

**Summary of 2-22-06 Yanert Planning Team Meeting #1
6-9pm at the McKinley Park Community Center**

MEETING NOTES

In attendance: Paul Anderson, Brenda Bussard, Calvin Carlson, Gordon Carlson, Ellen Farbo, Susanna Flodin, Jenna Hamm, Steve Jones, Cathy Leiser, Eric Nancarrow, Mary Pearson, Brenda Rebne, Bill Rodwell, Tammany Straughn, Bill Ward, Martin Weiner, Fritz Wittwer

Introduction and overview of meeting purpose

Reviewed and approved agenda

Brenda Bussard – notetaker

Martin Weiner – timekeeper

Updated email list/discussed opportunity for others to chair future meetings.

Action: Jenna updated list

Review, confirm planning process as outlined by Chris Beck

Reviewed, discussed and confirmed Handout #1

Generated the following list of names for recruitment into the group: Tamara Benson, Aramark; Willie Karidis, Denali Foundation; Marie Monroe, Doyon/Foundation; Ron Rosso, Denali Air; Scott Reiland, Denali Grizzly Bear.

Reviewed Handout #2 and determined that we needed more time to review.

Briefly discussed whether to integrate our identified values regarding our area with the specific goals we may pursue.

Discussion: Brenda Rebne stated her opposition based on her opinion that the survey was developed by a focus group with its own agenda, as well as the results being compiled by members of the same focus group.

Action: Did not decide.

Reviewed Handout #3 and determined that we needed more time.

Agreed to review and email comments on Handouts #2 and #3 by Wednesday, March 1, 2006.

Discussed formalizing the link between our community planning process and the Borough,

Action: David Tomeo will be our liaison, will write letter after 3/13 meeting.

Begin review of *Issues and Goals Report*

Began discussion about where our Comp Plan will apply. Agreed to proceed with this discussion once we attain better maps of the area.

Action: Brenda Rebne to contact Ahtna land Department GIS staff for existing and available maps as allowed for sharing by Ahtna. Steve Jones to contact DNR and BLM for maps we can use & Baumhoff Soils map. Brenda and Steve agreed to get the Yanert Committee the maps by 3/1/06. Neal Laugman will be approach about overlay maps. (who?)

Discussed land ownership information that we are likely to see on any maps we attain, and agreed that the best likely ownership designations will be limited to “private” or “designated purpose.” Steve Jones indicated that this is the way that the Tanana Basin Area Plan is set up.

Brenda Rebne added that it had not yet been determined whether she could share the Ahtna/Cantwell Successor Village Organization land use management plans with this group.

Items not addressed: DOT Road Corridor management plan, Trail status, Other?

Background – Chapter 2

Discussion:

-Decided to add to “Significant Features”: Wildlife/subsistence, Soils, Nenana River corridor and its potential to be designated a wild and scenic river, which BLM is now considering.

-Decided to add to “The Place”: Subsistence, Ahtna’s permit system (Parking: contact the Ahtna Land Department for permit details: 822-4376.)

-Discussed “Access” to some part of this chapter, to address getting to specific places through areas of diverse land ownership (BLM, Ahtna, private individuals, 17B easements, RS2477 right-of ways)

Action: Decided to continue review of Chapter 2 at home & email comments by 3/1/06/

Trends – Chapter 3

Discussions:

-getting a copy of the latest area trends from when Aramark submitted its last concessions contract bid.

-Discussed infrastructure such as roads & EMS support for Tourism in “Tourism” section, noticed that some of this is addressed in the portion called Services & Facilities, Amenities.

-Land use – considered adding information about imminent domain at the State and Borough level; also discussed the potential for a gas line right-of-way along the Parks Highway.

-Discussed the need to link our values with our goals. Jenna suggested using some of the comments from the area surveys. One feasible means of doing this might be for Jenna and Dulce (who transcribed the written comments) to identify specific themes and pull out relevant quotes for the committee to approve. Brenda Rebne opposed process for previously stated reasons related to nature of survey.

Action:

-Decided to continue review of Chapter 3 at home and email comments by 3/1/06/

-Paul Anderson would obtain a copy of the Aramark Trends document from the last concession contract.

Parking Lot Items

Short Term Goals

-Highway Safety -Lower highway speed limits for safety purposes. Paul Anderson stated that the NPS is on record with Federal Hwys as wanting turn lanes and other traffic safety features in place at the Park Road, 231 mile, and Denali Hwy intersections with the Parks Hwy.

-Bike Trail -NPS agreed to fund in-park portion of trail along MTA right-of-way, ran into compliance issues. Cantwell has been lobbying for a bike trail for many years. Potential exists for bike trail from Cantwell to Healy (at least) and is usually addressed any time the DOT upgrades the road.

-Fire Protection -Road widths ought to be standardized so equipment can reach homes to put out fires. Money for road standardization ought to be available. There is a state plan for wildland fire management that includes all applicable agencies and native corporations. (about using those "Protection (?) -in-a Box" set-ups?)

Action: Paul Anderson would obtain a copy of the NPS Fire Management Plan.

Gravel Resources – Discussed possibility and need for a new 70-80 acre pit for Ahtna to use to support development

Planning Team Organization & Planning Next Meeting

Discussion:

-Importance of emailing all new materials to the Team in advance of next meeting.

-Importance of posting for the meeting.

-A reminder notice should be sent two days before the meeting.

Action: Brenda Rebne offered to do some copying of meeting materials before the next meeting. Needs the files for copying at least two days before we meet.

Designate Team Structure & Roles

Chairpersons: Susanna Flodin & David Tomeo

1-2 Secretary(s) _____ & _____

Email Manager- Dulce Havill

Designee to update Planning Commission & Assembly - David Tomeo

Set date and time for next meeting: ~~Fri., March 10th~~, Changed to -Mon. March 13th 6-9pm, McKinley Park Community Center, with Conference Call capacity.
