

PRAC Trails Subcommittee Meeting was 5:30-7 PM Thursday, April 4

Present in the room were:

Darsie Culbeck, Chair

Kathleen Menke

Tom Morphet

Present on Zoom (zoom was available for 40 minutes only) were:

Erik Borass

Cindy Zualaga Jiminez Jilsen

Don Turner

Topics discussed:

Trails Inventory: resources identified include HEDC RERC plan, Haines Comp Plan, and others noted by community members.

Trails Included to be addressed: existing trails with clear ownership, existing trails with overlapping ownership, dream trails most of which will have over-lapping ownership.. Erik will do additional trails assessments and inventories once he arrives in town in May.

Trails Easements: Easements should be persued by means of MOUs (Memorandums of Understanding). Borass noted that the Borough's legal department needs to be involved with MOU creations, including clauses that address liability issues.

Trails Priorities/Easement Priorities: Will set for agenda of next PRAC meeting.

Trails Grants: Borass is keeping a calendar of parks, recreation, and trails grant deadlines and will keep PRAC updated on this information, Morphet noted Borough has grant-writing staff.

Trails Volunteer Brush and Maintenance Work: Borass plans to organize regular monthly brush and trail maintenance volunteer work groups, beginning the first week in June.

Darsie will provide an updated Trails Report to PRAC at its next meeting on April 18th.

I will have agenda for April 18th meeting out to everyone sometime next week. I expect 15 minutes for Reba Hylton, plus Q&A and discussion, 15 minutes for Darsie Trails Update/Discussion of Easement Priorities a, and consideration of making a formal recommendation to Borough to designate the property at 3rd and Main as a "Park" and for a Borough budget allotment to pursue trail easements with legal consultation.

Anyone with other high priority items for April 18th meeting, please let me know by April 10th.

Thanks to all for your leadership and generous participation.

Kathleen Menke