

Knob Committee Agenda 1/14/26, 5:30 PM, Welcome Center

Agenda: Aaron Worthley & Eric Hagen (Arrowwood), Kiko Nobusawa, David Pacun, Sarah Gagne.

1. Public Comment. None
2. Approval of 11/12/25 minutes. Approved.
3. Three Updates from Arrowwood: December walking tour, Survey and Results, Next Steps.
 - a. Public walk: About 12-15 attended, with a mix of residents and non-residents. Many had never been, but were engaged by beauty and summit. Arrowwood introduced management plan ideas: Attendants were generally supportive of keeping things as they are, with an emphasis on walking; no push for mountain biking.
 - b. Online Survey was given to participants, included in social media posts, and sent to Wildflowers Group for Fairbanks Museum. (Wildflower areas identified and will be included on Arrowwood Natural Resources Map.) Discussion of Survey responses: re: wish for off-property trails--these cannot be included on proposed trail network, but should be acknowledged from a perspective of Knob history. Need to confirm boundaries for current property so as to better understand where trails can and cannot go. Nordic uses of open fields during winter. Possibility to mow the circular proposed field path and see if people use it. Specific set of trail standards needed.
 - c. Next Steps re Management Plan: Need to know town/village line (David will try to undertake some deed research). Dog policy: Leash required? If not, enforcement issues? Obey leash laws within village limits. Waste stations (requires maintenance). Mowing needs a formal agreement/solution (see Chad). What happens post-management plans—need to formalize process for issues that arise after the management plan is completed. And what happens to the Knob Committee? (One past idea is transforming it into a more general Public Park Committee.) These should be in the Management Plan. Arrowwood will make some recommendations re: trails, infrastructure, etc. and begin to draft Management Plan ideas: Goals, Vision and Mission statements, Process.
4. Updates from Sarah Gagne (Rec Director):
 - a. Budget: \$15K 5K for Arrowwood.
 - b. New RFP grant requires help, letters of support, etc.; can list up to five people (committee members allowed). Helpful to have external partners from whom we can obtain a letter of support. Will investigate Fairbanks Museum. Sarah may send application to Committee for help and ideas.
 - i. Arrowwood will help Sarah with possible state permits.
 - ii. State permits will likely be needed for parking. Act 250 might not be needed, as this is a town forest/park.
5. Postponed: Updates on Northern Forest Center Dec Meeting, and SJA Sophomore Stewardship Day Presentation.
6. Management Plan. Next Steps covered during Arrowwood discussion.

6:30: Meeting Adjourned.