

Chena Flats Greenbelt Project Meeting Minutes
Monday, April 2, 2007
Old University Park Building, Rm. 154, 5:30-7:00 pm

Attendees: Bob Henszey, Sally Andersen, Larry Bright, Marie Beaver, Tako Raynolds.

We discussed the status of the State Trails Grant. FWHA continues to hold up the grant money, demanding that DNR comply with its ROW Manual requirements. DNR has its own ROW Manual, however, which FHWA will not accept. Marie Beaver sent a letter to Senator Ted Stevens' office, appealing for his help in freeing up the money. She also contacted DNR officials who offered to help. Brad Micklejohn of the Conservation Fund has stepped into help as well.

We evaluated various options for contacting landowners within the Greenbelt. After much discussion, we decided that Sally Andersen and Marie Beaver would phone the landowners and ask them which type of contact they prefer—a large meeting with all the landowners present, or private meetings between individual landowners and representatives from the Chena Flats Greenbelt Project.

We discussed transferring the Ketzler property from the Conservation Fund to the Interior Alaska Land Trust. The Chena Flats Greenbelt Project recently received another grant in the amount of \$75,000 from NAWCA, which will help facilitate the transfer. After reading the NAWCA guidelines, we believe that as soon as we fulfill all our obligations to NAWCA, we could receive the grant money from NAWCA within the next few weeks. We also believe all our obligations to NAWCA are in place or will be in place soon. Sally Andersen agreed to contact NAWCA to verify this.

Tako Raynolds offered advice on how to respond to a proposed subdivision within the Greenbelt. The Greenbelt could suggest that the property owner leave a buffer of trees on the west side of the property to protect the residents from development on neighboring properties. We could also suggest that the owner provide for a way (trail) through the greenbelt.

We talked briefly about potential articles for an upcoming newsletter. Articles include: fundraising, land purchases, thank you's to volunteers and donors, land use efforts around Fairbanks, and the landowner's meeting.

The next meeting date is scheduled for May 7 from 5:30 to 7:00 pm at the Old University Parks Building, Room 154.

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