

COOPER LANDING TRAILS COMMITTEE

MARCH 18, 2021 MEETING 6:00 PM
MINUTES

This meeting was held through Zoom.

1. CALL TO ORDER: 6:02
2. ROLL CALL: D Story, Chair, C Degernes, Treasurer, J Cadieux, Secretary, Y Galbraith, M Story
3. REVIEW OF MINUTES from January 14, 2021 including:
 - a. Slaughter Gulch Trailhead
 - b. New alignment of Sterling Hwy pathway proposal as a means of dealing with extra material from the project.
 - c. Reviewed the merger of Trails and Walkable committees. New name is Cooper Landing Trails. The CL Nordic Ski Club and the Walkable Community Project remain distinct within the umbrella of CLT.
 - d. Discussed grant opportunities. CLCC voted to have CLT pursue Federal Lands Access Program (FLAP) funding. Priorities as discussed included the pinch point at MP 47, town portion of the Safety Path MP 47-50, Cooper Creek Bridge, MP 51-57 (intersection with new alignment of Sterling Hwy), Slaughter Gulch trail and TH.
4. TREASURERS REPORT
 - a. See attached. Balance is \$3,887.85. Revenue sharing \$1200 received. L Temple and P Miller made donations to grooming. No receipts yet for grooming expenses. Revenue sharing funds must be spent by June, 2021. DS has gas receipts and website payment to submit. G Mitchell receipts need to be collected. CD will follow-up with Gary to learn what his expenses have been. In future we'll be able to plan for the amount once it is known.
5. CORRESPONDENCE –
 - a. Emails, etc. related to FLAP funding proposal.
 - b. D Sorenson wrote to say she supports our efforts. She mentioned she is not anti-trapping. DS indicated we are separate from the Safe Trails group.
 - c. Someone from east Quartz Creek asked about walkability for the east side of town. DS gave him information about the efforts made and invited him to meetings.
6. OLD BUSINESS
 - a. Update on projects
 - i. Separated Pathway
 1. MP 45-47 is in design phase.
 2. The MP 47 pinch point may be dealt with through the MP 45-47 development.
 3. Separated pathway along new alignment of MP 45-60 project (approximately MP 45-56), has been approved by DOT admin.
 - ii. Slaughter Gulch Trailhead: No new updates. Q: Any precautions or access issues for Sltr Glch Trl this summer? A: We'll ask Sean Holland at next CLAPC meeting to get details so that the community can help with the education effort if there will be times when the trail is inaccessible this season.
 - iii. Grooming
 1. Russian: Elijah regularly grooming with Ed also contributing.
 2. Quartz: Eric is out for a bit. David will fill-in.
 3. Devil's: Lou, Eric, and David have been sharing the effort.

4. General:
 - a. No new volunteers.
 - b. Conditions have been good this year with the snow coming the way it has.
 - c. GPS coordinates will be collected on routes that we've been using for USFS to evaluate if we'll be allowed to continue at Devil's Creek ski area. Support seems good.
 - d. We're tracking volunteer hours of groomers, maintenance, trips for repairs, trail work. Tracking hours can help with grant applications. Those who commit volunteer time should email or text David.
 - e. Thank you to the groomers: M Story will check into the Brewery or other ideas.
- b. FLAP funding application
 - i. Planning money is sought.
 - ii. If our proposal is approved funds will be distributed to the project administrator in FY 2024-26.
 - iii. Name: Cooper Landing Town Road Pathway Project
 1. We continue to use the term, Safety Path, referring to the existing pathway from MP 45-50.
 2. This project helps meet goals/objectives of the Cooper Landing Walkable Community Project.
 3. Y Galbraith has reached out to the Scenic Byway rep so that we don't lose that designation for the town road.
 4. YG has been active in helping the community participate in naming the new town road.
 - iv. First draft was submitted to J Biloan, DOT, B Ahlberg, KPB, R Miranda, DPOR, and R. Stanton from Kenaitze Tribal Council for review.
 - v. Written support has already been received from KNWR, USFS, KPB, USFWS, KMTA, Alaska Trails, ECDD, Alaska Center (for the environment). Kenaitze endorsement will be important. It is pending their review of the doc. Still seeking legislator's support. D Sullivan has been pushing a Connectivity bill and our project fits it to a T.
 - vi. DPOR, DOT, KPB, and USFS will be our main partners. DPOR will be lead agency.
 - vii. Community outreach will be included in the plan. We hope folks will help during this planning project to help ensure it fits our community's needs. We want everyone to raise issues that they may have or to show their support if they like the idea. YG has a newly updated address list for the community and will share it.
 - viii. Our match is 9.3% and just under \$15,000. The public involvement effort will be our match funds. We'll be seeking community expertise to also help us meet our match.
 - ix. We continue to make it clear that our project reaches MP 45-60 even while right now we're focusing smaller.
 - x. We've further developed the idea of segments that we've followed in the past including:
 - A small section east of MP 45 and the start of the new Sterling Highway re-alignment,
 - MP 47-50 through the main part of town,
 - MP 50-53.2 that will encompass the most popular federal recreation sites, and
 - MP 53.2-56 completing the link to the new Sterling Highway alignment, approximate location of intersection beyond Sportsman's Landing.

