

TO: Federation of Community Councils

THRU: Merten Bangemann-Johnson
President

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

SUBJECT: Chugiak Community Council - Approved Minutes for Jan. 20, 2005 Meeting

CALL TO ORDER

The President called the meeting to order at 7:07 PM.

Roll Call

Present: Merten Bangemann-Johnson, President
David Baldwin, Vice President
Linda Kovac, Secretary and Treasurer
Gale Armstrong
John Arzie
Mick Fischback
Marty Parsons

Excused: Charlie Cox

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

A motion was made and seconded to accept the minutes from the November 18, 2004 meeting with minor corrections. Motion was approved unanimously.

REPORTS

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

- The new maintenance contract will go out to bid soon. It is estimated that summer maintenance will cost \$1M.
- The Road Board is in the process of finalizing the capital improvement program for 2005 which will include gravel upgrades/chip seal/strip paving to be done area by area (e.g. Mirror Lake and Oberg Rd.), ROW acquisition (including Fire Lake Dr.), pavement overlay and rehabilitation (Meadow Creek Dr.), as well as drainage improvements.
- Severe icing was the cause of vehicles going off the roads like Deer Park Dr. recently. The maintenance crew cannot keep up with gravel-spreading when rain ices up so fast.

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

- DEC is involved in the work to get a water supply to the new Beach Lake Park Chalet.
- Project scoping is in progress to replace the restrooms and add gravel to the parking lot at Edmonds Lake/Mirror Lake Park.

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 reported there is a Jan. 21 work session planned to come up with the FCC operating plan as well as minimum requirements to be adopted by all 37 community councils. Once completed, the Assembly has agreed to fund the FCC for \$108,000.

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

- There was \$1,828.31 in the savings account that included a \$14.00 donation from members attending the Nov. 18th meeting and a \$300.00 donation from the Tonjess Homeowners Association.
- The President donated \$11.00 for a P.O. Box restart fee.
- The Chugiak Community Council Year-End Financial Report for 2004 was presented. A motion was made and seconded to accept the report. 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 debated. Once a few issues are settled, well drillers and other interested parties will be invited to a well code review meeting.
- A new septic system was approved for testing within the MOA. The system utilizes a Zabel biofilter and open cell foam media.

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

- On January 11th, the Council was faxed a copy of ADOT's response to the Council's 9/04 recommendations regarding the Old Glenn Project. ADOT's response was dated October 22, 2004, written by Mike Barton (DOT Commissioner), addressed to Congressman Don Young, and copied to Gordon Keith (DOT Director, Central Region). The letter stated that the Council's comments were forwarded to the project manager and would be individually addressed. It also stated that ADOT has been listening to community concerns and continues to offer design alternatives to minimize project impacts to affected individuals while maintaining necessary design elements and conformance with funding requirements. Copies of the letter were distributed.
- Assemblymember Debbie Ossiander investigated project options and reported via email:
 - On Nov. 19th, Ossiander met with Engel Goodnight/Staff, Mike Gatti/Assembly Attorney, Carl Nelson/ADOT, Sandra Cook/ADOT, Dave Heier, the head of ADOT ROW, and Lance Wilbur/MOA Traffic to discuss the Old Glenn. ADOT committed to work on encroachment problems prior to construction on a limited individual basis but won't grant encroachment permits prior to construction. ADOT will supply Ossiander with information as to why some Old Glenn ROW was previously vacated. ADOT will also supply a clearing estimate if the design featured an extended shoulder pathway instead of a separated path. Ossiander is concerned that the utility work might extend beyond the blue dotted cut-and-fill lines on the maps.
 - On Nov. 22nd, Ossiander met with Lance Wilbur/MOA Traffic and determined there would be no significant difference to road ROW by changing the road classification from arterial to collector. Wilbur suggested some contacts for discussions on utility location and thought the footprint might be narrowed if the path was closer to the road in places. The MOA wants a separated path; but, there are precedents for paths coming on to road shoulders in limited areas, e.g., Eagle River Rd.
 - Ossiander suggested other areas that might merit more effort: working for vacation of ROW beyond 150 feet, trying to obtain encroachment permits prior to construction, and, to a lesser degree, exploring the historical aspect of the road.
- Resident Trig Bjorklund (688-7549) was able to reduce the Old Glenn ROW in front of his home thanks to old homesteading dates. Interested parties may contact him.
- CRW has updated their website for the Old Glenn Project: www.oldglennhighway.com with section maps showing ROW, cut-and-fill lines, etc.

