

COOPER LANDING WALKABLE COMMUNITY STEERING COMMITTEE
Minutes Feb 24, 2015

Roll Call: Deb Carlson, Sandra Holsten, David Story, Janette Cadieux, Martha Story (Karl Romig and Chris Degernes were absent)

Review of Minutes: Sandra moved, David seconded, accepted un-edited unanimously.

Treasurer's Report: From Sandra Holsten:

\$1400 available. Must be spent by end of fiscal year at the end of May 2015. (See Revenue Funds discussions below, item #2 under New Business.)

\$600 from refundable ticket to JNU. It won't be spent because the trip is on hold. Sandra has asked Cheryle to set this aside and keep it separate from the rest of CLWCP funds.

Correspondence: See Snug Harbor report.

Old Business

1. Website:
 - a. Draft skeleton was viewed.
 - b. Photos not yet posted.
 - c. Similar features are included as on the previous version.
 - d. Deb discussed a visual tie to the old format that can help people make the transition.
 - e. Logo- Looks good. Can it include graphic walker and biker? Likely.
 - f. Library of Photos: Lovely ones. Conditions that need improvement. There may possibly be seasonal picture updates.
 - g. Kat McDearis is doing the work. We are committed to her so far for \$300 for the nuts and bolts. There are no further funds committed but option is available. David is her contact person.
2. Trail Run: Karl was unable to make it. The date remains May 24th. Janette will be gone. Martha will take Janette's place at registration with Chris Degernes (if we follow the same assignments as in previous years.)

New Business: Now that funds are gone, what can we do?

1. Use 600.00 dedicated to go to Juneau.
 - a. Set aside to use if funds are limited in the coming year.
 - b. The new commissioner of DOT is actually an old commissioner returning and won't necessarily need to be instructed about the project.
 - c. The National Biking Association might be doing a big effort with the new transportation bill and could provide talking points and other support if we make our trip at a later date.
 - d. If funding is needed for one of the projects, we might need a trip to JNU at that point to look for money.
2. Revenue funds of about \$1400.
 - a. AK Trails Conference was a worthy forum that Martha attended last year.
 - i. Somewhere around April 23-24. Could we send someone?
 - ii. Cost? Would the networking be worth it? The education?
 - iii. Should we ask CLCC for a bit of addtl funding to support someone going?
 - b. \$300 is committed to Kat McDearis.
 - c. Cheryle may set aside some funds but CLCC hasn't yet decided if they will allow it. **Sandra** has asked.
 - d. Do we need other tools? Macleod tool?
 - e. \$?? Beams for small bridge crossings?
 - f. \$100 for stickers, see Need to Prioritize, item 2 b vii below.
3. Contact Joselyn Biloon, area DOT planner for ideas was recommended by Jim Amundsen.
 - a. If DOT has no money may she be helpful? Likely not at this point.
 - b. Would she be the person to speak with in regards to the Bypass and the community mitigation that would need to be done from a Walkable perspective? Would we need a sub-

committee for this? We have time because the Bypass option is not yet determined.

4. Contact Senator Micciche and schedule a meeting to bring him up to date. Sandra has already been in contact with a staff member. Let's catch him when he comes home. Perhaps we need to let this legislative session ride and catch him in the next budget cycle.
5. Touch base with Sue McClure.
 - a. Her term is done soon. We might not do this.
6. Contact Senator Sullivan office and schedule meeting if possible.
 - a. We should meet with him in the summer recess. Sandra will set that up.
7. After procuring the video from Krissy.
 - a. Due approximately mid-March. No winter shots were gotten due to the off year.
 - b. Schedule a time to go to Assembly to bring them up to date and be specific on next steps once we establish them.
 - c. Schedule a time to meet with Malone on the Road Board of which Ed Holsten is a member.
 - i. We should meet with them before the Assembly. Sandra will ask Ed and potentially we would do this end of March.
 - ii. We're aiming that KPB give us top priority that would help us in pursuing federal monies and grant monies.
 - iii. We should include Ed. David is both willing to do the speaking. Janette will be his back-up.

Need to prioritize new goals and strategies, next steps

1. Bucket Brigade
 - a. Jim Amundsen gave the green light as long as we don't fill-in the culverts.
 - b. Dan Michels wants something done from Princess. Deb will speak to him.
 - c. David has summer staff members that will help with trail maintenance. Last year there wasn't a large group but this year should be different. David would like to level the parts behind the guardrails e.g. from Princess bend to Troutfitters would be a section they could work on. He wants to have presence on the trail that is visible to road users.
2. Fund raising ideas:

- a. Buy a bucket of gravel
 - i. **Martha** agrees to be the lead person on trail work i.e. what needs to be done and where? How?
 - ii. National Trails Day is June 6th.
 - 1. Stickers **David** has contacts and can purchase them
 - 2. Bike maintenance
 - 3. **Janette** do foot posture assessment?
 - iii. Let's develop mileposts of the trail and how each needs to be addressed.
 - iv. Adjacent landowners should be contacted.
 - v. Anything that happens within 50' of the river could garner attention from State Parks because of KRSMA.
 - vi. Crier notices will be posted to include community and other public though initially the first forays would likely be quieter and just the core group to get started.
- b. Bike tune-up
 - i. At Softball tournament. **David** could take a short while to do light maintenance. **Sandra** has a friend who could help. Need stands to put bikes up.
 - ii. Suggested donation would be made. OR Purchase a bucket of gravel to contribute to our purchase of gravel for the trail work.
 - iii. June would be best timing for another dedicated event. Could include a bike rodeo if you have enough volunteers.
 - iv. These offer opportunities to inform the public.
 - v. Tents would likely be available in the community.
 - vi. **Deb** will speak with Dan Michels about space.
 - vii. Could we have logo stickers with some guidelines on the back for good trail etiquette? **David** Has ideas
- 3. Bean Creek path starting at CLCC – **Deb** contact Dan Michels?
 - a. Come up with proposal for CLCC to give permission to design path
 - b. School to library? Bridge across Bean Creek? Follow utility lines where we can? Maybe go up in some places?
 - c. Theresa Norris and others support that effort but who will lead the work on this section?

- d. We need some ground truthing to learn where sections could be developed. There would be some places to be on/next to the road and others that could be separated.
- e. Concentrate initially on the south side of the road (river side of the road.)
- f. Sawdust could be used to direct the feet that would be using the trail.

4. Get Robert Ruffner involved in efforts along river? He is retiring and his replacement is not in place yet but we do need to invite the new person to help ignite Kenai Watershed attention and support for the upper river concerns.
5. Continue working on the trail from MP 47 to MP 45.
 - a. Create a smoother transition from ditching to the start of trail by Gibsons' driveway.
 - b. Old bridges- replace with new beams?

Snug Harbor Update

1. Utility work- Likely this spring. They will be staying where they are at but hook-ups need to be modified. They're upgrading fiber lines and our budget is paying for it.
2. Right of Way work- Already begun.
3. Funding scenarios
 - a. The utility and ROW money gets taken out of the budget first.
 - b. Bids should be going out this summer or fall after utility work is done. Will there be shortfalls? If so we'd have to seek federal dollars.
4. Status of plans and concerns- They're going to do utility and ROW work soon. Neighborhood will be seeing flags.
5. Beautification will be a community project. There is no plan to have it done as a part of the project.

Announcements: None

Next Meeting Date: Not sure yet. **Deb** needs contact Karl about the Trail Run

Meeting adjourned: 9:14 p.m.

