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MISC. INFORMATION

Funny River Advisory Planning Commission

November 15th, 2022 Agenda

- **Call to Order (Invocation, Pledge)**

7:03pm Don F.

- **Roll Call**

Glenda, Mike, Jerry, Don, Kevin Present

- **Approval of Unapproved minutes Oct 6, 2022**

Glenda 1st, Mike 2nd, All approve.

- **Approval of Agenda**

Glenda 1st, Mike 2nd, All approve.

- **Public Comment(5 minute limit)**

None

- **Report:**

- **Comprehensive plan status**

Glenda volunteered to start writing a rough draft version of the Funny River comprehensive plan based on the survey results.

Morgan from planning agreed to email a link or copy of Cooper Landing's comprehensive plan.

It was also decided to explore grant opportunities that might be available to have a professional help draft the final version of the plan.

- **Survey Results**

The survey results were presented at the Funny River Community Association's October meeting.

The results were received with positive responses from the community, in particular regards to focus on improving FR road.

Glenda and Kevin plan on setting a meeting on how/what to display the survey results, to be incorporated into the comprehensive plan.

- **Post office**

It was decided that the establishing a Post Office in Funny River is outside the scope of APC.

It was voted 4 in favor of removing the Post Office as an ongoing agenda Item.

- **Funny River road maintenance.**

The civil engineer working on the FR road project, spoke at the last FRCA's Oct. meeting.

The design was completed 3 months ago and was approved 3 weeks ago.

Construction will start early summer '23 and will entail: resurfacing, new guard rails, new signage, ditch work and minor repairs.

No comment in regards to improving or replacing the Funny River bridge.

- **Robert Ruffner**

The Funny River commissioners accepted the guidance/redirection that Mr. Ruffner presented.

It was established that the FR APC's primary objective should be developing the comprehensive plan based on the survey results.

Discussion on whether \$75 is enough to cover rent for use of the community since Nicole Wolf(FRCA secretary) is supplying IT services.

More discussion around the possibilities of getting a bluetooth mic for clearer audio quality during meetings.

- **New Business**

- **Julie Von Kanel resignation letter**

Jerry 1st, Mike 2nd and all approved Julie's letter of resignation.

There was some discussion on how or if Julie's seat can be filled before her term is up.

Don Fritz stepped down as Chair of the FR APC and it was determined that new chair would be voted on at the next meeting.

- **Adjournment**

8:22pm Don F.

Funny River Advisory Planning Commission

December 22nd, 2022 Agenda

- **Call to Order (Invocation, Pledge)**
7:12pm by Don F.
- **Roll Call**
Don, Glenda, Mike, Jerry, Kevin and Jim
- **Approval of Unapproved minutes Oct 6, 2022**
All approve
- **Approval of Agenda**
All approve
- **Public Comment(5 minute limit)**
None
- **Report**
 - **Comprehensive plan**
Glenda has estimated that she should have rough draft version of the plan finished by February. Then the plan is schedule a meeting with Robert Ruffner to review it, along with the borough legal department.
 - **Role of APC**
It was determined that Funny River commissioners are now more aware of what the purpose and range of what the planning commission can and con not do after some guidance from the Planning director.
 - **Grant applications**
It was decided that applying for grants may post-pone the development of the comprehensive plan and to continue to develop it independently.
- **New Business**
 - **Budget for 2023**
The budget will include zoom account, rent for the use of the community center for monthly meeting and postage for

mailing postcards for announcing the comprehensive plan meetings.

- **Electing a new Chair**

Jim H. nominated Glenda Radvansky as the new chairwoman and a vote of 5 to 0 all in favor.

- **FR APC meeting dates**

The meeting dates that the borough has established for the FR APC will be reviewed by the Funny River Community Association to make sure none of the dates conflict with any existing planned events at the community center. The current scheduled FRAPC meeting dates for 2023 are: 1/4, 2/8, 3/15, 4/5, 5/3, 6/7, 7/12, 8/9, 9/6, 10/4, 11/8, 12,6.

- **Adjournment**

MOOSE PASS ADVISORY PLANNING COMMISSION
REGULAR MEETING

Monica Adams, Jennifer Boyle, Kevin Dunham, Jeff Estes, Jeff Hetrick, Bruce Jaffa, David Pearson
Thursday, January 05, 2023 – 6:00 PM