Title 21 Update Committee (Municipal Land Use and Zoning Code Rewrite)

Comments are being finalized on Module 3 and will be emailed to MOA Planning on Jan. 21st (comments by Dave DeCaprio, Ted Kinney, Linda Kovac, and Glen Pomeroy).

Large Animal Ordinance Committee – Dave Baldwin (688-6158). The ordinance is in review mode after much testimony from residents of Chugiak, Birchwood and South Anchorage.

PRESENTATIONS

Anchorage Police Department

Sergeant Cindi Stanton (Phone: 786-2668, Email: cstanton@ci.anchorage.ak.us) introduced herself as the new Community Council Liaison. The function of her job is to attend community council meetings to discuss police issues first-hand with residents. The position lasts one year and covers the whole MOA. Work hours are Mon-Thu, noon to 10pm, but she will be attending various community council meetings starting around 6 pm. Sergeant Stanton presented a report showing a total of 873 police reports filed for the Chugiak Community Council area for 2004 (attached).

Police Chief Walt Monegan (Phone: 786-8590, Email: PoliceChief@ci.anchorage.ak.us) discussed several APD issues including:

- **MOA Officer Shortage** - Recruitment and training is on-going to reduce the 93 officer shortage within the MOA. Detectives have an impossible work load (17 detectives; 17,000 property theft crimes per year; 1,000 theft cases per officer per year).
- **Assigned Officers** - At any one time, there are 22 officers assigned to cover the entire MOA. Of these 22 officers, there are 3 officers assigned to cover the entire Chugiak/Eagle River area (the second largest "city" in Alaska). In addition to the 3 Chugiak/Eagle River officers, there are 2 detectives and 2 Chugiak High School officers. Occasionally, there is a traffic officer out here too. Chief Monegan stated that this level of coverage is appropriate given APD's available resources and the fact that Chugiak/Eagle River accounts for about 10% of the overall crime within the MOA.
- **APD Station Location** - If the Eagle River City Center becomes a reality, APD will move its station from the Eagle River Fire Station to the Valley River Center.
- **Burglary** - Be aware of burglars who might knock on your door and ask for someone who does not live there. If no one answers, the burglars may go to the back yard, force entry, steal pawnable goods, and then out again in about three minutes. It is advised to etch your goods with identification and keep a record of all serial numbers.
- **Neighborhood Watch** - If you are interested in forming a neighborhood watch, call 786-8585 for more information.
- **Home Cars** - Officers are allowed to use marked police cars at home which deters crime, allows officers to respond to local calls when off-duty, and also lengthens the life of the vehicles due to better care.
- **911 System** - The 911 system now has accurate addresses for Chugiak/Eagle River thanks to volunteer work. Currently, it costs a 911 caller \$0.50 per cell phone call but this rate cannot cover system maintenance costs. APD wants to raise the rates to a maximum of \$2.00 per cell phone call. The Assembly would have to approve the rate increase and then the rate increase would be implemented over a period of years.
- **Wish List** - APD is anticipating some system improvements: locating lost or stranded parties via GPS triangulation off cell phone towers; installing computers in police cars to do dispatching and reporting from the car.
- **Emergency Preparedness** - There is an effort to create an emergency system and procedures for Chugiak/Eagle River. Chief Monegan strongly recommends that individuals be prepared and to have a **family plan**. In the event of a major earthquake, Eagle River would be an "island" until all bridges could be inspected and deemed safe.
- **Speeding** - Ever since our local roads were RAP'd, there are more speeders. However, most of the speed limit enforcement is being done on the New Glenn by off-duty officers who live in Chugiak/Eagle River and drive to and from Anchorage.
- **Accident Reporting** - If you are involved in an accident and you want to state what happened but the attending officer does not want to take a statement from you, complain to the officer's sergeant and on up through the chain of command as needed.
- **Military Liaison** - APD responds to domestic disturbances, shop-lifting calls, etc. on base but does not patrol the bases.
- **Volunteers** - APD is recruiting seniors from the Chugiak Senior Center to help out.

