

TO: Federation of Community Councils

THRU: Merten Bangemann-Johnson
President

FROM: Linda R. Kovac *lrk*
Secretary-Treasurer

SUBJECT: Chugiak Community Council - Approved Minutes for Feb. 17, 2005 Meeting

CALL TO ORDER

The President called the meeting to order at 7:09 PM.

Roll Call

Present: Merten Bangemann-Johnson, President
Linda Kovac, Secretary-Treasurer
Gale Armstrong
John Arzie
Marty Parsons

Excused: David Baldwin, Vice President
Charlie Cox

Unexcused: Mick Fischback

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

A motion was made and seconded to accept the minutes from the January 20, 2005 meeting. Motion was approved unanimously.

REPORTS

CBERRRSA Road Board – Ted Kinney (688-2477), Chris Hudson/Alternate (696-1037) – Ted reported:

- Plowing-back the snow berms from the sides of the roads will begin Feb. 21st. Chugiak and Birchwood will be the first areas to be plowed-back.
- ROW acquisition along Fire Lake Dr. is in progress for future RAPing.
- RAPing is expected to be done mid-July on Fire Lake Dr. and Darn Dr.
- The maintenance contract is in Purchasing and is expected to be put out to bid soon.

Residents reported icing and bad road conditions in the Scimitar Subdivision, along South Birchwood Loop between the New and Old Glenn Hwys, and the road in front of the Chugiak Post Office. Ted said the Chugiak Post Office road was not CBERRRSA's responsibility but would find out who maintains that road.

Eagle River-Chugiak Parks & Recreation Board – Ray Burger (688-3835) reported:

- The new Beach Lake Park Chalet has a Certificate of Occupancy with ADEC's involvement with the water supply concluded. The structure also has a community room with meeting space.
- Construction bids for park capital projects will be going out to bid in the next couple of months. Local work includes replacing the restrooms at Edmonds Lake/Mirror Lake Park and expanding the parking lot at the Beach Lake Park Chalet. Request for Proposals (RFPs) go to the "Plans Room" in Anchorage.

Federation of Community Councils (FCC) – Merten Johnson (688-6575), Dave Baldwin/Alternate (688-6158) The FCC's hours 8am-5pm, Mon-Fri. Phone: 277-1977. Address: 401 E. Northern Lights Blvd.; Suite 204. Merten stated there was nothing to report.

Chugiak Community Council Treasury – Linda Kovac (688-5356) reported:

- There was \$1,829.31 in the savings account that included a \$1.00 donation from members attending the Jan. 20th meeting.
- A motion was made and seconded to reimburse the Treasurer \$184.78 from the savings account for the Council's portion of the cost of the banner (\$175.00) and banner bungee cords (\$9.78). Motion was approved unanimously.

On-Site Wastewater System Technical Review Board – Linda Kovac (688-5356) reported:

- Changes to the current well code are still being finalized.
- The proposed meeting to invite well drillers and other interested parties to review the well code has been cancelled indefinitely. Should people wish to provide comments, they may do so at a future public hearing.

Old Glenn Project Citizen Committee (ADOT&PF Rehabilitation Project No. 52515)

- The Anchorage Daily News published a story on Feb. 15th about the Old Glenn Project. You can read the full story online at:
www.adn.com/news/alaska/anchorage/story/6166970p-6046986c.html
- For more information on the project, go to CRW's website for the Old Glenn Project at www.oldglennhighway.com.

Title 21 Update Committee (Municipal Land Use and Zoning Code Rewrite) – Linda Kovac (688-5356) reported: Chugiak's and CBERRRSA's comments on Module Three were emailed to MOA Planning on Jan. 21st. Public comments for all three modules can be reviewed at www.muni.org/Planning/prj_Title21.cfm.

Large Animal Ordinance Committee – Dave Baldwin (688-6158). There was no report as Dave was unavailable.

