

**South Fork Community Council
January 5, 2006 Monthly Meeting Minutes**

Call to Order

Meeting called to order by Bob Gill at 7:06 PM

Introductions

Bob Gill chaired meeting. Officers and all present were introduced.

Minutes

December minutes approved and seconded.

For the Record

Officers and Committee Members

Present	Position	Name	Phone	E-Mail address
*****	President	Bob Gill	694-2913	spullen@mtaonline.net
*****	1 st Vice President	Mike Adams	622-1222	mpladams@aol.com
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*****	Parks & Rec alternate	Adrienne Lindholm	694-2102	threebowls@hotmail.com
*****	Road Board	Roger Van Ornum	694-5413	
	Road Board Alternate	Jeff Johnson	694-4012	browndog@alaska.net
*****	Chamber of Commerce	Bob Gill	694-2913	spullen@mtaonline.net

Committee Reports

Parks and Rec: (report given by Andrew Brewer)

Andrew reports Parks and Rec will evaluate a fee schedule for using area facilities. John Rodda can do an Eagle River/Chugiak fee schedule for the sports facilities and chalet.

Bob Gill asks if there is a cost relationship between rentals and use of the facilities.

Andrew reports there is a budget crunch issue and fees would be used to support the budget. The chalet is still having water problems.

Bob Gill reports he has sent a letter to the MOA advising them Adrienne Lindholm will be the SFCC Parks and Rec alternate.

Road Board: Roger reports he was unable to attend the last meeting. Roger reports a road board alternate will need to be available to attend meetings. Bob Gill will ask Jeff Johnson if he still wishes to remain as road board representative. The Assembly just confirmed Roger Van Ornum and Jeff Johnson as the SFCC road board representatives.

Parks and Rec: (continued) Andrew reports Joe Vicente and one of the high school coaches have been working to get a ski trail around the new Eagle River High School.

Parks and Rec wants to place a ski trail around Chugiak High School. Public lands are best to use per Andrew Brewer. There is a long tract along Eagle River Road (DOT land) to make a loop. Question to Joe Vicente from Bob Gill: how does Eagle Pointe feel about this plan? Joe reports Eagle Pointe is OK with the plan and willing to work with them.

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Chamber of Commerce: Bob Gill asked Anna Fairclough to give an update.

Ms. Fairclough reports the Assembly did vote to change the Long Term Transportation Plan and the transit system and walkways are still safe. City administration is asking to take the Dimond parking lot for the new convention center. Regarding Mt. Baldy, there is no clear access there. Ms. Fairclough reports the Eklutna Board of Directors just changed and there are private land owners along with MOA and the state of Alaska. She and Debbie Ossiander are working to get Mt. Baldy access.

Ms. Fairclough reported it requires a sworn police officer and costs \$395 to get an abandoned car off the road and then take them to the recycle center. This issue will be on the April ballot. Ms Fairclough reports the city could have another person, not a sworn officer, to tag along with the tow truck driver for abandoned cars.

Ms. Fairclough reports there is an amendment before the Assembly to require a 50% threshold for mayor. She says an instant runoff may be a solution to the problem.

There will be a proposal for a 3% sales tax on the April ballot. The sales tax would be a dollar for dollar reduction in property tax. There would be exemptions for food and pharmaceuticals. The sales tax would be proposed to start in 2007. There would be a sunset clause of around 5 years. Around \$ 20million dollars would come from summer tourists. The tax cap is not working at the present time per Ms. Fairclough. Any new homes built would be a negative drain for more services and schools, etc.

The land swap for Mt. Baldy will also be on the April ballot.

There will be a sign code coming up; for a reduction in signs. The Muldoon area wants a stronger sign code.

The ordinance about large animals: the administration wants to send it back to planning and zoning.

Ms. Fairclough reports Mayor Begich will be sending a letter to the community councils about Title 21.

The second draft of Title 21 will be available in two weeks.

There will be four seats available on the Planning and Zoning Board.

Fire Lake: (lake level) If the lake is drained too much, stumps may be exposed and make it dangerous for planes to land. The lake level is to be set and the weir level to be raised.

A private source will purchase the lot so this can happen. Roger Van Ornum asked if there are any plans to rebuild the road over the dam at Fire Lake. Anna Fairclough has not information about a road.

Ambulance rates: Debbie Ossiander and Anna Fairclough are to meet with the Chugiak Fire Department. They also plan to use the Girdwood Fire Department as a model. There are issues about who (the City or Chugiak Fire Department) owns the equipment.

Ms Fairclough reports the Eagle River Loop and Eagle River Road projects have been pushed back to 2008. The side walks will be taking up a lot of private property. The residents are on the side of the Assembly. Only a single side walk is wanted.

Hiland Road Committee: report by Mike Adams.

The Hiland Road improvements are high on the list and not funded. Improvements to be broken into smaller chunks so can be funded more easily.

The committee plans to 1. obtain contacts on AMATs and state DOT for advice, 2. get a list of prior Hiland Road improvements (these are a starting point for committee), 3. obtain maps of all bus stops (Andrew Brewer has already done this) and 4. look at ownership of Hiland Road (MOA and state of Alaska).

Per Adrienne Lindholm, Debbie Ossiander will be the AMATs contact. From long term transportation, Scott Thomas (DOT) and Dave Post to attend the meeting.

Mike Adams reports the committee will prioritize the sections which are the biggest safety issues and this will make it easier to work with.

Road Board: prioritization and funding come from the Road Board.

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The next steps of the committee: meet as a group and drive Hiland Road and meet to look at data. First meeting will be 1/13/06 @ 1700 at Mike Adam's home.

Recommendation from Anna Fairclough to contact Representative Mike Hawker since Hiland is a state road.

Mike Adams reports there is a right of way issue with Hiland Road. When the committee looks at projects, they will look at what is in the right of way and also call the head of AMATs.

Anna Fairclough recommends checking into STIP (state improvement plan) which is part of AMATs and part of the funding to go after.

CAC committee update: Mike Adams gave a report

The CAC met on November 15 th and once in December. The next meeting will be in mid-January.

Community Roundtable

Per Andrew Brewer, Alpenglow wanted to connect trail over to Hiland Road. \$95,000 has been allocated for the trail around the back side through the saddle.

The parking lot at the trailhead may become an issue with increased parking along the trail.

Recommendation of Andrew to contact Representative Mike Hawker.

Adrienne Lindholm has been appointed to the Chugach State Parks Board.

Ken Butters reports a contractor below Bernard Stewart got a red flag for operating without a permit.

There have been several break-ins (on Birdsong and Elkhorn) throughout the Valley. A contractor on Elkhorn Drive had supplies and tools stolen from his work site last month.

Motion to adjourn meeting at 2030

Respectfully submitted

Sara Pullen
Secretary, SFCC