Anchorage Assembly Issues

Engel Goodnight, Assemblymember Debbie Ossiander's representative, summarized current Chugiak-related Assembly issues. They included:

- **FCC ordinance** – A work session is planned to determine a way to fund the FCC.
- **Yosemite Dr.** – An upgrade is needed for Eagle River High School traffic.
- **Fire Lake Dam** - Reconstruction and maintenance responsibility will be MOA's, not CBERRRSA's.
- **Chugiak High School AWWU Sewer Line** – A new funding issue has emerged.
- **Mt. Baldy** – Public access is in jeopardy due to existing private property rights.

Assemblymember Anna Fairclough reiterated some issues that Goodnight brought up. In addition, Fairclough discussed:

- **ADOT gravel extraction from the NW 1/4 of Sec. 25 in Birchwood** - There is less gravel than previously thought (12 ft overburden, 3 ft non-gravel, and 8 ft gravel estimated at 700,000 cu ft of gravel). Gravel might be transported by truck via Powder Ridge (Eklutna Park Road). If gravel is transported by train to the Anchorage Port development there would not be much gravel left for local ADOT road projects.
- **Development Authority** - The Assembly recently authorized the creation of a Development Authority to handle land and building purchases on behalf of the MOA.
- **Property Valuation** – Property valuation is calculated by a computer program that uses square footage, recent neighborhood sales data, and inspection data (MOA is way behind in inspections). If you have questions regarding your assessed property value, contact the Property Appraisal Division during the first 30 days after assessment notices are mailed so the MOA can review and adjust values. Property owners can often settle disagreements over the counter without the need or expense of filing a formal appeal.
- **Residential Real Property Tax Exemption** - The Assembly recently approved Assembly Ordinance No. 2004-167, providing for an owner-occupied residential real property tax exemption effective in tax year 2005.

***Secretary Note:** The exemption would exempt 10% up to \$20,000 of the taxable value of an owner-occupied home. The owner of a \$100,000 home, for example, would pay taxes on \$90,000 of the value (10% reduction). If a home is assessed at \$250,000, the owner would pay taxes on \$230,000 (\$20,000 maximum reduction). The tax exemption must first be ratified by municipal voters. The MOA is accepting applications now to facilitate administration of the exemption for tax year 2005, in the event the ordinance is ratified by voters in the April 5, 2005 election. Applications must be postmarked on or before March 15, 2005.*

Planning & Zoning Case No. 2005-001

A planned presentation by Lounsbury & Associates, Inc. regarding Planning & Zoning Case No. 2005-001 was cancelled by Lounsbury.

Case No. 2005-001 is a request to rezone approximately 10 acres from R-10SL (Residential/Alpine Slope with special limitations) to I-1 (Light Industrial). This would allow construction of a water bottling facility to be located adjacent to the Eklutna Water Treatment Site on Eklutna Lake Road in the Eklutna Valley Community Council. The case has been rescheduled to go before the Planning & Zoning Commission on March 7, 2005.

The case was discussed at the November 18, 2004 Meeting and the Council voted unanimously to oppose the rezone. Since no new information regarding the case has been brought forth by Lounsbury, it was decided to go ahead and send the Council's letter to the Planning & Zoning Commission recommending that the request for rezoning be denied for reasons stated previously.

