

Beautify Talkeetna Committee Meeting
Wednesday, Nov 18, 2015
Talkeetna Roadhouse

Members in attendance:

Beth Valentine-chair, Ron Quilliam, Mable Quilliam, Steve Hanson (DOT), Pete McCollough (DOT), Mark Goetshe (borough), Shawn Standley (Chamber)

Items discussed: Sign, Traffic, Smaller Summer Signs, Benches

Welcome to Talkeetna Sign:

Plans to make a Welcome to Talkeetna Sign: cement and rock base, possibly 22 feet long, 6ft-7ft high, double sided, mill the wood for main part. Frame it with burrows on sides, mountains on top. Possibly an arrow on bottom pointing to Talkeetna with 14miles on it. Talked about where the location should be for the sign. The Y seems to be the best idea, either on the Smokey the Bear side or other side. Steve will check right away footage. Shawn suggested because of putting it out by the Y, adding verbiage that would some way include the greater Talkeetna Community. Beth will take proposal to the Y community council meeting and get suggestions. Beth will write a proposal to DOT. Anyone who can make it on Monday, Nov. 23, 10am will meet at Moore's Hardware to purchase \$500 of the supplies. Mark is working on a list of materials.

Purpose of the sign is to direct visitors and residents, to attract business to our town and to provide a welcoming environment for our community.

Traffic: Minimize parking downtown, especially motor homes. Chase parking lot is providing around 9 new spots. Discussed traffic patterns and signage. Beth will order signs for pedestrian walkways and RV's after getting permission from chamber board. 4 pedestrian walkway signs and 2 RV signs needed. Talked about getting an RV sign before NSI and one on the stop sign in town directing RV's to turn around at village park loop. Mark said he could make main and B one ways and work on getting the road better around the campground at the end of town. We also discussed providing better access for disabled people.

Anchoring and not anchoring picnic tables discussed. Most all the picnic tables will be put up out of the weather by the owners in the area for the winter.

Talked about getting benches, possibly having someone make some long benches again in the park. Ordering or asking Home Depot for some. Steve had put the bench in at Answer Creek. He talked about putting a bench at the overlook.

Beth Valentine