Minutes from Dec 9, 2015

In attendance: Mark Oldmixon, Kara Axx (Ex-off), Dan Callahan, Nick Crawford, Jason Garron (Ex-off), Martin Klein, David Fee, Ken Tape

Absent: Alan Tonne

Guests: Stan Justice

Minutes: Stan wanted to make a correction to clarify a mis-understanding in September minutes. The 2004 North Campus plan showed a map Arboretum Plan as ungroomed classic trails. The 1960’s plan cited in the minutes referred to the Arboretum plan. The 2004 plan designated the Arboretum as “ungroomed classic.”

Mangers Report:

Kara updates that the contractor put back bollards they removed for bike path. A few cars got onto trails (one of Skarland and one on Butro). Lakes are impacted by overflow/warm temps. Disc golf covers seem to be working.

Public Comment:

Stan says the walking trail out of Ballaine Lake parking lot is working. He suggests it be graded for plowing since it isn’t groomed.

New Business:

Smith Lake Access – Brought forward by Trails Club and highlighted by public support. The area is a gem in Fairbanks. How can access be improved? Drop-offs? Single classic trail isn’t intuitive. Great area for beginners, but not when access from the Ski Hut.

Nick asked about standing water. An Army Corp permit would be needed.

Dan is find with current trail conditions, but would support better signage.

Stan mentioned that the NCS Plan requests a Smith Lake Access improvement.

Jason and Martin wonder is Smith Lake has a designation?

General support for improved signage. Skate width lane would be welcome if easy. Nick not concerned about conflicts on Whizzy. Bank needs to addressed, but can’t be done without a permit.

Stan: Trails club would prefer skate lane size and would pay for it.

Wetland permits need to be explored. The cost of the whole project needs to be explored.

Kara and Stan to work with DDC regarding permit/project procedures. Not a motion.
Martin brought to attention that we have also added a loop connection.

Motion: Improve two-way traffic signage at Big Whizzy Smith Lake connector.

Just brought it to the committee’s attention that a powerline may be moved south of the new bike path along Yankovich. Much research is needed on this.