

Jeff Dusenbury Bike Park at South Anchorage Sports Park Kick-off Meeting Notes

Meeting:

Reference PDF documents for graphics. Meeting attendees were asked to vote (1-3) on a series of images that represented different bike park terrain. They were also given sticky tabs and asked to provide comments over the images. Summary of comments is listed below in bullets.

1 = frequent ride 2 = sometimes ride 3 = when the mood strikes

What's Been Done So Far (In Alaska)?

(Public Comments listed below in bullets)

- Ramps, jumps off of docks into lakes
- Consider a multi-use single track trail on small network north to south
- Progressive drops for beginners to experts

SASP Bike Park Area W/ Surcharge (started in 2020, will continue into 2021)

- Seward is congested

Family/Beginner

- Asphalt corners
- For skill development it will be important to have harder as well as beginner features
- Add plan and money to maintain features for several years after completion
- **Votes**
 - 4 people voted for frequent ride
 - 4 people voted for sometimes ride
 - 3 people voted for when the mood strikes

Pump Tracks

Please tell us your tread preference: dirt, asphalt, wood, other??

- for pump track we should do smooth dirt with quite a bit of weed because dirt would be harder to maintain
- Not wood, asphalt only, if ground is settled
- Dirt until settlement settles cut, then asphalt
- Not wood! Roo dangerous with water or frost
- **Votes**
 - 11 people voted for frequent ride
 - 7 people voted for sometimes ride
 - 7 people voted for when the mood strikes

Advanced Slopestyle

- Features that have large, thoughtfully built landings let riders gradually progress to laeger features. Safer than “absolute” features
 - Wall rides
 - Flat drops
- Dirt Jumps
- Can “trail junctions” be used on an easier track to choose a more or less difficult one as skills move along?
- Jumps → dirt, ramp → wood, pumptrack → dirt
- Four Dirt Jump lines progressive
 - Green circle tables

- Blue tables
- Black gap
- pre/double diamond gap w/ dedicated up route
- Hip Jump, Gap Jumps, All different styles of jumps
- Anchorage is in desperate need of a progressive jump line
- **Votes**
 - **13** people voted for frequent ride
 - **7** people voted for sometimes ride
 - **4** people voted for when the mood strikes

Skills Development

- Drops of various progression heights
- Dual slalom dirt jumps
 - Different types of ideas that could go into it
- Include multiple elements or features
 - Ex not just one wooden ramp → do multiple
- Dual slalom
 - Similar to what they have at Bums Lake — would need a slope
- **Votes**
 - **4** people voted for frequent ride
 - **10** people voted for sometimes ride
 - **10** people voted for when the mood strikes

Summary Response Themes:

- Approximately 50+ people attended the meeting
- Sample size was small and there was not a consistent number of voters for each board
 - 11 people voted in the family/beginner board whereas 25 people voted in the pump track board
 - Therefore, it's not clear which type of bike park is more popular
- Based on comments and terminology, voters know a lot about bikes so votes may not be representative of Anchorage as a whole
 - The bike park that got the most frequent ride votes was the advanced slope type
- No women bikers represented in precedent photos → add photos to future public graphics make bike parks feel more gender inclusive
- Many voters were in favor of both beginner/expert terrain in the same park
 - All-inclusive
 - Encourages/inspires beginners to improve