PRESENTATIONS

Eagle River-Chugiak Parks and Recreation Department

John Rodda (694-2011 office, 317-7436 cell), Eagle River-Chugiak Department of Parks, Recreation and Community Development Division Manager, reported:

- ADOT gravel extraction from the NW 1/4 of Sec. 25 in Birchwood – Current discussions on the proposed footprint for gravel extraction include ADOT, Heritage Land Bank, Eagle River-Chugiak Parks and Recreation, Anchorage Assembly, Eklutna Inc./Dowl Engineers, and the Alaska Rail Road. Soon, ADOT will apply for a conditional use permit from the Municipality for gravel extraction. Once permit details are worked out, the property can be dedicated as park land, perhaps as early as six weeks from now.
- Beach Lake Park Chalet – There was a "soft-opening" on Feb 14th but some minor work remains. By fall, the chalet should have a regular schedule.
- Mount Baldy Access – see P&Z Case No. 2004-111 below.

Chugiak Volunteer Fire and Rescue Department (CVFRD)

Fire Chief Bruce Bartley discussed several CVFRD issues including:

- Change of Command – Gary Davis recently retired from the position of chief and Bruce Bartley has taken over the reigns. This community thanks former Chief Davis for his many years of faithful, dedicated service and wishes Chief Bartley good luck in his job.
- CVFRD Capital Projects – The CVFRD is requesting state grants (with 50/50 local matching funds) for the acquisition of a building for new Fire Station #35 & facility building as well as for the acquisition of a new brush truck.

- Proposition 6 on the April 5th Municipal Election Ballot – Proposition 6 asks municipal voters to approve the purchase of some ambulances. If passed, one of the ambulances may go to the CVFRD.
- Proposition 10 on the April 5th Municipal Election Ballot – Chief Bartley urged people to vote yes on Proposition 10: Over the years, the CVFRD has used tax money to fight fires, provide emergency medical care, provide training, purchase emergency equipment and fire stations, and remain out of debt. Low costs are achieved thanks to the volunteer staff and due to the fact that the CVFRD handles its budget judiciously.

Chief Bartley stated that the mill levy rate for the Chugiak Fire Service Area (CFSA) was 1.0 mill fifteen years ago; however, that amount has shrunk over the years making it harder for the CVFRD to accomplish its goals. The reason for the CFSA mill levy rate shrinkage is that, in order to stay under the tax cap but still pay for the increasing costs of their services, the Anchorage Fire Department has been absorbing more of the available tax cap thus leaving less for the CFSA.

Proposition 10 asks CFSA residents to impose a tax cap of 1.0 mill in any calendar year. If passed, this tax cap would be the first step for the CFSA to move out of Anchorage's control over how much mill levy (up to 1.0 mill) can be attributed to the CFSA. Chugiak's fire department could achieve funding independence like the Chugiak-Eagle River Road Department (CBERRRSA) and the Chugiak-Eagle River Parks & Recreation Department (ERCPRSA).

Introduction to the Alaska State Legislative Process

The Alaska Legislature writes budgets and enacts laws that affect all residents and our community. Legislators welcome input from their constituents. The President presented an overview of the legislative process so that citizens can better give their input to legislators:

- Many Choices for Communicating:
 - Call your legislators – See contacts below for toll-free numbers and other info.
 - Write your legislators – Write a letter in your own words as it's more effective.
 - Email your legislators – Again, writing your own message is more effective than forwarding someone else's message.
 - Meet in-person with your legislators – Most effective choice of communication. You needn't travel to Juneau. Call a legislator's office and ask when he/she will be in Anchorage. Make an individual appointment or attend a town hall meeting.