NEW BUSINESS

Chugiak Community Council Elections

The following four community volunteers were nominated and seconded to serve on the Chugiak Community Council Board as District Representatives for two year terms:

<u>Name</u>	<u>District Representative</u>	<u>Seat</u>
David Baldwin	At Large	7
Mick Fischback	West Peters Creek	1
Linda Kovac	At Large - East Mirror Lake	3
Marty Parsons	Thunderbird/Eklutna	5

There being no further nominations, a vote was conducted by all members unanimously electing the District Representatives to the Board.

The following two District Representatives were nominated and seconded to serve on the Chugiak Community Council Board as Officers for two year terms:

<u>Name</u>	<u>Office</u>
David Baldwin	Vice President
Linda Kovac	Secretary/Treasurer

There being no further nominations, a vote was conducted by all members unanimously electing the Officers to the Board.

Chugiak Community Council Bylaws

Board Member Linda Kovac presented proposed changes to the Chugiak Community Council Bylaws. There was some initial discussion on the proposed changes. Further discussion was postponed until next month.

OLD BUSINESS

Chugiak Website: www.chugiakcouncil.org

The President is still looking for volunteers to set up the website. Interested parties are asked to contact the President.

Chugiak-Eagle River Comprehensive Plan Update

Meetings have not yet been scheduled.

OPEN FORUM

Caralyn Cox, age 14 and daughter of Board Member Charlie Cox and his wife, Rene, was in a serious sledding accident on Friday evening, Jan 14th. She was taken to Alaska Regional Hospital.

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 10:01 PM.

NEXT MONTH

The next meeting will be Thursday, February 17, 2005, 7PM at the Chugiak Benefit Association, at which time the Council will review 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

Note: Chugiakcouncil.org email accounts are still in the process of being setup.

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).

Police Reports Filed
Chugiak Community Council Area
2004

Nature of Call	January	February	March	April	May	June	July	August	September	October	November	December	Grand Total
ALL OTHER OFFENSES	6	5	4	3	7	4	6						48
ANIMAL CALL	1						1						2
ARSON				1		1							2
ASSAULT	8	5	4	2	1	1	3	2	1	3	1	2	36
BURGLARY	9		5	1	1	5	5	9	2	5	2	2	45
CHILD ABUSE/NEGLECT													1
DISORDERLY CONDUCT		1			1	1	1		1				4
DISTURBANCE	1	3	1	2	5	1	1		1	3	3		20
DOMESTIC VIOLENCE	1	3	1					1		2	2	3	13
DRUGS	2	1	1	4	3			1		1	1		15
DUI	1	3	3	3	2	8	4	4	3	4	3	6	44
FALSE ALARM	4	2	3	3	6	9	8	12	7	6	4	5	69
FRAUD/FORGERY		1	3	1			2	3	3	1	1	3	18
JUVENILE PROBLEM	2	2	2	4	2	3	5	3	4	3	1	2	33
LIQUOR VIOLATION	1			1		1	1		1	2			7
LOST/FOUND PROPERTY		1	1	1	1	3	3	3	3		2	1	18
MISSING PERSON					1								1
NON-CRIMINAL DEATH	1		1				2		2				2
PUBLIC ASSIST						2	1				2		8
ROBBERY													4
SEX ASSAULT	1	1		1	1	1				1			2
SEX OFFENSE													3
SUSPICIOUS CIRCUMSTANCE	1	1	1	3	2	2	2		5	5	1	2	5
THEFT	5	2	6	3	9	11	7	14	11	15	4	2	22
TRAFFIC ACCIDENT	23	28	30	9	12	10	4	5	11	22	29	14	89
TRAFFIC VIOLATION/INCIDENT	9	6	14	11	14	12	8	12	9	7	3	3	197
VANDALISM	5	2	1	4	3	1	2	3	9	7	3	1	108
VEHICLE THEFT		2		1	1	2	2	3	9	7			38
VIOLATION CITY/STATE REGS			2	1	1	1	2	3	2		1		11
WEAPONS OFFENSE		1		1		1					1	1	5
Grand Total	81	70	83	58	73	74	68	74	87	89	63	53	873