

Kachemak Drive Path Committee
Minutes- Regular Meeting 5:30pm
Friday, February 18, 2011

Present: Beth Cumming, Lynn Burt, Bumppo Bremicker, Ingrid Harrald, Dave Brann, Dave Clemens, Joe Litchfield

Meeting called to order 5:30pm. Recalled to order at 5:40pm due to not having turned on tape recorder.

1. Agenda approved by Clemens/Burt
2. Minutes approved – Harrald/Burt
3. Public Comments –
 - a. Chase Warren – Testified about correlation between car speed limits and accidents. Stated that a 1 ft reduction of road width = decrease in speed of approx 3 miles/hr. Would like the committee to paint the shoulder, lower the speed limit and decrease the width of the road. Emphasized that the project fits the HART program on all 12 points.
 - b. Kevin Walker – is very happy with EE trail and would support fully a Kachemak Drive trail. He is a retired engineer who is willing to offer his services to help the committee with any technical questions.
4. No Reconsiderations, Visitors, Staff Reports or Public Hearings.
5. Pending Business
 - a. DOT – Dave talked to Kevin. Kevin was not able to answer our questions, and gave to additional contacts: Betsy Joslyn and Jen Bailey. No real progress made, will continue to contact with questions.
 - b. Bike Path Discussion:
 - i. Continued discussion on Trail option #3
 - ii. Brann discussed idea of narrowing road to 10 feet which would leave 2.5 feet on both sides of road for a paved/dirt path. Discussion of paving vs. dirt, depth of ditches and less stable. Clemens, Harrald supported idea.
 - iii. Cumming requested bringing discussion back to last meeting to catch Litchfield up on present discussion on trail option #3. Discussed how it was safer, and the best fit to the committee's mission.
 - iv. Litchfield motioned that we continue to discuss and investigate Trail Option #2 while continuing to get Kachemak Drive widened. Seconded by Clemens. Voted 5-2 in favor. Motion passed.
 - v. Discussion on Section 1 – base of spit – Arctic. Cumming walked forest at base of spit with Kenton Bloom and it is too steep for a trail. The only option is along road or beach.
 - vi. Discussion of ROW – HEA allows trails under power lines but needs to be approved by land owners, Litchfield still questioning the ROW and water/sewer easement. Concern over taking people's property rights. Long discussion leading to consensus as long as approved by land owners.

- vii. Bike path on one side of road vs. two – Clemens, HARRALD very opposed to idea and voiced concern over safety.
 - viii. Cumming concerned that just painting lines along road on Sections 2 and 3 would not be safe, and that physical barriers would be necessary.
 - ix. Suggested we talk to land owners such as Moose Habitat, City about their land and options.
 - c. Bike Usage – HARRALD gave brief summary of Bike Surveys given during Bike to Work Day from 2005 – 2010. Summarized bike usage, feedback on safety issues. Will bring written report to next meeting.
- 6. New Business
 - a. HART –There is money to be applied for \$200,000 (\$50,000/yr). Question if this trail is eligible since state road are not.
 - b. Next Meeting: Friday, March 18th 5:30pm
- 7. Informational Materials:
 - a. Gold Hill Road – started as a petition from the public, is not a DOT project, exactly like ours. They are using Federal funds, but are not having to build trail to Federal standards. Brann/Clemens will look into this more and report on findings.
- 8. No comments from Audience or City Staff
- 9. Committee comments:
 - a. Clemens will look at power line easement and research ways to expand shoulder
 - b. Litchfield will look into right of way legalities for sewer/water/power.
 - c. Brann – will research Gold Hill Road project
 - d. HARRALD – will contact State DOT with questions
 - e. Cumming – will contact Moose Habitat and work on Section 1 ideas.

Meeting adjourned 8pm.

Notes submitted by Ingrid HARRALD