Name & District	Phone & Fax	Email and Website	Juneau Mailing Address
Representative Bill Stoltze District 16	622-4958 Eagle River office 622-3784 Eagle River fax 866-465-4958 Juneau office 907-465-4928 Juneau fax	Representative Bill Stoltze@legis.state.ak.us http://w3.legis.state.ak.us/house/23/house.htm	State Capitol, Room 501 Juneau, AK 99801-1182
Senator Charlie Huggins District H	907-376-4866 Wasilla office 800-862-3878 Juneau office 907-465-3265 Juneau fax	Senator Charlie Huggins@legis.state.ak.us http://w3.legis.state.ak.us/senate/23/senate.htm	State Capitol, Room 417 Juneau, AK 99801-1182
Representative Nancy Dahlstrom District 18	622-3783 Eagle River office 622-3784 Eagle River fax 877-460-3783 Juneau office 907-465-2293 Juneau fax	Representative Nancy Dahlstrom@legis.state.ak.us http://w3.legis.state.ak.us/house/23/house.htm	State Capitol, Room 432 Juneau, AK 99801-1182
Senator Fred Dyson District I	694-6683 Eagle River office 694-1015 Eagle River fax 800-342-2199 Juneau office 907-465-4587 Juneau fax	Senator Fred Dyson@legis.state.ak.us http://w3.legis.state.ak.us/senate/23/senate.htm	State Capitol, Room 121 Juneau, AK 99801-1182

- Proper Way to Address a Letter:

State Representative	State Senator
The Honorable ... (Full Name) House of Representatives Alaska State Capitol Juneau, Alaska 99801-1182	The Honorable ... (Full Name) State Senate Alaska State Capitol Juneau, Alaska 99801-1182
Dear Representative (Last Name):	Dear Senator (Last Name):

- Other Ways to Make Your Voice Heard

- Provide testimony for public hearings on bills.
- Write letters to the Editor.
- Radio call-in shows.

- How Do You Find Out What's Happening in Juneau?

A non-partisan, one-stop resource center for legislative information:

Anchorage Legislative Information Office
Located downtown at 716 W. 4th Avenue, Suite 200 Call them at 269-0111 or TDD 269-0260 Fax them at 269-0229 Email them at Anchorage_LIO@legis.state.ak.us
Your legislators' offices are also good resources. Call your legislator's office for help in finding out the status of a bill or budget item.

- Municipality of Anchorage 2005 Legislative Program

Anchorage's 2005 requests to the legislature may be grouped as:

- Legislation Requests – seeking changes in state law
- Operating Budget Requests – seeking money to fund programs or services
- Capital Budget Requests – seeking money for construction or major repairs

- Where's Information about Anchorage's Requests?

- You may read Anchorage's entire legislative request package on the municipal website. Go to www.muni.org and under "What's New" click on the link that says, "2005 State Legislative Program 794k pdf".
- Interested in obtaining more project information? Call the municipal staff person whose name and phone number appears on the description of the particular request.
- No computer access and need a paper copy? Please call Teri Albrecht at 343-4497.

- When to Contact Juneau

The legislative session began in early January and is scheduled to end on May 10th. Here are some timing tips:

- February – Write letters to legislators regarding the projects you support.
- March – Send follow-up emails reiterating your support, ask questions about budget items, participate in budget hearings, and call legislators.
- April – Capital budget will likely pass in March. If a project you supported is funded, be sure to follow-up with thank-you notes.

- How a Bill Becomes a Law
All legislation is enacted through bills:
 - Policy bills are numerous.
 - Budget bills are limited – usually just one apiece per chamber.
 1. A bill begins when a Senator or Representative introduces it.
 2. A bill will be referred to a committee.
 3. The committee chair may, or may not, decide to hear a bill.
 4. A bill may die in committee, be passed out of committee, or be pulled from committee.
 5. A bill must pass a floor vote of the House or Senate to move to the other chamber.
 6. A bill passed by the House must also be enacted by the Senate. Ditto, a bill passed by the Senate must also be enacted by the House.
 7. If House/Senate versions vary, differences must be worked out in conference.
 8. If House and Senate ultimately agree on a single bill version, and both chambers pass it, then the bill is sent to the Governor.
 9. The Governor may sign or veto the bill. The bill becomes law only upon the Governor's signature.