Draft Meeting Notes

1. CALL TO ORDER: 6:15
2. ROLL CALL: Bruce Jaffa, Jen Boyle, Jeff Estes, Kevin Dunham, Monika Adam (zoom), David Pearson (zoom), Nancy Carver (zoom). Jeff Hetrick (at 6:34)
3. APPROVAL OF MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING October 06, Meeting: Unanimous approval
4. APPROVAL OF AGENDA: motion to add FS bike trail application under new business Jeff Estes, Kevin 2nd. Unanimous approval of agenda as amended.
5. CORRESPONDENCE/ Report from the Chair
 - a. Base Camp LLC: Bruce spoke with the owners; one lives in Anchorage, the other in Seattle. Their vision is a “barn-topia for themselves. “Moose Pass is a great place for bear hunting”. They are very interested in supporting the community. They spent a lot of money on the road because they wanted the borough to take over maintenance/plowing. The barricades on the road should not be there. It is just the way Metco left it when they are finished. It will not be a commercial operation. The owner that lives in Seattle plans on being up here this summer and would like to attend a future MPC meeting.
 - b. DNR called to state that DOT had responded and permit for the Lawing gravel quarry is eminent. Notice is out. Deadline for public comments is Jan 12th.
 - c. Grant Lake KHL land permit: Notice is up at post office. Individuals can comment now.
 - d. Bruce called Brad Zubek at Homer electric. Asked him to engage with MPAPC about 1) update on Kenai Hydro. 2) Seward Electric sale to HEA. Will impact the portion of the community that is on Seward Electric. Probably the rest of the community as well. Their public information folks will be reaching out to us.
6. PUBLIC COMMENT/PRESENTATION WITHOUT PREVIOUS NOTICE:
-Steve Wilson: concerns on 35/45 mph speed zone areas. Can we expand the 35mph further south (to the top of the hill)? We must discuss this with DOT. Bruce will engage with DOT.
7. PRESENTATION: None
8. REPORT FROM THE BOROUGH
-Nancy Carver: -Borough attorneys are looking to do a presentation on Open meetings act. Tentatively on Feb 16th at 5:30.
- Nancy is retiring on May 1st. Hopefully we will have survey ready to go before then.
-Jeff mentioned Chugach Electric meeting is also on the 16th at 7:30.
-Nancy mentioned new APC being formed for Nikiski. Katchemack Bay APC went inactive.
9. OLD BUSINESS
 - a. Survey Final review
Borough IT will take our survey in the format that we have created it and will “make it work” to get it distributed. Can we keep it as a google form, so it can still process the data? Nancy will check with IT department tomorrow. The borough will be the one to distribute the survey.

We can still make hard copies available and have people drop them in “drop boxes”. Nancy can compile the hard copy information and return the hardcopies to us with people’s names redacted. Nancy can compile the results for us. Or we (the APC) can do it. For example: Nancy is doing it for Hope because they are a smaller community and they wanted to keep the results unanimous.

-Updates made to introduction, rearrangement of some questions... Updated version of the survey is here: <https://forms.gle/XAg1nzmMvCi9wSV27>

- Items to bring up for future discussion at public meetings: lack of tourism services (such as bathrooms, railroad stop). A question will be added to the survey to address these questions.

- Should Moose Pass pursue becoming a more independent entity (be it service district or second - class city). A question will be developed for this.

- There will be one more meeting to refine the questions.

****Aside**** Discussion about Community Assistance Program funding was in jeopardy. But it sounds like Moose Pass will still be receiving funding as per usual.

10. NEW BUSINESS

a. Motion to print and distribute Survey via KPB offices: Delayed until we finalize survey

b. Other methods of distribution: Delayed until we finalize survey.

c. FS application for TAP funding to build bike path from vicinity of RR trestle to Johnson Pass Trailhead:

Moose Pass/ Iditarod National Historic Trail Connector Segment

This project would make a connection from the Iditarod National Historic Trail (INHT) into the community of Moose Pass via a new pedestrian bridge over the Trail Lake narrows and extend the existing 1-mile bike path that heads north from downtown Moose Pass to nearby trailheads. This work could potentially be done concurrently with AK DOT’s Seward Highway MP 25.5 to 36 Rehabilitation Project, which already has realignment and rehabilitation of the existing 1-mile bike path within scope. Including the proposed bike path extension in this highway project could realize project efficiencies while serving community goals. A pedestrian bridge would be constructed over Trail Lake as it narrows behind downtown Moose Pass, adjacent to the Alaska Railroad trestle. This would provide a dedicated pedestrian link for INHT users into Moose Pass, allowing the community to serve as a proper access point for this important trail. Extending the current 1-mile bike path an additional 2.5 miles to the Johnson Pass TH would route INHT “thru-hikers” (and users of the proposed Alaska Long Trail) through the community of Moose Pass, offering a resupply point and economic benefits for the community. This would also expedite finishing these ambitious projects, as the alternative connection through the area would require a much longer and more complex build on the far side of the lake, bypassing the community altogether.

Jeff Hetrick motion to approve chair to write letter in support of this project. David Pearson 2nd. Unanimous approval to write a letter in support. Letter is due to the Forest Service by February 1st, 2023.

11. ANNOUNCEMENTS: Jen Boyle asked about budget proposal. We are getting \$1000 dollars from borough. If we need to seek addition funding for rent we need to request that on top of the \$1000, PO boxes, etc. The borough will not pay for equipment. Budget would need to be submitted ASAP.

The APC determined that we will also need an additional \$900 dollars to cover rent and utilities for use of the community center. Total budget request will be \$1900.00

12. NEXT MEETING: February 9th, 2023, 6 pm

13. COMMISSIONERS’ COMMENTS:

Kevin Dunham: Words in support of library

Jen Boyle: Exited to support extension of the bike path

David Pearson: Would have been there in person, but feeling sick

Bruce Jaffa: Thanks to the commissioners for attending and their good work. Praise for Cindy Eklund and her

support of the community
No other comments.

14. ADJOURNMENT: Bruce 1st, Jeff Hetrick 2nd. Unanimous approval. Adjourned at 8:27 pm.

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