

TO: Federation of Community Councils

THRU: Jake Horazdovsky, President

FROM: Darryl Parks, Secretary

SUBJECT: Draft Chugiak Community Council (CCC) Minutes for November 16, 2017

CALL TO ORDER

The President called the meeting to order at 7:02 p.m.

Roll Call

Present:

Jake Horazdovsky, President
Blake Merrifield, Vice President
Burke Wonnell, Treasurer
Darryl Parks, Secretary
Maria Rentz, Board Member
Steve Connelly, Board Member
Harold Parker, (Alternate)
Leslie Echols, Board Member
Patrick Donnelly

Absent:

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Motion to approve the minutes as amended by: Burke Wonnell, 2nd by: Leslie Motion passed

Copies of the Chugiak Community Council's meeting minutes and bylaws are available on the FCC's website at www.communitycouncils.org (Click on Chugiak). These minutes are a summary form of the discussion and key decisions. Audio files of the full discussion are also available on the website.

Presentations

Police presentation postponed. APD was unable to attend due to competing requirements. Questions as to whether the CCC is the correct venue for this discussion. Patrick briefed he has information on neighborhood watch for anyone interested. Jake briefed the information will be made available on the CCC website.

Unfinished Business

Carol CreekSite Specific Plan Update: The plan as written will be going before P&Z in December 11 at the Lousac Library chambers. There was a motion to attach a cover letter to our previous resolution reinforcing our opposition the plan as written by Darryl Parks, 2nd by Burke Wonnell. Under discussion it wasn't clear why this was moving forward to P&Z since a Eagle River Star article back in July basically lead the public to believe this a dead issue due to not being economically feasible. Sandy Quimby asked that a representative from the CCC board attend the meeting

since the Council receives 5 minutes for testimony. The document Sandy Quimby provided will be posted to the CC website. Additionally, CCC will send it to the Federation of Community Councils to have the document emailed to the CCC council area and ask to have it sent to the Eagle River Community Council since the Carol Creek Plan borders their council area also. Motion carried unanimously. Jake, as the CCC board president will testify on behalf of the CCC at the P&Z meeting in opposition of the plan. The CCC encouraged all interested parties to attend the P&Z hearing as well as provide written comments.

Maria Rentz requested donuts at the next meeting to go with the coffee. Thanks to the **Chugiak Café** for providing coffee for all the attendees.

Reports

Assembly Update

- Amy Demboski: Spoke on Neighborhood Watch and Community Patrols and the benefits they provide on deterring crime. She mentioned Eagle River was starting their own Community Patrol similar the Birchwood's Community Patrol. Amy also brought Jeff Hartley and briefed on how Birchwood's patrol is a non profit. Jeff regularly meets with APD and APD contacts him when they see an increase in burglaries in areas so the patrol can show an increased presence in the area. There is a new criminal suppression team of 25 officers. The team has taken 2 large crime rings down. Jeff was looking at ways to involve more teams to help patrol the entire Chugiak CCC area from Eagle River to Thunderbird Falls. Jeff was looking for 2 ea., 2 man patrols for the area. Several training sessions will be required. The idea is to have people from their own neighborhoods patrolling where they know where the areas and where problem areas are. There was some concern over liability. Jake motioned to present approach APD to base APD officers in Chugiak/Eagle River that are permanently assigned to the area so they become part of the community. 2nd by Blake. Under discussion Burke amended to also ask APD to implement policy so officers that live in the area, work in the area. Amy asked that Chugiak Community Council to fund the signs for Community Patrol at \$360. Motioned by Burke, 2nd by Leslie, motioned carried without opposition. Anyone interested in being part of a patrol can contact Jeff Hartley at 223-7411 or text Amy Demboski at 301-9179.

Legislative Update Dan Saddler:

- From special session budget and crime bill. They didn't get to the budget due to the amount of work in the crime bills SB-91 and SB-54. SB-54 fixes some of the issues with SB-91. The House was 202 days in session. Dan amended the bill on car theft to be able to charge joy riders where there is reason to believe the car is stolen. The house passed SB-54. The senate accepted the bill as written. Discussion on the possible Airport registration fees proposed by the Governor. State DOT possibly looking at outsourcing Birchwood Airport management. Birchwood is the only airport that actually makes money. Concerns are that fees for use may increase if this happens. Question from Blake Merrifield on potential local capital projects, but little to no funding available. Nothing in the queue for the second Eagle River Bridge at this time.

Chugiak Volunteer Fire: Tim Benningfield

- Asked for a change in the minutes regarding being able to dispose of needles. Provided flyers on how to dispose of them in the landfill or your normal household refuse.
- 889 responses this year to date, >100 over last year. 80 in the last month. 6093 hrs volunteered over the last month.

Birchwood Community Council: Briefed on their councils opposition to new water infrastructure being proposed. He requested CCC endorsement of their resolution in opposition. The project goes against their Comprehensive Plan. In lieu of supporting without information, CCC will invite AWWU to the next council meeting to discuss the line and get more information and hear both sides of the issue. Mark Shimshaw is the project engineer.

CBERRRSA Road Board Report – Blake Merrifield:

- Short meeting this month, updates on project. Aurora Borealis, private drive. Signs are now posted. No issue for Fire Dept.

Chugiak Eagle River Advisory Board – Jake Horazdovsky:

- Advisory Board met. Discussion on steep slope septic. Creek setbacks. Carol Creek and reissued their previous resolution to oppose densities. Next meeting is 6 Dec

Federation of Community Councils Update – Darryl Parks:

- Councils can receive funds from the Federation for communication , mailers and Outreach.
- Enterprise rental brifed their “Rideshare” program for commuters.
- APD looking into possibly using drones for investigations.
- There are 26 new patrol officers on the street. The next graduation is mid Dec. Also provided a reminder to not leaves keys in running vehicles during cold weather
- 21 Nov the Assembly will tackle the budget. Council budgets will be part of discussion.
- The 30% state reimbursement on bonds will fall away in 2-3 years. Could leave to significant impact to property taxes.
- Discussion over stations already charging for the gas tax. State is looking into possibility of gouging.
- If you happen to see damage or maintenance issues at parks, the maintenance hotline is 907-343-4554.
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Financial (Treasurer’s Report) – Burke Wonnell:

- Paid for PO Box \$144. \$2811.83 Savings, \$563.78 Checking.

ER/C Parks and Recreation Board of Supervisors – Tony Sisto:

- No new news to report. MAC Center revenue still constant. Ski trails are being maintained.

General Council Business – Jake Horazdovsky:

- None

New Business

- Capital Improvement projects funding. Budget for 2018 has none of what we voted for in the survey. Homestead is the only thing on the list. Homestead wasn’t what we as a council were looking at as a council. If we can get the survey to Amy she can switch the projects through amendment.
- Old records to UAA consortium library.

Open Forum

- Maria brought up regarding council absentees being excused.

ADJOURNMENT

The meeting adjourned at about 9:15 pm.

NEXT MEETING

The next scheduled meeting will be 01/18/2018 at 7:00 p.m. and will be held at the Elsie Oberg Community Center.

The Chugiak Community Council serves Fire Lake, Chugiak, Peters Creek, Mirror Lake, Thunderbird Heights and Eklutna. We meet at 7pm on the third Thursday of the month at the Chugiak Benefit Association’s North building, the Elsie Oberg Community Center (18606 Old Glenn Highway).