- Find Out the Committee Referral for a Bill
 - One of the best times for a citizen to provide input regarding a particular bill is when a bill is being heard by a committee.
 - Find out the Senate or House bill number and which committees received the bill referral, and which Senators/Representatives sit on the committees.
 - Contact the committee members. Also, calling the office of the committee chair may be particularly helpful.
 - For budget items, it is helpful to contact legislators throughout session, as final budget details don't emerge until the last days of session.

- How Do You Follow a Bill's History?
To follow a bill's history and committee actions, access the [Bill Action and Status Inquiry System \(BASIS\)](#) on the state's website at www.legis.state.ak.us/basis/start.asp.

NEW BUSINESS

Planning & Zoning Case No. 2004-111 and Mount Baldy Access

Case No. 2004-111 is a request by Robert and Paula Caywood of Eagle River to rezone approximately 40 acres from PLI (Public Lands and Institutions) to R-10 (Residential Alpine Slope). The property is located on Golden Eagle Drive in the Eagle River Valley Community Council area. The case is scheduled to go before the Assembly on Tuesday, March 1, 2005.

Various aspects were discussed including:

- Parks Manager John Rodda stated that the rezone threatens the long-used, but unofficial, public trailhead to Mount Baldy in Chugach State Park and would limit public access, hangliding activities, and parking.
- Bill Mendenahall, who lives adjacent to the property in question, stated that the rezone should be denied until an agreement for park access is worked out.
- Paula Caywood, property owner, stated she wants to build six houses on the site and is willing to give the Municipality and State access to the park via an easement or land trade. She does not want to delay her request for rezoning and added that the preliminary plat would have a note stating park access must be resolved before the plat can be finalized.
- The President stated that since the property is not in the Chugiak Council area, the Chugiak Council's opinion on the rezone request would not have much weight. Instead, he suggested the Chugiak Council urge the Municipality and State to quickly resolve the issue of Chugach State Park access with surrounding landowners.

A motion was made and seconded to urge park officials to resolve the issue of Mount Baldy access as well as determine a comprehensive, area-wide, parking and trailhead plan for the Chugach State Park. Motion was approved unanimously. The Secretary was requested to prepare and send the resolution to the State Legislature, State Parks officials (including Park Superintendent Jerry Lewanski), Municipal parks officials, and Anchorage Assembly.

Planning & Zoning Case No. S10851-3

Planning & Zoning Case No. S10851-3 is a request for a second time extension to complete required improvements north of Homestead Road, south of Mirror Lake and east of Monron Street. The case is scheduled to go before the Platting Board on Wednesday, March 2, 2005.

The case was reviewed and the Council took no position.

Planning & Zoning Case No. S11345-1

Planning & Zoning Case No. S11345-1 is a request to subdivide one lot into two lots north of Grasser Road and east of Maytag Street. The case is scheduled to go before the Platting Officer on Monday, March 14, 2005.

The case was reviewed and the Council took no position.

OLD BUSINESS

Chugiak Community Council Bylaws

Board Member Linda Kovac presented proposed changes to the Chugiak Community Council Bylaws which were discussed. Finalizing the changes was scheduled for next month.

Chugiak Website: www.chugiakcouncil.org

The President installed the website's welcome page. A meeting has been scheduled for Saturday, February 19, 10am at Bobby's Bakery in Peters Creek to discuss website content and responsibilities. Interested parties from Birchwood and Chugiak are invited.

Chugiak Community Council Banner

Super Signs (900 East 6th Ave., Anchorage, AK 99501, Phone: 277-4467, Fax: 277-2329, Email: supersigns@ak.net) made a banner for the Council and donated half of its cost. The grommeted banner measures 5ft x 9ft with large red lettering on a white background that says "Community Council Meeting Thur. 7 PM". Board Member Linda Kovac volunteered to display the banner out in front of the Chugiak Benefit Association Building once a month advertising Council meetings. The Secretary was asked to send a thank-you note to Super Signs.

