

Basher Community Council
DRAFT Minutes
27 April 27, 2009 Meeting

Minutes Approval

FNBP Trail Draft Plan Resolution and STA Resolution
CIP/LRSA (Capital Improvement Project Committee)
ANC Bike Trails Plan
Clean-up Day (Saturday, 9 May 1000-1200)

31 Mar Meeting Minutes (draft) - We discussed the comment from previous meeting regarding home delivery of mail. The postal service says it is an option and actually saves them money. Our delivery man prefers it from a safety perspective (bears). LRSA will consider the implications of mail boxes at residences from an aesthetics and snow plowing complications perspective. Will be addressed at next meeting

Minutes were approved with small admin/typo only changes.

Ann Gabler – Committee Chair FNBP Draft Master Trail Plan – presented the committee's resolution concerning the plan. She and Bruce Talbot answered many questions regarding the committee's work and plan. LRSA contends the road needs to be fixed first (with a means of getting people to-and-from the park safely) before we expand use/user groups in park. We pay for and manage the Campbell Airstrip/Basher Road maintenance and plowing with some assistance (~\$18,000) from the muni. Bruce suggested any CIP should address how it improve access to FNBP, CSP, etc not just our neighborhood. The Anchorage Bike Plan Draft currently lists Campbell Airstrip Road as "shared-use." The community council unanimously thought this was a mistake and needed to be addressed. The LRSA and CC President will address this with the appropriate agencies. Bruce explained how a bike lane (either co-located or slightly removed from the road) would solve the problem. It was highlighted that the road and trails are two separate "pots of money" that aren't coordinated to solve this single, highly important safety problem. Ann explained how the committee did not look at all trails in the plan, only those near the neighborhood and/or affecting the road. The possibility of closing the South Bivouac parking lot was met with opposition as most thought this parking lot could easily be modified (clearing brush/trees) to eliminate the safety/vandalism problems while preserving access. An number of changes were made to the draft resolution, most were clarifying our position, wording, identifying the trails that were most a factor to our concerns, etc. Before voting on the resolution, the CC addressed the Single Track Advocates (STA) Resolution.

The biggest concern voiced regarding the resolution that we passed in Apr of '08 that gave the STA our full support was " how the situation had changed primarily from a road safety perspective (i.e. adding more user-groups/use before the road and a 'parallel

bike trail' is improved/implemented) and the bear situation (i.e. comments from Rick Sinnott at previous meeting how the STA will build narrow trails in the most heavily used section of the park by the bears thus increasing the chances for undesirable human/bear contact)." Discussion on the specifics of how STAs are constructed and used ensued. Dirk Sisson highlighted how there are many user-groups with sometimes competing interests vying for use of the park. Since the resolution would virtually "undo" the previous years resolution, a discussion of "our credibility" ensued. Some suggested that much had happened since the Apr '08 resolution. All present supported the concept of STA and maximizing the park's use. The biggest "sticking point" was, shouldn't we fix the road/access safety issues first and concern over what was perceived to be an increase in bear-human safety issues? Some suggested that the STAs will not be for all users (sometimes equestrian is limited on STAs.)

Both resolutions were voted on.
FNBP Draft Trail Plan passed unanimously. 20/0.
STA passed. 15/3.

The Capital Improvement Project ranking will identify our #1 concern is mile 0.3-0.7 (section that parallels botanical gardens). The #2 concern will be from mile 1.1 to 3.3 (end of paved road near Campbell Creek parking access to start of asphalt at top of big hill).

The LRSA requested two members-at-large to work on the CIP Committee. Ann Gabler and Jack (?) volunteered.

As previously mentioned, it was unanimously recommended that a note to the city expressing our concern regarding **the "shared use" declaration in the draft bike plan** was needed. Dave Keddington took for action and would take-it-up with the Mayor's Risk Manager and Assembly's Public Safety Committee.

Barb Hood highlighted the importance of "we know the road is a hazard and we are all working very hard to get it fixed...but in the interim...we should send a reminder to all residents to use extreme caution on the road with the increase in users over the spring-summer months." Dave for action.

A Chipper Day for June was requested. Dave for action.

Clean-up Day is 9 May. Meet at the CSP parking lot at the top of the big hill at 1000 a.m....should be done by noon.

Meeting was adjourned at 9 p.m.

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