

APPENDIX D

Community Council and Other Interested Party Meetings



**REAL PROPERTY ASSET MANAGEMENT BOARD AND THE PARKS,
RECREATION AND TRAILS ADVISORY BOARD
MEETING NOTES**

SUBJECT: Hatcher Pass Recreational Area Access, Trails and Transit Facilities

DATE: January 14, 2009

TIME: 6:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m.

LOCATION: Administration Building – lower level conference room Matanuska-Susitna Borough

Topics:

1. Project Update

- Ron Swanson (MSB) gave a brief update on the project.
- He encouraged the public to submit their comments via the website comment page.

2. Comments

- Ron stated that there were a few general comments on the project, mainly dealing with funding and timing. He suggested that those people submit their comments via the website.
- Ron stated that one scoping comment dealt with the location of the transit facility on the south side. The person commenting thought the facility should be located more on the southern end of the access road (whichever route is selected) along with a parking lot. He felt that if folks had to drive all the way to the Nordic center it would defeat the purpose of providing public transportation to the Alpine area and for local residents as a “park and ride” lot.

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From: Elizabeth Weiant [Elizabeth.Weiant@matsugov.us]
Sent: Monday, January 19, 2009 8:13 AM
Subject: RE: Hatcher Pass Notes and Sign-in sheets

From: Elizabeth Weiant [mailto:Elizabeth.Weiant@matsugov.us]
Sent: Monday, January 19, 2009 8:12 AM
To: Michela L. Spitz
Cc: Ron Swanson
Subject: RE: Hatcher Pass Notes and Sign-in sheets

It was my Real Property Asset Management Board Meeting – so I don't have a sign-in sheet. I can tell you who attended.

Attendees:

Real Property Asset Management Board:

Bish Buckle

Janice Strong

Norman Harris

Wayne Bouwens

Kenneth Marsh (via teleconference)

John Strassenburgh (via teleconference)

Parks, Recreation and Trails Board members in attendance:

Dot Helm

Dan Elliott

Also in attendance were MSB staff Linda Brenner, Nancy Cameron, Dave Heier, and of course myself.

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Fishhook Community Council Meeting

Jan. 15, 2009

ATTENDANCE

1/15/09	Last	First
x	Backus	Gene
x	Beer	Phyllis
x	Beer	Truman
x	Brunnhoelzl	Harry
x	Bundy	Enid
x	Cunningham	Maria
x	Edwards	John
x	Edwards	Karl
x	Fallon	Kirk
x	Farmer	Dave
x	Hendrickson	David H
x	Hendrickson	Doris
x	Irvine	Joe
x	Logan	Sean
x	Olson	Sage
x	Olson	Scott
x	Paniwozik	Ray
x	Pile	John
x	Randolph	Mike
x	Randolph	Tara
x	Swihart	Larry
x	Turner	Jim
x	Wells	Rob

for Michela



FISHHOOK COMMUNITY COUNCIL

MEETING NOTES

SUBJECT: Hatcher Pass Recreational Area Access, Trails and Transit Facilities

DATE: January 15, 2009

TIME: 7:00 p.m. to 7:30 p.m.

LOCATION: Fishhook Public Safety Building, Matanuska-Susitna Borough

Topics:

1. Project Update

- Kristi Stuller (DOWL HKM) gave a brief update on the project. She explained that fieldwork has taken place throughout the summer and that environmental data and reports are being compiled and written.
- She explained the funding is from the Federal Transit Administration (FTA) for this part of the project.
- Kristi also stated that while the soil studies were not being conducted for the determination of residential development, the Matanuska-Susitna Borough (MSB) could choose to use them in that way in the future.
- She stated that the scoping period began in December and will close on Monday, January 16, 2009. She listed the ways people could submit comments before then. Comments submitted after that time will still be recorded as public record but will not be included in the scoping report.
- Kristi also outlined the next steps in writing the Environmental Impact Statement (EIS) and the project schedule.

2. Questions (answered by Kristi Stuller unless indicated otherwise)

Q. Can I make a comment directly though the website?

A. Yes, at www.hatcherpass.com.

Q. Are you collecting data from Fish and Game?

A. Yes, we are working closely with them to ensure the validity of our data.

Q. Can you put a scale on the drawings you have?

A. We will attempt to rework the drawings and add a scale.

Q. The bubble you show goes into private property - why is this?

A. The bubble simply represents the general area we are studying, it does not represent impacts to private property or the location of facilities. Everything represented on the map is conceptual.

Q. Is the Northern Alpine Area where the locals go to snowboard now (Mile 16)?

A. No, that area is not part of the studies.

Q. Will the areas be limited to non-mechanized uses?

A. John Duffy (MSB) stated that this has not been determined at this time. The MSB will have to determine this once the EIS is complete.

Q. The recommendation was to delay the decision about a Special Land Use District (SPUD) until after completion of the EIS. Will the MSB take comments between the completion of the EIS and the adoption of a SPUD?

A. John Duffy stated that they would.

Q. We saw two gentlemen with Hatcher Pass paperwork and they were opposed to machine use for fishing and hunting – were they jumping the gun?

A. John Duffy stated that, yes, they were being premature, and that this project has nothing to do with the SPUD.

Q. What kind of comments are you looking for?

A. Your opinions on the project, existing uses, future uses you would like to see, and anything else you would like to add.