

TO: Federation of Community Councils

THRU: Jake Horazdovsky, President

FROM: Darryl Parks, Secretary

SUBJECT: Draft Chugiak Community Council (CCC) Minutes for October 18, 2018

**CALL TO ORDER**

The President called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m.

**Roll Call**

*Present:*

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

*Excused:*

Absent:

**APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

Motion to approve the minutes by Leslie Echols, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Burke Wonnell, motion passed unanimously.

*Copies of the Chugiak Community Council's meeting minutes and bylaws are available on the FCC's website at [www.communitycouncils.org](http://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.*

**APPROVAL OF AGENDA**

Motion to approve the agenda by, Darryl Parks, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Leslie Echols, motion passed unanimously.

**Guest Presentations**

**Ballot Measure 1 "Stand for Salmon"** – Erin Dovichin discussed how Ballot Measure 1 impacts Alaska. She stated it provides "common sense" standards for projects including public comment periods. She stated the truth about ballot measure one is in the voter guide for everyone to read. The measure separates major and minor permits. Impacts are

then paid for by the development vs the tax payer. She also recognized that the measure could cost the state more money to administrate and support on the front end. There was considerable discussion from the attendees.

**MEA Update:** Julie Estee discussed the move of the Park Substation. There were no projects this past year, and for next year, but they will be looking at the substation sighting again. She discussed the limitations on where the substation has to be. They looked at community and financial impacts for the move. The location choice impacts one homeowner significantly in Birchwood. MEA is working with the homeowner and the Birchwood council to mitigate impacts. She also discussed MEA's annual meeting. There is a Member Committee that oversees the elections to make sure they are run properly. There is an open seat on that committee and currently no one from Chugiak, Eagle River or Birchwood sits on the committee. Applications can be found online at the MEA web site. You must be a member. Additionally there are 3 at large board seats that are all up for vote. MEA is looking for more participation from our area. She mentioned that the Hydro Dam at Eklutna was removed. It had been in place since before Alaska was a state. She talked about the benefits of Hydro. The Hydro Eklutna plant that was gifted to the 3 utility companies requires a study on its impacts be performed on the impact of the plant on fish, wildlife and habitat.

### **Unfinished Business**

**Eagle River Cemetery** – The council received an email from Debbie Osiander that Girdwood had retained consultant CRW to look at initial planning of their cemetery. Birchwood had put forward a resolution to HLB and Parks & Rec looking for land. Motion by Gina Parks seconded by Rashae for a resolution in support of a cemetery and amended that we request with other Community Councils in the area support to participate in a multi-council committee to take the issue up. The motion passed with 1 person apposed. The Council is also asking the Chugiak Eagle River Advisory Board to look at the issue if it fits within the issues they normally take up.

### **Reports/Updates**

#### **Assembly**

- N/A

#### **Legislative**

- **Cathy Tilton** - She appreciated our Priorities Updates. It helps the legislators to advocate. She wanted to make sure we were aware of the funding that was set aside for Community Patrols and Neighborhood watch programs. \$75K was set aside. Must be a 501C3 non profit or a Community Council to receive funding. The Federation of Community Patrols received \$100K. Birchwood Community Patrol was applying for funds for Ring Doorbells that would be given away as long as the patrol could have access to footage in the event of a crime capture

#### **Chugiak Fire – Deputy Chief Clifton Dalton**

- October is Fire Prevention Month. They participated in Boo at the Beach at the Beach Lake Ski Trails. Discussed the upcoming Open House at the lower Fire Lake station Sun, 21 Oct. Fire would be out in force for Halloween giving out candy. The Dept. purchased a new F-150 towing vehicle but will also use it on EMS calls vice sending a full engine company. It is safer on the hills and will save wear and tear on the large engines. The Fire Fighter 1 academy almost finished with 14 new personnel.

#### **CBERRRSA Road Board Report – Ted Carlson was absent.**

- Blake briefed that review of projects finishing. The bridge replacement cost have escalated so maybe back to the drawing board.

#### **Chugiak Eagle River Advisory Board – Maria Rentz**

- Nothing to report. From last month, issues with the Birchwood Council felt the Muni was ignoring the Comprehensive Plan when it came to adherence.

### **Federation of Community Councils Update – Darryl Parks**

- The Federation established a committee was established to look at the issues associated with how the muni sends out reviews and notifications. Currently items go out for 30 days which doesn't provide adequate time for council reviews since most only meet monthly. We will be asking for a 60 day review period in most cases.
- There is an open seat on the AMATS Advisory Board. Currently we have 2 individuals from our area on the board. If someone from the council wanted to be on the board Matt Cruickshank and I are willing to take forward a name. Additional discussion on how AMATS projects are racked and stacked. There is no committee that makes a recommendation, it seems to fall to the AMATS Director.
- FCC Training is always available as is outreach to let people know that the Council exists
- Oct 23<sup>rd</sup> and Nov 7th the Assembly will be taking up the budget. The Mayor mentioned that Property Taxes were flat this year.
- There are 430 APD Officers, and looking to move toward 450. The Mayor also stated that most communities our size have approx. 750.
- Muni is looking to start a stormwater utility.
- The Alcohol and Marijuana Control Board is looking at "on-site" consumption. Lots of questions.
- In Nov, ML&P sale will be on the Assembly Agenda.
- Beth Norland from Anchorage Parks Foundation (501C3) presented on Park bonding and looking to expand their portfolio. Maybe an avenue for the Council to work the Cemetery issue.

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

- The MAC Center is actually in the black so far and should finish the year that way
- The Mirror Lake single track bike trails are 95% complete.
- The Parks budget is looking good.
- Dog Park options are down to 2 options, Peter's Creek and Firehouse Lane. Lots of discussion on this issue, regarding access issues and lack of support for the Fire House Lane option and the costs for the Peter's Creek Option. The Council will ask John Rodda to attend the next council meeting to discuss where exactly the Peter's Creek option location is. Some members the Council feel Loretta French is still a more viable option.

### **Secretarial – Darryl Parks**

- N/A

### **General Council Business – Jake Horazdovsky**

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### **Financial (Treasurer's Report) – Burke Wonnell**

- Checking balance \$156.78      Savings Balance \$2813.86
- A bill for the PO Box for the year will be paid at \$144.00

### **Open Forum**

- Chugiak Eagle River Senior Center Report. Meals on Wheels 12,438 meals served, but they have a shortfall of funds. A Gala is scheduled for fund raising at the Capt. Cook. Additionally. Sleeping Lady Lions have been doing vision testing in the schools identifying students with vision challenges for referral.
- Interest in the noise level from possibly from traffic related to commuters. Discussion on possibly development impacting.

### **ADJOURNMENT**

A motion was made by Darryl and seconded by Leslie to adjourn the CCC meeting. The motion passed with none opposed.

The meeting adjourned at about 8:56 pm.

**NEXT MEETING**

The next scheduled meeting will be 11/15/2018 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).*