

Eagle River Valley Community Council (ERVCC)

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Regular Meeting Minutes from October 8, 2003

Called to order by President Sarah Wright at 7:10pm.

Guest Speakers:

Susan Feshetti discussed the Governor's budget outreach program. Governor Murkowski thinking differently. \$400 million draw on Constitutional Budget Reserve account. Projected to last 5 years. Governor Murkowski budget two fold, reduce spending and encourage resource development. Bristol Bay development encouraging, Governor meeting with Native Corporations to discuss details. 13 wells being drilled. Road development plan considered. Building 5 miles of road can link two villages reducing need for duplicate services. Governor pro-education. He is encouraging Alaska hire with a 90%/10% goal. International trade is up...market for Alaska fish in Asia. Governor's TV show will air next October 10, topic Education. PFD direct deposited today. Are looking into changing Permanent Fund to a % of market value distribution to save PFD from market volatility.

-Scott Bailey commented there should be a move to centralize computer system. AK will lose \$100 million if educational systems won't certify, -gas line office closed 2 years ago; staff lacks funding & expertise. Everything hinges on Federal Energy Bill.

-Sarah Wright questioned RS2477 and why Crow Pass is on this list. ERVCC would not support Crow Pass being paved. It is a National Historic Trail.

Therese Stokes Project Engineer for ADOT working on the Eagle River Loop Road rehab Project. Eagle River Loop Road is the western border for the ERVCC. Reconstruction planned from Eagle River Road to Old Glenn Highway. Plan includes continuous center turn lane, Path on East/North side and sidewalk on West to Tedrow. Preliminary design study included the widest the road could become for environmental impact statement preparation. Are entering final design phase: objectives = ROW, utilities and maximum footprint with minimum impacts. The project cross section has been reduced due to neighborhood input.

-Comments: Fix Crest curve @ Meadow Creek. Minimize private property impacts. We do/don't want pathway/sidewalk. Less lighting. We never hear anything about the project. 300 people signed petition to stop project until needs of those affected are assessed. Steep pathway grade dangerous.

Project being designed with 20-year life in mind. The road improvement is divided into 3 segments, 2 urban and one rural. First segment Urban is 2nd street to Tedrow and will have a 6' sidewalk on west side, buffer of concrete (shoulder), 12' driving lane, 14' center continuous turn lane, 12' driving lane, 2' shoulder, 5' grass area, 8' continuous pathway. Only ROW impact is church @ Sunbeam. Serves bikers, pedestrian's and vehicles. Segment 2 is Rural from Tedrow to Spring Brook. No sidewalk on south side, no curb/gutter 12' driving lane, 14' center lane, 12' driving lane 5' grass buffer RAP pathway trail, Urban segment same as first with pathway on south true sidewalk 8' wide.

-Project 26' narrower than prelim design. No impact on adjacent businesses.

-ROW phase looks at utility placement – most will remain in current location. Definitive plans by April 04.

-AMATS looking at illuminating full length, illuminating curb and gutter sections/ urban segments

Dave Shea questioned need for continuous lighting.

-Rural section must have 6' shoulders = law.

-Concerns: Privacy Fencing: because project not adding a lane of traffic ER Loop Rd not eligible.

Therese Stokes will return April 04 for further update.

The May annual meeting minutes and the September regular meeting minutes were approved without change.

Committee Reports

FCC: Tom Freeman reported councils considering surveying residents. Spenard testing idea with eye on cost. Fred Meyer left turn arrow will be in by winter. Discussed speeding on Driftwood Bay Drive. Fire Lake Community Council organizational meeting planned.

CBERRRSA: Lee Cline reported Mayor Begich has asked for a 17% cut in budget. Lee anticipates no change in service or snow removal. Paving projects will suffer. Potholes will be fixed. Still no snow hauling capability or plans. Ditches will be maintained. ER Lane encroachment (homeowners filling in swale) not resolved. ER does not gate driveways. Plowing done by high-speed pick up trucks pushing snow off road. Graters go back and push snow further off road after initial plowing has been complete.

Parks and Rec: Scott Bailey reported budget drop of 13%. Considering raising Beach Lake trails user fee to \$50.00 for adults/\$25.00 for kids.

Education: Therese Voehl reported groundbreaking for ERHS last August. 800 student capacity, will open with ~ 600 students. No Child Left Behind impact minimal in Eagle River. In light of accident on Lake Otis near Hanshew, parents were reminded to tell kids NOT to cross Eagle River Road but take either the bus or bridge across.

Wildfire Hazard Mitigation: Susan Browne reported that there would be a public information fair at Dimond Mall on Saturday. Muni has started burning slash piles. Bears in area: store trash INDOORS! Emergency property locator signs can still be obtained by calling at 688-3755 or faxing 688-3777. To verify your address is correct with the 911 system call 565-6789. Homeland Security office: 565-8600.

P&Z: Fred Ripp reported McKinley subdivision at MP 6.7 looking for utility easement. RJ made a motion to deny short plat S1170-1 in New Unity Park Sub. Arlene seconded. Objective is to subdivide tract B and use easement from Tract A. *The ERVCC is opposed.*

Old Business

Eagle River Rd volunteer fire department update: RJ sent Assemblyman Kendall F.D. survey twice-no action taken by Mr. Kendall. Map of MP6-MP12 lots and ownership= 540 residences.

Adjourned @ 9:30

Respectfully submitted;
Dean Eisberg / Sarah Wright