present.
      3. Janette will write email to the safety person for DOT.
  - c. Beautification:
    - i. Funds are minimally available at present.
    - ii. KMTA grants are available and this is a possible source.

- iii. Deb will learn what kind of mounting will work with the iron/metal worker she has proposed prior. She'll send photos to the other committee members and make an initial contact of the artist.
  - iv. David will contact KMTA about grant and will suggest Martha and/or Janette to be on the board. David will get a copy of the grant application from KMTA. Janette will work with Martha to help write the grant. There may be some money in the treasury to use as matching funds.
  - v. We need to post small signs to inform public that the new bridge pathway is a Walkable Community Project.
- d. How does the whole project function, meet needs, retaining wall lacking?
  - i. The structures that are in place seem to be working.
  - ii. We will not ask about design elements that did not appear to be built.
- e. Photos needed (all)
- f. Comments: Those received from the community have largely been positive.

2. Website Update (David and Deb)

- a. Deb is paying out of pocket for the existing website.
- b. David has domain name for WalkCooperLanding.org that is what Kat McDearis has built the initial work on.
- c. Motion by J Cadieux and seconded by K Romig to allow all committee members to have ability to post to the new website. Passed unanimously.
- d. Search engines can be directed to lead folks from old to new site including through searching the name of the project. Shall the old website be transitioned to the new website name? D Story motioned. C Degernes seconded. Passed unanimously.
- e. J Cadieux as Webmaster nominated David Story for the committee. He accepted the nomination. All agreed. Passed unanimously.
  - i. David would like the written docs to come to him intact as much as possible with quick editing and do the posting.
  - ii. David will email members for details if he needs it from them.
  - iii. The structure of the new website will be easier to update.
- f. Adjust logo to include people of foot/bike.
- g. Timeline: David will start working now and is predicting Feb 2016 as a good end point. He may get the main transfer of info from the old site over the holidays.
- h. Monies: ????

3. Snug Harbor Project Update (Sandra)

- a. The bids went out and were submitted and an ANC group was awarded the contract. The project came in on budget.
- b. The State is doing utilities. They still had not issued contract for this work. That has to be done before work on the project can occur.
- c. The separated bike path will occur after the utilities. It will likely look bad initially and we might expect some comments from the community during this phase.

- d. No lawsuits have come forward so far. Apparently there are concerns over public notice and protection of Shackleford Creek. Sen. Sullivan looked at the record with the agencies and supported the project.
- 4. Mitigation for loss of safety path between Kenai Lake Lodge and Bean Creek Rd?
  - a. No action has been taken by DOT and Jim Amundsen has indicated the ditch will never be filled-in.
  - b. Other DOT employees have indicated we might get action if we choose to pursue it.
  - c. C Degernes moves that we let nature take its course. K Romig seconds. Passed unanimously.
- 5. 2015 Trail Run Report:
  - a. T-shirts supply was exhausted. Each cost \$8.00-10.00 to print. Synthetic shirts were nicer.
  - b. Turnout was good and about equal to the same number as on previous years. We had more turnout than the Equinox Run.
  - c. Monies made were about \$350-\$400 same as before.
  - d. Traffic was not an issue even though it was Memorial Day weekend.
  - e. Personal solicitation 1:1 seems to prompt people to enter.
  - f. Date:
    - i. Snailathon and Exit Glacier Run are both on the Saturday of that same weekend. We usually run on Sundays.
    - ii. Deb gave the third Sunday in May (15<sup>th</sup>) when the Soldotna Chamber asked recently. Discussion of weekends.
    - iii. K Romig moves that we hold the run on the **4<sup>th</sup> Sunday (May 22<sup>nd</sup>)** J Cadieux seconds. Passed unanimously.
    - iv. Deb will re-confirm with Chamber with the new date.
  - g. We might include a loop back for those who want a longer run to make an 11K division.
    - i. Folks would then be running with traffic on the back direction.
    - ii. Longer races seem to be more worth the while of more runners.
    - iii. Could solve the problem with an official flagger that can stop traffic.

