



Bear Valley Community Council

Meeting Minutes

BVCC meeting – January 11, 2006

Compiled by Scott Pexton, BVCC Secretary

The meeting was held in the engine room of Fire Station 10 on Mountain Air Drive and began at approximately 7:10 p.m. Seven members attended indicating a quorum.

Parks and Recreation News

Shawna Popovici, Anchorage Parks & Recreations Central/Southeast Park District Manager, spoke about park upgrades and passed out a flyer about Forsythe Park along Birch Road. Shawna mentioned the possibility of placing large boulders in or near Storck Park to discourage four-wheeler vehicle access and other ideas to provide more aesthetic design elements, wind breaks, and improved signage. She spoke about the Anchorage Park Foundation and that park grant funds could be made available soon for various local park improvement proposals. More information about the park foundation is available online at www.AnchorageParkFoundation.org

Limited Road Service Area Updates

Caryn Smith of the Bear Valley LRSA indicated that funds were limited and would be prioritized for snow removal and not much would be available for road maintenance. Cheri Howland spoke about the Rabbit Creek View/Heights LRSA. She indicated it was her understanding that approximately \$3,800 dollars was the cost to fix the mangled guard rail at the Heights Hill – Jamie Avenue intersection. She mentioned that Carlos Tree Service had been involved in clearing Chugach Electric easements, but that several people were unhappy with the results. A summer road maintenance priority would be to chip seal Carl Street and Nickleen Street and other roads if adequate funds are available.

Council News

Council Chair Cheri Howland discussed the process of obtaining better postal mail box units due to vandalism and wind damage to currently used boxes. She indicated that it might be possible to have the boxes located closer to existing mail boxes, rather than near Storck Park as previously required the last time the mail box issue was researched. She indicated that there doesn't have to be 100% participation and the postal service would maintain the boxes. The cost of boxes depends on the door sizes and they require a concrete pad for placement to meet post service specifications. Keys are issued and needed to open individual boxes. Cheri indicated that she would gather more details and put together an information letter for residents to consider further.

Cheri asked members if they could suggest any particular issues or priorities they would like the council to address at future meetings, but no one offered any suggestions or hot topics. One individual mentioned that there were some trenches dug in the upper part of Bear Valley of unknown origin and wondered if they were related to drainage or utilities. Another individual spoke about junked vehicles in the vicinity of Carl Street and Francesca Street. It was mentioned that the municipality has a vehicle towing program to ticket and eventually remove junked cars if they are abandoned on municipal property or in the right-of-way. More information about dealing with junked vehicles is available online at: <http://www.muni.org/ROW/JunkCars.cfm>

The meeting adjourned early at approximately 8:20 PM. The next Bear Valley Community Council meeting was scheduled for Wednesday, February 8, 2006.

End of meeting minutes.