

Minutes of Kachemak Drive Path Committee Meeting, 5:30 p.m., September 13, 2012

Call to order by Chair Bremicker

Attending, Dave Brann, Beth Cumming, Lindianne Sarno, recording, Bumppo Bremicker, chair.

No minutes were provided from the prior meeting.

No public comment. No reconsideration, no visitors.

Pending Business: Discussion about signage on Kachemak Drive.

Dave Brann: Talked to DOT about signage. DOT needs permit for encroachment in the right of way. Dave gave it to Julie, she will work on it, she hasn't had time yet. We're at a standstill on that. Dave will go to road and measure, to see where it's possible to put a signpost two feet outside of right of way. If I can find a place among the four places we recommended, we're waiting for someone from the city to get that permit. Four signs, all the same: yellow caution sign with picture of bicycle, to let drivers know there are bicycles on the road, pay attention.

Bumppo: Does DOT have these signs?

Dave Brann: We have to buy them, we have to supply signposts. DOT has the signs. You can get them 18" or 2'. Part of permit is DOT wants pictures. Dave sent pictures some time ago to DOT. Jocelyn has pictures and descriptions: on hill before airport, another past Bay Club, coming from east end road before you turn the sharp corner, and another before the S curve. I sent the information, took the pictures, the GPS location, but came back we need a permit from the city to encroach on the right of way. I printed out the permit for Julie, but it doesn't really make sense.

Beth: We need a no passing sign.

Lindianne: That will confuse the drivers. Everyone crosses the center line when they have to pass a bicycle.

Dave: I want visual representation of bicycle. \$40 each, Dave would be willing to buy them, Bumppo would be willing to throw in \$40.

We're all in agreement.

New Business:

A. Proposal to change name of Kachemak Drive Pathway to Kachemak Drive Trail.

Beth asked Beth Wythe, she thinks connective things, that go between streets are trails, path refers to something that goes along a street or road. Is everyone comfortable with

the word path? Dave: Transportation Committee said, call it trail. Doesn't make any difference to me. Lyn doesn't care. Bumpo doesn't care.

Bumpo: mentions that Larry Sloan brought up we should do the sidewalks on upper Main Street with HART trail funds. Bumpo asked Julie about road HART funds, trail HART funds. Which gets used for sidewalks? There still is confusion that there are two different funds. Could you use HART trail funds to do sidewalks? Julie said, along a road like that, that is a sidewalk and **HART road funds** would be used for that. If it goes away from the road, it's a separated trail and HART trail funds would be used. Any pavement would be in the road right of way.

B. Attendance at Council Meeting Scheduled for September. Lindianne suggests that someone be assigned to make it clear at the Council meeting that sidewalks use road funds, separated trails or paths use trail funds.

C. [We amend the agenda to insert discussion of the draft resolution Beth Wythe submitted to this committee.] **Discussion and approval of the draft resolution.** Beth has two changes to make to this resolution. Dave Brann feels good about it. It's fine. Beth Wythe suggested just do this as a recommendation and a memo for \$20,000. Beth: I move that we accept Beth Wythe's draft resolution as she wrote it. Unanimous approval. Beth Wythe did a good job on it. Dave: Beth sent it to Francie, haven't heard back from Francie yet. Beth C says Beth W says Francie wanted to attend this meeting but she teaches. We agree we will forward this to Francie.

Lindianne: I will e-mail these minutes and the resolution to Renee so Renee can forward this resolution and the minutes to include in the packet for the Parks and Recreation Commission.

Beth will forward this resolution to every City Council member. And will say, our committee agreed on this, are you willing to vote for it on the 24th?

D. **Attendance at City Council Meeting:** Bumpo will be there, Lindianne will be there, Dave Brann may not make it.

E. **Beluga Slough trail remnants, use for Kachemak Drive Trail:** Dave Brann helped for five days in dismantling it, and Carey is very well aware that these things could be used on the Kachemak Drive Path. Dave doesn't want the big black floats. Too heavy. The smaller green ones are manageable. Dave asked Carey if he could load some of the green deck panels and experiment with them. Dave is going to experiment in his yard for how to lay these out differently than they were done in Beluga Slough. They stayed flat on the floats, but where there was not enough water, they sagged. The black floats could be used elsewhere, maybe across the Bay. They weigh a lot, need fork lift to move them.

F. **Kachemak Drive Neighborhood Association.** Lindianne mentions that she, Mike Yourkowski, Jan Needham and others are discussing putting together a neighbors association for Kachemak Drive. To discuss water sewer line, gas line, and bike path.

We will call everybody on Kachemak Drive. Mike Yourkowski has offered his home for the gathering.

City Councilwoman Beth Wythe enters the meeting. She had sent this resolution to Beth and Francie. We'll send it to the Commission and Beth Wythe says it has to come from the Parks and Rec Commission. Lindianne will send it to Renee with the minutes from this meeting, asking Renee to include it in the City Council packet, in anticipation of approval by the Parks and Rec Commission.

We discuss why everyone was confused in the City Council meeting.

Beth Wythe: suggests we break the project into phases. If it were in phases, six or seven phases, order them, build where you will have the least resistance. A couple of people on Kachemak Drive are still smarting from the way the water line was done. Do a piece here, a piece there.

Bumppo: Show we can get funding and volunteer help. Parks and Rec has not heard of any other projects.

Beluga Lake Trail.
Reiber (spelling?) Trail.

Beth C: Time Frame?

Beth Wythe: Suggest phasing, three and a half miles long, indicate the pieces of the trail, and the phasing, the time frame will come naturally.

Beth Cumming: I wanted to request that the trail listed on the state CIP would be removed from state CIP and put on the City CIP list. But Julie told me that on the state CIP list, the trail was combined with other things, specific improvements on Kachemak Drive. Julie talked to Katie today and Katie felt that it shouldn't be removed from state list right away, it wasn't just a trail, it's a combination of trail and other improvements.

Bumppo: If city decided to work on this, it's mostly not in right of way. If state decided to fund this suddenly, it wouldn't hurt.

Beth Wythe: It's connected with other things that we're not going to take responsibility for. The city is not going to take responsibility for paying for this trail. Because the road belongs to the state. I'm happy to help you bring it forward in a format, even if it's not in the right of way. But I don't want you to have illusions. The City is not going to fund it. It doesn't matter whether the trail is on city property, it still has to be designated. No need to confront other people for this. Being honest with you. I can't guarantee they will want to fund this out of city HART funds, city HART funds are intended for trails in the city. Mayor said it so often, this is a state road and I don't know why we're entertaining notion of building a trail.

Bumppo: If state would pay for it, wonderful. It's not going to be easy. Little by little, with Dave Brann's help, it's possible.

Dave: I'm a proponent of volunteers. For example, this past week in Beluga Slough, instead of paying for all the labor, volunteers can do it. If we can do it with grants and volunteers, we'll get it built piece by piece.

Bumppo: Do each piece, for less money, encourages other areas. Residents see that this is a good thing.

Beth Wythe leaves.

Bumppo: Second Thursday of every other month is KBBI Board of Directors meeting. I need to attend KBBI meeting. Dave Brann please take over as vice chair. [Leaves.]

Dave Brann: Vice chair.

Beth wanted to go through her notes and see if there is anything that has to be done before Parks and Rec.

Dave: regarding the Future of Kachemak Drive Committee: I move we table that until the next meeting.

Beth Cumming: I wanted to summarize our short term goals and our long term goals. I think we're on the same page. But we've never voted, on those. At our next meeting would like that to be on old business. Motion to Table, and then it can go under old business next meeting.

Beth seconds. No objection.

Dave: adjourns meeting.