

NKT A Trail Plan Committee Minutes 8/17/09

Poulsbo Council Library meeting room 5-9 p.m.

Present: Sue Abbott NPS, Steve Bauer, Linda Berry-Maraist, John Kuntz, John Hawkins, Dave Haley, Carolina Veenstra, Lynn Schorn, Andrew McMillan, Kevin McDonald, Linda Marcuse (Stillwaters), Don Willott, Tom Curley, Kendall Rock.

News of interest:

Linda: Poulsbo, Kitsap County, Bainbridge in discussions about potential coordination for grant application for ARRA (stimulus) funding for non-motorized planning. Poulsbo Trails Committee (same NPS grant) did internet survey on survey monkey. Surprising # of people said don't walk or ride bikes because there is no safe place. Most popular routes: 1. Lemolo/Front (Liberty Bay Trail), 2. Port Gamble/OPG, 3. Nowhere because not safe. Will bring finished results next mtg.

Sue: NPS has received all grant applications, generally will renew for 2 years, end of Sept. is grant period. Decision w/in month, renewal would run through 9/2010, some possibility of being minor extension through December.

Example of Boise River trails brochure for outreach; includes Mission/Vision/Goals, coalition of supporters, results of community poll, coalition, a success story. Plan was signed by all community leaders at an Environmental forum last week. We could do similar brochure now. Idea: NKTA strength is inventory mapping; we could create a brochure focusing on each "pearl" including map of existing trails, description of our project, mission/vision/goals, and list of supporters to use in community outreach efforts.

Lynn/Carolina: We should review Kitsap Greenways Plan, was a \$250K planning effort.

Framing a 2009 Work Plan

- **Mission/Vision Goals:** 3rd bullet goal change: Establish trail routes that highlight the natural beauty of our region and promote appreciation of wildlife and natural systems. Don proposed changes: healthy lifestyles vs. health, support active transportation vs. non-motorized. Don, Dave, Tom, Linda, Sue will work on this by email, bring back new meeting for adoption.
- Sue: **What are benefits/barriers?**
 - ❖ **Benefits:** Great system for future generations, many people using trails, getting people outside, benefits all generations, preserves rural natural character of the county, economic benefit (bring people in), get people out of cars, environmental benefit (improves environmental awareness and safety), attracting businesses, improves quality of life as population becomes denser (replaces large backyard recreation), health, education.

- ❖ **Barriers:** Obtaining transportation funding, expensive design standards, planning for future maintenance, opposition from property rights activists/people's fear of problems (crime/litter), obtaining multi-jurisdictional buy-in (Tribes included), costs of building trails, pressure to develop natural areas, public involvement/parity between communities, unknown concept.
- ❖ **Discussion:** 1) Tom: Suquamish Tribe is having an internal discussion on trail issues next week, afterward may have further discussions w/ NKTA board. 2) Engage with CACs in Suquamish, Kingston and Hansville as well as Indianola community group. 3) Support effort to engage youth, perhaps trail design/construction projects from school locations. (Cross country teams, competitive trail building challenges, face book/twitter) 4) Engage w/ health organizations (Lynn will contact Harrison/Group Health) 5) DNR/state parks contacts: Linda. 6) Need data base of contacts, Andrew/Linda will work w/ Sue Schroader.

Magic Wall/work plan discussion: what have we done/what needs to be done. (Group process resulting in compilation of tasks on wall) Andrew/Linda will organize and present as draft work plan at next meeting.

Need to integrate smaller community trail plans with our larger connecting links. John H. is meeting w/ Hansville Greenway reps about connections, Carolina has Kingston plan, Kevin can bring Suquamish plan.

Steve will convene a meeting of county staff to let us know what we need to do next. (Discussed need for environmental review of proposed water and land trails)

Mapping inventory is strong but will need to divide routes with a verbal description to accompany each trail route. I.e. Indianola to Kingston would have a step by step verbal description. Mapping committee?

Will need to prioritize routes both via what is achievable and reflects community priorities. Good topic for public workshops.

Priorities to prepare for outreach: Need to complete website move and need a handout to begin community outreach. Consider web survey during outreach process, would give us statistics.

For next meeting: Group will focus on community involvement plan

Next steps:

- 1) Steve will set up meeting w/ county staff.
- 2) Review plans propose recommended format/contents (Lynn, Carolina, Linda, John K)
- 3) Website conversion: Andrew and NKTA board
- 4) Translate magic wall work into draft work plan: Andrew, Linda
- 5) Obtain organization contact database from Sue Schroader: Andrew, Linda
- 6) Finish email discussion on FINAL Mission/Vision/Goals: Linda, Don, Tom, Sue.