
Six Anaktuvuk Men to Attend Meeting Here

Six elected delegates from Anaktuvuk Pass will talk with State and Federal Agencies in Fairbanks Monday to discuss their problems and the question of moving the village.

After receiving answers, the delegates will return to the village to discuss this information with the rest of the people. The villagers will then decide what action would be best for their own welfare.

Residents of Anaktuvuk Pass have to travel about 40 miles round trip to obtain fuel, and spend about one day of every two backpacking it to the village. They are having to travel farther each year to obtain willows suitable for burning.

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the villagers requested help this year—first to haul fuel by sled train, and later to move the village to the fuel.

Umiat was suggested by some villagers as a possible new site for the village, and on April 28 the village elected a committee to study the proposal to move. Both supporters and opponents of the move are among the delegates.

On Monday at 9 a.m., representatives from 20 State and Federal agencies and Native organizations will meet with the delegates in the Bureau of Indian Affairs conference room in Fairbanks.

At the meeting, the agencies will provide information about any sites in which the village

is interested, and will describe the help they can give if the village moves, stays, or part moves and part stays.

Reports from Anaktuvuk Pass indicate that the lack of fuel is now critical, and the villagers are anxious to move as soon as school is out.

Thirteen village families are reported to want to move to Umiat; five want to move past the treeline in the general area of Anaktuvuk Pass.

One major problem the villagers have is a lack of the information necessary to make the decision on whether and where to move. The BIA is sponsoring the conference to provide that information.

Once they have this in-

formation, officials stress, the villagers will have to up their own minds about the proposed move. Once they have made the decision, and come up with a feasible plan, the agencies and associations will help them carry it out.

The Alaska State Housing Authority is offering a \$100 prize for the best design for landscaping a pedestrian plaza extending from Fifth Ave., at the sewer lift station, to Third Ave., behind Woolworths, in Fairbanks.

ASHA is trying to camouflage the utility poles, lift station, and boxes that are already in place along the site of the plaza. They are looking for a design that will

make the plaza look beautiful for both tourists in summer and residents in winter.

A plot plan is not necessary; sketches of ideas will be satisfactory. Only individuals may enter—companies, firms, and agencies are not eligible. The contest closes June 15.

For further information, or to submit entries, contact Helen Atkinson, 226 Chena Building, 456-7751.