## **SUB-COMMITTEE REPORTS** none

## **NEW BUSINESS**

- 1. Gravel Pit on Snug Harbor and how it relates to the Snug Harbor Project:
  - a. Overview of CLAPC work on gravel in the community (Janette and David)
    - i. Janette suggested looking on their website for more information. Dave's Creek is at the top of the list for our area.
    - ii. The CLAPC voted that there is no need to develop new site at present.
  - b. KPB investigation of commercial gravel pit on Snug Harbor (D Story and J Cadieux excused themselves from this portion of the meeting to prevent ex parte exchange since this has been an APC agenda item and likely will again.)

- i. The borough PC announced at the last meeting that they have looked at Snug Harbor and they feel that they should tie it to Snug Harbor Project and develop it. If it requires land re classification then it has to come before the CLAPC and the borough APC.
  - ii. Since the bids have already gone and one accepted there will be no savings to the public with a different gravel source.
- 2. 2016 Trail Run: Soldotna Chamber just called and wanted date for 2016 trail run from Karl. If we choose to continue with race should we stick with the same time? Last year we moved it up a week, otherwise it had been on the third Sunday of May on same weekend as Snailathon. (Karl) See above under Old Business.
- 3. Small projects:
  - a. Bean Creek: Deb is ordering flags to delineate the pathway. She will work again with Dan to get that moved forward. She'll let committee members know when help is needed for labor.
  - b. Along the hwy (especially section east of AWA)
  - c. Bridges on the section where the race is held?
    - i. David has some small logs.
    - ii. Mike Fitzpatrick from USFS is going to advise on how to replace the bridges.
    - iii. David is going to get the bridges done with help from committee members as laborers.
- 4. Direction and status of the committee
  - a. Should we go dormant?
    - i. Shall we remain a committee but only do the more informal trail work and keep the Trail Run going for now and keep our eyes open for opportunities? C Degernes moves so. D Story seconds. Passes unanimously.
    - ii. Deb feels she needs to pass the chair to someone else. She'll remain on the committee.
    - iii. Gary Galbraith has expressed interest in joining the committee when his family moves back to the community.
    - iv. J Cadieux nominates D Story as new chair. He accepts the nomination. Passes unanimously.
  - b. Possible Bypass mitigation (being ready to put forward the CLWCP) The group agrees that this is a good function for the group.
  - c. Shall the Trails Committee and Walkable Community officially join into one committee?
    - i. Members are on both at this point though the Trails Committee has largely become boiled down to maintaining winter use of the Russian River Campground.
    - ii. New folks in town might be interested in one aspect or another. Committee members will informally survey folks in the community about trails and how they'd like us to organize.
    - iii. We need to resume posting our meetings on the Crier.
    - iv. We need to remain under CLCC.
- 5. Other? None suggested.

**ANNOUNCEMENTS** none

**NEW MEETING DATE** none selected

**MEETING ADJOURNMENT** roughly 10:30 p.m.

**JOBs**

**Janette:**

1. Write email to Scott Thomas re pedestrian sign
2. Janette will work with Martha to help write the KMTA grant. There may be some money in the treasury to use as matching funds.

**Deb:**

1. Investigate metal art for bridge
2. Send artists' web link to committee so we can see what the artist has done.
3. Order flagging for Bean Creek project.
4. Collaborate with Dan Michels on Bean Creek project and inform committee members when "boots on the ground" are needed.

**David:**

1. David will contact KMTA about grant and get a copy of the grant application from KMTA.
2. Will suggest Martha and/or Janette to be on the board.
3. Webmaster. Will transport info from old website to new one and set up searches to direct folks to the new website: [walkcooperlanding.org](http://walkcooperlanding.org)
4. Adjust logo on website to include a walker/biker.
5. David is going to get the bridges done on the section of the safety path between MP 45 and MP 46 with help from committee members as laborers. He'll let us know when he needs boots on the ground or shovels ready.

**Sandra:**

1. Send a treasurer's report via email to the committee

**All:**

1. Survey community members on how they see the idea of Trails and Walkable committees fusing and in what way.
2. Photos of bridge and other aspects of the Safety Path.