Chugiak-Eagle River Comprehensive Plan Update

Meetings have not yet been scheduled.

OPEN FORUM

Voter Registration

Residents are reminded that the last day to register for voting in the April 5th Municipal Election is March 6th.

Residential Real Property Tax Exemption

Residents are reminded that the last day to postmark applications for the municipal residential real property tax exemption is March 15th.

Election of Assemblymember on April 5th Municipal Election

Jeff Johnson, candidate for Anchorage Assembly Section 2 Seat C, briefly introduced himself. The other candidate for this seat, incumbent Anna Fairclough, was not present.

Eagle River Nordic Ski Club Trails

Board Member Marty Parsons requested people to refrain from using snowmobiles, four-wheelers, or riding horses on groomed cross country ski trails in Edmonds Lake/Mirror Lake Park and Beach Lake Park. These activities cause a lot of damage to the trails so if you see people engaged in these activities on the trails, please ask them to stop.

AWWU Northern Communities Water and Sewer Improvements Meeting Announcement

AWWU reports that there is a problem with existing shallow wells that requires changes to plans for Chugiak High School sewer installation and water/sewer installation in the area bounded by the New and Old Glenn Hwys, South Birchwood Loop and Lower Fire Lake. Project issues will be discussed Wednesday, Feb. 23rd, 7-8:30 pm, at Chugiak High School.

MOA 2005 State Legislative Program Meeting Announcement

The Municipality is requesting monetary grants from the State Legislature for capital budget projects that comprise transportation, economic and community development, and parks and facilities. Chugiak/Eagle River will present its list of priority requests to the public on Thursday, Feb. 24th, 6:30 pm, in the municipal meeting room above Garcia's.

Knik Bridge Crossing Meeting Announcement

The Knik Arm Bridge and Toll Authority (KABATA) will present an overview and project status of the Knik Arm Crossing project on Saturday, Feb. 26th, 10am, at the Wasilla Legislative Information Office at 600 E. Railroad Ave.

Caralyn Cox

Caralyn Cox, age 14 and daughter of Board Member Charlie Cox, was in a serious sledding accident on Jan 14th. She is struggling toward recovery and undergoing treatment at the Mayo Clinic in Rochester, MN. People interested in making a donation to Caralyn's Medical Fund, can get information at www.avnut.com/Caralyn.html or call 688-1261.

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 9:23 PM.

NEXT MONTH

The next meeting will be Thursday, March 17, 2005, 7PM at the Chugiak Benefit Association, at which time the Council will finalize changes to the Council's bylaws.

BOARD INFORMATION

Expires	Name	Phone	Email	District	Seat
01/06	Merten Bangemann- Johnson, President	688-6575	mertenbj@chugiakcouncil.org	At Large	8
01/07	Dave Baldwin, Vice President	688-6158	dbaldwin@chugiakcouncil.org	At Large	7
01/07	Linda Kovac, Secretary- Treasurer	688-5356 phone 688-5456 fax	lkovac@chugiakcouncil.org	At Large - East Mirror Lake	3
01/06	Gale Armstrong	696-3543	armstron@mtaonline.net	Chugiak	6
01/06	John Arzie	688-6035	jarzie@chugiakcouncil.org	East Peters Creek	2
01/06	Charlie Cox	688-1261	coxfamily@gci.net	West Mirror Lake	4
01/07	Mick Fischback	688-6895	maflaf@hotmail.com	West Peters Creek	1
01/07	Marty Parsons	688-8020	mpar@alaska.net	Thunderbird	5

The Chugiak Community Council meets at 7PM on the third Thursday of the month at the Chugiak Benefit Association south building (18530 Old Glenn Hwy).