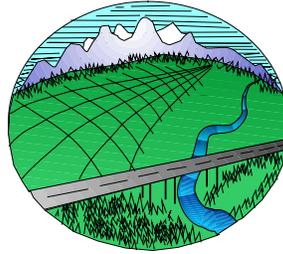


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**EAGLE RIVER COMMUNITY COUNCIL  
P.O. BOX 773952  
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Minutes for Thursday, November 10, 2005**

Call to order – 7:00 P.M.: The meeting was called to order by Council President Charles Horsman. All Board members were present.

Special guests: Fred Dyson, State Senator  
Debbie Ossiander, Anchorage Assembly Member

### **New Business:**

**A.** Officer Cindi Stanton, our APD/Community Council Liaison, started the meeting by discussing the Gang Task Force. Task force is made up of Military, State, Federal, and City agencies. Task force has been together for a long time but it was officially announced this summer. They are arresting all levels of gang members from members to leaders. Most information on gang activities not published in an effort to keep gangs from getting any type of notoriety. There are 12-15 gangs with approximately 300-500 members and associates. There is little gang activity in the Eagle River area. She also said the city had not eliminated its rape unit, just renamed it. The trailhead theft problems were not very extensive this year. While the police were ready to conduct a sting operation, there weren't enough problems to justify the operation. The reason for the reduction was probably due to the educational program reminding people not to leave valuables in their car when visiting the trailheads.

**B.** John Rodda then presented the latest city proposal to solve the Mt Baldy access problem. They are proposing a land exchange with Eklutna. The city has signed a Memorandum of Understanding to trade four parcels of land. The land parcels include: (1) a portion of Edmonds Lake Park (area TBD); (2) the SE corner of NW ¼ Section 25 (8 Acres); (3) A new elementary school site within the Powder Reserve development (15 acres TBD); and (4) Eklutna Inc property contiguous to Mt Baldy (80 Acres). If an agreement can be finalized, it will be presented for an area-wide proposition in April. The ballot is required since part of the land involved is a portion of Edmonds Lake Park.

### **The following motion was approved:**

*The Eagle River Community Council supports the proposed solution to the Mt Baldy access problem.*

**C.** Bobbie Wells from the Birchwood Community Council briefed the Council on two motions they wanted our support on.

Motion 1 would have the Assembly move immediately to annex the NW quarter of Section 25 to

our regional Beach Lake Park, thereby achieving dedicated status and preservation of the remaining parkland.

Motion 2: Referencing MOU between Eklutna Inc & MOA, should Parcel 2 in the land exchange ever be privately platted, this council requests a plat note prohibiting access via Almdale.

**After discussing their motions the following motion was approved:**

*The Eagle River Community Council will not address Birchwood's motions until the Mt Baldy decision is made in April.*

D. The next issue discussed was the Title 21, separate Chapter proposal. There was much discussion on the impact if there was a separate Eagle River/Chugiak section and the impact to the community if we had a separate section. There is a major concern that the uniqueness of our areas will not be properly addressed in the new Title 21. If these concerns are not addressed now it will be very difficult to change a new document. The feasibility of a separate chapter with the chapter to be written at a later date was also discussed. Debbie Ossiander said that if we if we were excluded in the new Title 21 then we would have to live by the current rules until Title 21 was written (to include us) and that could take several more years.

**The Eagle River Community Council approved the following motion:**

*A Resolution Affirming the Need for a Separate Chugiak-Eagle River Land Use Regulation Chapter within Title 21 of the Anchorage Municipal Code*

*WHEREAS the Updated Chugiak-Eagle River Comprehensive Plan states its intention to be the guiding document for land use as well as present and future development via zoning and platting decisions within our area; and*

*WHEREAS the current draft for review of Title 21 of the Municipal Code, referring to Land Use (Title 21.01.060.B, ), cites its pre-eminence to all provisions contained in Comprehensive Plans, stating that if any provision is more restrictive or less restrictive than any provision in the Plan then the provision of the Title shall govern; and*

*WHEREAS the Chugiak-Eagle River community envisions itself as unique in both land use patterns and growth development within the Municipality of Anchorage; and*

*WHEREAS it is our intent to maintain and assert the validity of our Updated Comprehensive Plan as the guiding document for our area; therefore be it*

*RESOLVED, That the Eagle River Community Council endorses the Updated Chugiak -Eagle River Comprehensive Plan as the guiding document for Land Use and Development in our area, and that this Document be used to create a separate Chapter in Title 21 that will govern Land Use and development within the Chugiak- Eagle River community of the Municipality of Anchorage.*

E. The Comprehensive Plan Update Committee then presented the following recommendations:

1. Building Inspections are necessary for new construction to ensure that safe,

Secure and quality housing is being built.

2. A separate Title 21 Chapter for Chugiak-Eagle River is needed that specifically addresses height limits and density limits based on community vision and character. This Council supports a height limit of forty foot from ground to peak.

3. New developments should provide parks, open space and trails when they create the demand for such areas. Land set aside for parks, open space and trails must have appropriate recreation values.

4. Update, at the earliest opportunity, the Chugiak-Eagle River Parks' Open Space and Recreation Facilities Plan to determine the community's current and future parks and recreation needs.