7. NEW BUSINESS

- a. Grant Opportunities
 - i. Recreational Trails Program: Deadline end of April this year. This got us our grooming equipment in the past. We need a new snow machine and new groomers. Q: YG What is

the feasibility of getting more storage capability for equipment? A: Seniors and Endowment helped us with the current shelter at Russian. The first one did not hold up well. Use of that storage area (the Bone Yard) has always been seasonal though we've stored drags there year-round. All other equipment has been stored at the Hall in snow-free seasons. The Bone Yard may be busy with USFS needs in near future so we may not have that space. Two years from now we may be able to put up a real structure like a Conex. DS hasn't pressed for storage space at Devil's yet.

b. Volunteer Opportunities

i. Trail Run 2021:

1. Virtual again this year. Need folks to take part.
2. Saturday, has become the new target. First weekend in June for start.
3. Can we advertise it better this year?
4. Not in the Alaska Runner's Calendar this year (yet). Target April.
5. Want to work around the Softball Tournament if it happens this year.
6. DS and MS with Karl Romig's help to submit to AK Runner's Calendar.

ii. Once we know about funding of the FLAP proposal we may want to put some concerted effort into volunteer recoupment and showcasing of the CLT efforts.

iii. Trail Maintenance:

1. CD and JC will be spearheading efforts at Devil's Crk. once the snow recedes. DS and MS will help. YG and GG will also help.

iv. Media / Communication

1. Donation button now active on the CLCC website. There's a drop-down menu for where you want your dollars to go within CLCC, e.g. CLT. DS working on a link from Nordic page and CLWCP website to the CLCC website button page.
2. Funding raising ideas put forward trying to incorporate trails of the area.
 - a. This year in particular will need to be virtual hybrid where folks do the trails on their own and log them.
 - b. This discussion may be continued at CLCC meeting.
 - c. Need mention again donations accepted for grooming from the community.
 - d. Also need to solicit donations from beyond the community.
 - e. Links from our websites to CLCC donation button page.
 - f. Signage at the trailheads providing the website?
 - g. Tokens can be developed that may be mailed to those that donate. (Token examples:
 - i. Stickers
 - ii. Knit hats that have 99572 on them are very popular.

v. Grant Application/Administration: No new discussion

8. INFORMATION and ANNOUNCEMENTS

None offered

9. COMMITTEE MEMBER COMMENTS

None offered

10. SELECT NEW MEETING DATE:

- a. A summer meeting can incorporate summer folk that can be introduced to our efforts. Thursday, June 24th, 6:00 p.m. for an outdoor venue event/meeting. Gather email addresses, volunteers, etc.
- b. Next regular meeting will be September 16, 2021.

11. ADJOURNMENT: 7:24 p.m.

For information or to submit comments, please email walkcooperlanding@gmail.com or send to

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Treasurer's Report 3/18/21

Date	Expenditures/Revenue	2018 expenses	2018/19 Rev Sharing	2019/20 Rev Sharing	2020/2021 Rev Sharing	Unencumbered Rev	Balance
5/3/18	Office Max printing, Deb C	29.37					
5/15/18	Coffee cards - Deb C	50					
6/9/18	coffee, etc for race day- Janette	32.38					
6/9/18	Trail Run Proceeds					940	
2/1/19	Fish Art framing - Deb C		-103				
1/1/19	Revenue sharing 2018-2019		1176				
6/8/19	Trail Run Revenue					504	
6/8/19	Donation (from whom?)					200	
May-19	Softball concession revenue					349.21	
11/1/19	Janette C - payment for 10 bags					100	
Jun-19	safety path timbers		-1000				
Nov-19	Revenue sharing 2019-2020			839.85			
	**No record of 19/20 rev sharing spent			-839.85			
Aug-20	Donation from DOWL Engineering					1000	
12/7/20	purchase Stihl Chainsaw. Etc.				-595.36		
Jan-21	Revenue Sharing 2020/2021				1250		
Jan-21	donation - trail grooming, L Temple					40	
Feb-21	donation - trail grooming, Phillip Miller					100	
3/18/21	balance - 3887.85		0		654.64	3233.21	3887.85