

## **Chena Flats Greenbelt Meeting April 25, 2006**

Facilitated by Steve Ulvi.

Minutes

In Attendance: Steve Ulvi, Larry Bright, Shelly Jacobson, , Deb Rogers, Janet Kidd, Jon Lindstrom, Kristy Bruner, Julie Ahern, Dick Stolzberg, Peggy Powell

Came for a few minutes at the start: Louise Smith, Dave Lacey

Subcommittee progress report since last meeting:

1. Dick Stolzberg (resources committee) reported that he biked and skied some of the trails on the flats and using a handheld GPS mapped coordinates and drew a map of the trails.

2. Jon Lindstrom (realty committee) reported that he hadn't done much since the last meeting, but had come up with more ideas including putting together a PowerPoint presentation to be used for the outreach committee.

Karen Brewster asked if the trails on the flats could be officially designated. Steve Ulvi responded by saying that people can nominate any trail being frequently used to the Borough Trails Commission for consideration. If supported by enough evidence a trail could then be considered by the Planning Commission and eventually face approval by the Assembly. He noted the problem in the project area is that all of the properties are privately owned and trail use is at the whim of the owners. Trail easements would need to be obtained to preserve their use. If such a trail were added to the Trails Plan prior to individual easements being obtained it would at least provide protection under Borough Title 17 if a parcel were subdivided. It is unlikely that a Chena Flats project trail lacking public ownership of any segment would be considered by the Borough at this time.

Larry Bright suggested that the steering committee should be making decisions about grant monies.

The importance of fundraising over summer months was discussed, though no members from that subcommittee were present.

Peggy Powell discussed her conversation with Walmart's assistant manager Marcy Deering regarding funding for the CFGP. She is waiting to hear back from Marcy regarding two possible grants. Peggy said Marcy showed interest in the property directly across from Woodriver Elementary School.

Kristy Bruner gave a synopsis of her graduate project dealing with "how greenways contribute to quality of life and community sustainability." The group discussed the possible questions that could be included on a survey and it was agreed that a two-sided questionnaire is the maximum length to mail. Kristy wants to know from the group what we feel is the most compelling data to collect for this project. Ideas mentioned were: financial value, wildlife, soundscape, viewshed.

Nick Lisuzzo has taken another job for the summer, and Peggy Powell will be out of state for several weeks, so it was suggested that the steering committee meet one more time before the end of school at Peggy's house. In the meantime, each steering committee member will hold a meeting with their respective subcommittee in someone's home to firm up priorities and plans for summer. It was suggested that each steering group member network to try to recruit more members for the subcommittees. A report from each subcommittee will be submitted to Peggy to be included in the June newsletter.