

TO: Federation of Community Councils

THRU: Maria Rentz, President

FROM: Jake Horazdovsky, Secretary

SUBJECT: Draft Chugiak Community Council (CCC) Minutes for January 19, 2017

CALL TO ORDER

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

Roll Call

Present:

Jake Horazdovsky, Secretary
Burke Wonnell
Deborah Jones, Treasurer
Maria Rentz, President
Steve Connelly
Randy McCain, Vice President
Erin Dovichin

Excused:

Harold Parker (alternate)
Ted Carlson (alternate)

Absent:

Leslie Echols

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Motion to approve the minutes from the November and December meeting was postponed until the February meeting. Motions passed unanimously.

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.

APPROVAL OF AGENDA

Maria noted that the order of the Agenda would be flexible and the agenda was approved as amended.

Presentations

N/A

Unfinished Business

Carol Creek Area / Chugiak-Eagle River Site-Specific Land Use Plan

Residents gave an update on the Carol Creek Area Site Specific Land Use plan. Residents noted that the signage placed in the area was not very visible. Many of the public notices were returned to sender due to an incorrect address. HLB found that the public process followed was adequate and publicly noticed in that area. The plan will move forward from HLB to the planning and zoning commission and then onto the assembly for approval. There will be one more community meeting between now and the planning and zoning commission.

The planning and zoning commission will take the issue up and residents are encouraged to go and testify and share the thoughts with P&Z.

There was discussion on asking the Chugiak Eagle River advisory commission to meet and take up this issue.

Residents are not happy with the new development and would like to chance to look harder at the high density housing that is proposed.

Motion to ask the advisory board to take up this issue at their earliest convenience. Request that the advisory commission look specifically at the high density that was added to the plan very late in the public process. The notice received by the community did not adequately disclosure the high density housing in the development as the plan was corrected just prior to the HLB meeting.

Motion passed with no one apposed. Approximately 20 votes.

There was further discussion on the issue. Residents noted that the high densities were added two weeks before the HLB took up the issue and not brought before the council. The final plan was never taken back to the community councils.

Reports

Assembly Update

- N/A

Rep. Cathy Tilton & Dan Saddler – Legislative Update

- N/A

CBERRRSA Road Board Report

Randy was sick and unable to attend the road board meeting earlier in the week.

Much of Aurora Borealis is located on private property and the MOA has been maintaining it for years. MOA has maintained it for years but MOA is looking at stopping maintenance of the road or closing the road as it is not on the right of way. One way that the issue could be resolved would be for the MOA to take possession of the current right of way and abandoning the proposed right of way.

Chugiak Eagle River Advisory Board

N/A

Federation of Community Councils Update

Deb discussed the FCC meeting.

- There is a new data dashboard for the anchorage school district.
- APD is working on solving the homeless issue.
- Yosemite Drive is going to be upgraded and a turn lane added. Imminent domain will be used to obtain the right of way.
- AEDC is conducting a survey of all anchorage residents to collect information on how to make the city better.

Treasurer's Report

- We have a little over \$3,672 in the bank as of today.
- Birchwood will be reimbursed \$176.06

ER/C Parks and Recreation Board of Supervisors

Tony gave a short presentation on parks and rec.

- The trails are in good condition and ready for use.
- There was a Jan 9th meeting on the MacDonald center. The center is operated by a non-profit organization. There is a five year contract with a for profit operator that handles the day-to-day operations of the facility. The facility is operating at a loss and the MOA subsidizes the facility at a loss of around 50k per year. There were a few discrepancies in the operations of the facility that assembly is looking at.
- There is a parcel of land that the school district currently owns that will be turned over the parks and rec.
- The University Community Council has asked the other anchorage community councils for support to get park rangers in the anchorage parks. Maria asked that the CCC take up the issue at our next meeting. There was discussion on the issue.

Mail Time

Burke gave a short report on the mail.

General Council Business

Tony has been nominated to be our Parks and Rec rep. The motion passed with non-opposed.

New Business

Community Policing Survey - Nora Morse, Special Assistant / Press Assistant, MOA Mayor's Office.

Chugiak had 121 responses to the survey. Anchorage currently has a little over 400 police officers currently and the mayor has added additional officers in FY2017.

Chugiak Residents requested increased late night patrols, increased traffic enforcement in residential areas and that the same offices are assigned the same area every shift.

There are three officers and two detectives assigned to the Eagle River/ Chugiak area on each shift.

In anchorage crime is generally under reported. It is very import for residents to report minor crimes in the area. While the officers may not respond to these little incidents they are tracked in the system. None emergency crime can be reported to the non-emergency call line 786-8900 or it can be reported online.

Conversation with the Mayor's Office and Eklutna Inc Regarding the Land Contamination Issue at Kerbow Land

Mara asked that the Mayor's office talk with Eklutna Inc about looking into the contamination on the Kerbow lane property. Steve indicated that the MOA's old landfill is contaminating Eklutna's land and the MOA needs to work with Eklutna get this issue resolved. The possible contamination from this not only Eklutna's issue but a commuty issue. Coucil members asked the mayors office to look into the issue further. Members asked MOA to verity that if a large residential development were to be constructed directly down gradient of the land fill that private wells would not be contaminated.

Coucil Election Results

Seat 2 was vacated by Burke Wonnell .

Seat 1 – Eklutna/Thunderbird Falls. Steve and Burke nominated for the seat. Burke Wonnell Elected with Non-Opposed.

Seat 2 – West Peters Creek / Mirror Lake Steve Elected with None Opposed

Seat 3 – West Peters Creek – Randy Elected with None Opposed

Seat 5 – East Peters Creek – Blake Merrifield Elected with None Opposed

Seat 7 – At Large Darrel Parks Elected with None opposed.

Alternate Seat A – Erin Dovichen Elected with None opposed.

Officers Elections

President – Randy McCain

Vice President – Jake Horazdovsky

Secretary - Darryl Parks

Treasure – Burke Wonnell

Open Forum

A resident asked Nora Morse about the Methane Gas settlement that MOA recently reached with Eklutna and the high density land portion of that agreement.

Nora indicated that the agreement doesn't negate the permitting process and Eklutna still has to go through the same process and follow the same rules outlined in the land use code.

The council motioned to buy a new pen with a budget of no more then \$150 for the purchase. Erin will take it up.

Burke Wonnell and Randy McCain will become signers on the Chugiak Community Council's Bank Account. Deborah Jones is to be removed from the account after Burke and Randy are added.

Action Items

Erin D – Make Name Tags

Outstanding Action Items

Erin D - Write a letter to the FCC regarding the MOA Planning Department's Website.

ADJOURNMENT

A motion was made to adjourn the CCC meeting. The motion passed with none opposed.

The meeting adjourned at about 9:15 pm.

NEXT MEETING

The next scheduled meeting will be 2/16/2017 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).