

TO: Federation of Community Councils

THRU: Jake Horazdovsky, President

FROM: Darryl Parks, Secretary

SUBJECT: Draft Chugiak Community Council (CCC) Minutes for September 21, 2017

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
Burke Wonnell, Treasurer
Darryl Parks, Secretary
Maria Rentz, Board Member
Steve Connelly, Board Member
Harold Parker, (Alternate)
Leslie Echols, Board Member

Absent:

Erin Dovichin, (Alternate)/ Excused

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Minutes were not available for approval. Will be reviewed at the next meeting

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

Motion to approve the agenda by, Darryl Parks, 2nd by Maria Rentz. Motion passed unanimously.

Presentations

N/A

Unfinished Business

None

Reports

Assembly Update

- Amy Demboski: Amy reported there has been a spike in stolen vehicles in the Eagle River Chugiak area. In fact she had located one herself while working the Birchwood Community Patrol. She asked that everyone maintain awareness of strage activity in their neighborhoods and report anything unusual to APD.
- Amy also briefed that the Mayors office was asking for budget cuts of 10% for most offices, while asking Fire and Police to take 5% reductions. This on the heels of \$1.7M in raises to Municipality Execs. The Public Library is taking a \$800K cut. All of this is in response to a projected deficit of \$20M for 2018.
- She stated the Muni was looking at possibly developing a Storm Water Utility District for collecting storm water fees on residences.
- In a conversation regarding unsightly properties, she stated to report problems to Code Enforcement.

Legislative Update

- Dan Saddler: Dan stated he had only been home 6 weeks over the summer, and was headed back to Juno again for a House Special Session on Revene and Crime Bill. Issues to be covered include Governor Walker's proposed income tax, the relook at SB-91 and the possibility of voting on SB 54, and the PFD

CBERRRSA Road Board Report – Ted Carlson

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Chugiak Eagle River Advisory Board – Jake Horazdovsky

- Ted updated on the Aurora Borealis Road issues. The residents on the road could not come to agreement and as such, Aurora Borealis will no longer perform snow removal or be maintained by the Muni. Aurora Borealis will remain a private drive, and residents will have to maintain it. The Road Board will ask for funds to upgrade the bridge to support loads like Emergency vehicles and others, but the bridge will remain one lane only.

Federation of Community Councils Update – Darryl Parks

- Funding outlook not great for the FCC. Dick traini briefed the FCC will be lucky to receive the same level of funding currently provided based on the budget cuts the Muni is facing. He also mentioned he was considering proposing a gas tax of .10 cents per gallon to help cover the Muni deficit.
- Lots of advertising for Vote by Mail. This will be how next years elections will take place.
- Mayor Berkowitz briefed on the port repair project and was looking at putting forth an initiative to rename the port to demonstrate that the port is really Alaska's port, not just Anchorage. The port will continue to strive for repairs, but not the expansion.
- Lots of upcoming development in the downtown area potentially using the proposed R-3A residential Mixed Use Districts. These areas allow for residential, offices and retail to share facilities.
- Lots of discussion over on site usage of marijuana in sales venues. The Muni must wait on the state to rule before adopting any local policies.

Financial (Treasurer's Report) – Burke Wonnell

- \$3311.04 in the account

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

- Tony briefed that the Mac Center continues to struggle financially, but hopes to break even by end of year. Ice time is up and Mac management secured a \$50K loan from the Muni for cash flow.

General Council Business – Jake Horazdovsky

- None at this time

New Business

- **Special Council Election:** The election of new board members was postponed until October due to not having anyone wishing to be nominated at this time, and the audience had already thinned by the time the council got to this agenda item.

Open Forum

- N/A

Open Actions

- None

ADJOURNMENT

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

The meeting adjourned at about 8:40 pm.

NEXT MEETING

The next scheduled meeting will be 10/19/2017 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).