

SECTION 36

PARK MASTER PLAN

CITIZENS ADVISORY COMMITTEE

KICK-OFF MEETING

Tuesday, February 10, 2009 (5:30pm-7:30pm)

MEETING NOTES

5:30pm – 5:45pm Introductions

Who are you and why you are interested in Section 36?

Each member of the Citizens Advisory Committee (CAC) introduced themselves with background information and why their position on the committee was important to them.

5:45pm – 6:15pm Meeting Procedure

CAG Policy

CAC members decided to postpone signing the Section 36 Citizens Advisory Committee Policy until the next monthly meeting.

Julian Mason expressed a concern regarding number 4 of the Advisory Committee Code of Ethics "...support any final decision..." The CAC will have many decisions to make and support. The CAC is concerned with signing an agreement to support a future decision without knowing what that decision might be or that the decision might be altered by the Parks Commission after it has been agreed upon by the CAC, making it no longer the agreed upon decision. This viewpoint was shared by many committee members. The policy will be tabled and re-visited at the next meeting.

Meeting Rules and Procedure

Jerry Lewanski stated that a Parliamentarian should be elected for the CAC to maintain order and adherence to the agenda during monthly meetings. Jerry stated that there should be limited public discussion during the kick-off CAC meeting in order to establish committee policy without interruptions.

Expectations for CAC meetings were explained. Some include: punctuality, conciseness, etc.

– Quorum

It was determined that a majority, or 5, of the CAC members would establish quorum for a meeting.

– Meeting Time/Place

It was determined that the meeting time will remain on the second Tuesday of each month occurring from 5:30 to 7:30 p.m. at DOWL HKM in the Noatak Room. There was discussion regarding meeting more than once a month. It was decided that there will be an official meeting once a month with other meetings relayed to the group as they come up.

– Information Received/Requested Policy

A general concern regarding public input was discussed. Holly Spoth-Torres mentioned a project specific website, which will provide an outlet for the public to submit comments, ask questions, etc. Holly stated that the technical memo and future documents will be made available on the site for public reference.

P&R is hoping that the CAC can provide input into the planning process through a more intensive involvement in it. P&R will also be obtaining public input through the Community Councils and from individuals via the project web site.

All information brought to the committee by another member or the public, shall be copied for each CAC member.

– Attendance

Jerry suggested that this policy be strict. Julian Mason stated the focus should be on unexcused absences not excused absences. Anyone with more than two unexcused absences, no notice and no show, will be excused from the committee. Jerry and Alison Lohrke should be informed of all excused absences prior to the meetings. Alison will be sending out all meeting notices, agendas and minutes.

6:15pm-6:45pm

Project Overview

Site Inventory Technical Memo

The technical memo was handed out to each CAC member for comments and reference.

Relationship to Anchorage Park Plan

– Things to be Addressed

The role and authority of this master plan was discussed. The Anchorage Bowl Park, Natural Resource, and Recreation Facility Plan was adopted by the Assembly and in it; Section 36 was determined to be a natural resource area, which has specific guidelines. The future Section 36

Master plan must fit within these guidelines. Future development of Section 36 will have to be consistent with the guidelines set forth in the Section 36 Master Plan.

*The Anchorage Bowl Park, Natural Resource, and Recreation Facility Plan is available on-line at:
http://www.muni.org/planning/pub_ParkPlan2006.cfm*

6:45pm – 7:15pm Next Steps

Schedule

Susan Luescher discussed a tentative schedule for the committee. According to the schedule, the plan will be completed by the end of the year. She stated that this schedule could be modified as the project progresses. The group will be going through the visioning process next.

Site Visit

It was determined that the March meeting will be a site visit to Section 36. The meeting place will be determined prior to the site walk.

Visioning

Holly stated that a major portion of this planning process for the Section 36 area is going to be visioning. It will be planning for what the area will look like and what types of recreation and level of development it can accommodate.

Program Development

Once a vision is established, a concept plan and proposed improvements will be identified.

7:15pm – 7:30pm Public Comments and Questions

Future Agenda items include:

March site walk

- *All the members agreed that a site Visit to Section 36 should occur soon, in order to gain an understanding of what the area looks and feels like with snow on the ground.*
- *Large field map of Section 36 should be provided for each CAC member, a scale that will illustrate the relationship to Chugach State Park*
- *Rick Sinnott should be invited to the site walk.*

April meeting

- *There was a proposal that experts and/or interest groups be invited to speak at the April CAC to help with the visioning process, 4-6 speakers for 10-15 minutes each.*

To be done

- *The land ownership figure in the Site Inventory Memorandum should be expanded to include Chugach State Park and the two MOA land parcels in between.*
- *Wildlife corridors should be researched and indicated on a map then included in the Site Inventory Memorandum.*