

Chena Flats Greenbelt Project Meeting Minutes

Thursday, October 26, 2006

Woodriver Elementary School Library, 5:30-7:00 pm

Attendees: Nora Foster, Don Lokken, Karen Brewster, Martha Reynolds, Dick Stolzberg, Jon Lindstrom, Janet Kidd, Chena Newman, Elaine Mayer, Marie Beaver, Carol, Roblee, Bob Henszey, Larry Bright.

Larry Bright moderated the meeting, and started with introductions and an overview of progress to date, including the acquisition by the Conservation Fund of the Craft and Ketzler properties. Bob Henszey made a new map of the project area, showing the properties, which form a large central position.

Larry described the grants received (NAWCA and AK State Trails Grant) for \$50,000 each and the grant submitted to Conoco-Phillips for \$100,000. Larry also introduced three people who applied for the project coordinator position: Marie Beaver, Jacquie Goss, and Sally Andersen. Peggy is stepping down, as she is expecting a baby soon.

Janet Kidd added that stopping the Behr rezone request was another recent accomplishment, and how important and eloquent public testimony to the Borough Planning Commission and Assembly had been. There was discussion of improving communication, through a web site and a g-mail account, so that all interested parties could communicate to each other and find information about the project, hearings, etc.

Most of the discussion focused on possible fundraising events. Suggestions for an outdoor event, possibly one including activities on the Craft and Ketzler properties, such as sled dog rides for kids, were discussed. Another event discussed was a fundraising dinner, possibly with an auction, possibly held at the Pump House. People offered to help with finding a venue, coordinating scheduling, and soliciting donations.

The next meeting was scheduled in one month, for November 16th, the third Thursday. We will look into holding it at the Pump House, as an alternative to paying for Woodriver School.

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