5. Preserve the current zoning at Springbrook Dr. to maintain the current supply of industrially zoned lands.

6. Require that new low income housing has an adequate and accessible supply of services and facilities in place that supports this population.

7. The LRTP update for Chugiak-Eagle River should address the issue of increased traffic, between Eagle River and Birchwood along the Glenn Highway, due to future development at the Powder Reserve and 770.

8. The Central Business District of Eagle River should remain the focal point of a community/town center, consolidated government services and pedestrian core. Implement the adopted 2003 Eagle River CBD Revitalization Plan.

9. The need for a snow storage site must to be addressed. Any high density private development site should have the responsibility for such as a part of development plans.

**The following motion was disapproved:**

*Recommend para 6 be deleted from proposal*

**The following motion was approved:**

*Recommend para 1 and 2 be deleted from proposal*

**The following motion was approved:**

*The Eagle River community council approves para 3-9 for inclusion in the Chugiak-Eagle River Comprehensive plan.*

F. Bill Gossweiler (Development Oversight Committee) then updated the council on two potential road problems in Eagle River. The first area concerns the Monte Road area in the Old Eagle River Road, Glenn Highway and Upper Sunny Circle.

**The following motion was passed.**

*The Eagle River Community Council requests that a Traffic Impact Analysis be conducted for Monte Road, especially at the intersections of Monte Rd & Old Eagle River Rd, Old Glenn Highway, & Upper Sunny Circle, to determine potential safety and traffic flow problems along with solutions.*

The second area is in the vicinity of the Carls Jr and condo development. According to Debbie Ossiander, the municipality is keenly aware of potential traffic and drainage problems with the site, both

of which Mr. Baker must find solutions for before he receives final plat approval.

**G.** The next topic concerned the new condo development (above Carls Jr). Debbie Ossiander said the initial short plat for the project was approved in Jan, 2005. The short plat approval required the developer to provide more soil, perk and water monitoring information before final approval. They have 18 months (Jul 06) after the short plat approval date to provide the information. The lower portion of the development is zoned B-3 and may require some changes to that portion of the development. The clear cutting of the trees was legal by the two acre rule but Debbie Ossiander plans to introduce an amendment in the Assembly that includes adding all contiguous areas when applying the two acre rule.

**The following motion was approved by the Council:**

*The Eagle River Community will draft a letter to the Mayor and Assembly requesting the developer present his final plans to the area councils for comment before final plat approval is given.*

**H.** Bobbie Gossweiler then advised the Council the Long Range Transportation Planning committee was meeting on November 16, 21, December 7 and January 18. Judith Fetherolf and Dan Pace were appointed as the primary members, and Charlie Horsman will serve as an alternate member.

**I.** The next issue discussed was the new sign ordinance. The issue was raised was grandfathering all signs that did not meet the next codes.

**The following motion was approved:**

*The Eagle River Community Council will draft a letter to P&Z w/copies to the Assembly opposing the ordinance AO 2005-163 which amends AMC 21.47 regarding sign standards, non-conforming signs, & other minor revisions.*

**J.** The cities sales tax proposal, Ordinance No. 2005-51 was then discussed. This proposal would approve a sales tax to provide property tax relief.

**The following motion was approved:**

*The Eagle River Community Council supports the sales tax proposal if it is used to reduce property taxes.*

**K.** The council then discussed the how to spend the budget surplus. The following proposal was presented.

1. **\$300** Million for community revenue sharing. Let local governments decide where best to spend this windfall.
2. **\$300** Million to an Education Reserve Fund
3. **\$100** Million allocated equitably to each elected state official to do those pet (pork) projects they deem best.

4. **\$100** Million to increase funding to education. Give it in the areas of maintenance, capital construction or and PERS/TERS shortfalls. Not something that has to have continued allocations each year.
5. **\$100** Million for fuel cost relief. Look into making rural energy generation more efficient.
6. **\$100** Million for a Veterans Hospital Complex/Home. Chugiak-Eagle River has a historic connection to the veteran community. To diversify this area's economy, some sort of state infrastructure is needed.
7. **\$20** Million to develop a Community Comprehensive Development Plan for every village, town & city in Alaska.
8. **\$10** Million to Red Cross for 80%: National Relief, 20%: Alaska relief. Might help with our current public relations problem.

**Total: \$1,030,000,000**

**After discussion the following motions were disapproved:**

*Delete para #8*

*Delete para #6*

*Delete para #3*

**The following motion was approved:**

*The Eagle River Community Council approves the proposed list and that this list is forwarded to Senator Dyson.*

**L.** The By-laws committee (Dave Sellie, Brian Fay, and Dan Pace) recommended changing the by-laws to reflect a meeting in July. This proposal will be voted on in the January meeting.

**M.** There are three directors' whose term in office expires in January 2006. Currently serving in those positions are Mike Melielo, Mike Foster, and Mark Risi. Mike Melielo and Brian Fay, and Dan Pace agreed to serve on the nominating committee.

**N.** The September meeting minutes were approved.

**Meeting was adjourned at 10:00 P.M.**