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**EAGLE RIVER COMMUNITY COUNCIL**

**12001 Business Blvd. #123**

**EAGLE RIVER, ALASKA 99577**

**AGENDA**

**Thursday, February 13, 2020**

**12001 Business Blvd., Room 170 conference room**

*(Next to the Eagle River Library)*

**Call to order – 7 PM**

**Establish Quorum:** Executive Board Members present - Sharon Gibbons, Julie Ebben, Chuck Homan, Cliff Cook and Jamin Goecker

**Approval of Agenda**

**Membership Introductions**

**Reports**

- Meeting Minutes: January 9, 2020 minutes approved
- Treasurer Report: \$65 in account
- Parks & Rec: No report
- Road Board: No report
- Advisory Board: Camilla Hussein gave an update for the Advisory Board. The committee was held February 10, 2020, and it discussed replacing a Zamboni. Local bike club requested funds for assessment about the feasibility of expanding the current bike trail. There is discussion about assessments for creating a feasibility study for creating a storage site and the assessment for a dog park will be due by the end of February, 2020. There is no new news concerning the HLB Rambler property nor about the Carol Creek Property development.
- Federation of Community Councils: No report

**Guest Speakers**

**Assembly/Legislative Updates**

- **MOA Assembly update (Chrystal Kennedy)**

Kennedy gave an update on the Metropolitan Transportation Plan (MTP). Many of the concerns of residents about intersections have been addressed, such as the Highland Road intersection, the Glen Highway, and Artillery Road. Department of Transportation is delaying the process concerning Artillery Road until the community has had a discussion to discover what it wants now instead of what it wanted 20 years ago. The Anchorage Assembly is forming their comments to put into the MTP report. For more information, read the MTP report at [www.MTP2040.com](http://www.MTP2040.com).

The Municipality will be releasing a list of local trails that are designated as non-trapping areas.

ERHS students have created a resolution to the mayor to change the name of Yosemite Dr to Wolf Den Dr.

There was a meeting concerning the Eklutna River Restoration Plan. No progress has been made since removing the dam because there is not enough water flow to restore the fish population.

Kennedy was approached by a cannabis company called “Good Cannabis” from Fairbanks. The company has expressed interest in opening a marijuana shop in Eagle River. Kennedy gathered feedback from the community.

The Chamber of Commerce will host Congressman Don Young for lunch at Matanuska Brewing Company on February 19, 2020.

Kennedy updated the Community Council concerning an ordinance that passed the Assembly that allows the MOA to create a bond for specific roads. Though she initially sponsored it, she fears this will diminish the ability of the Eagle River Road Board to tax and control projects in the Eagle River/Chugiak area. She is attempting to amend the ordinance to include that the bond option can only be used if no other methods gathering funding exists.

- **Legislative update (Sen. Reinbold, Rep. Jackson, Rep. Merrick):** No report

### **Community Updates**

- ***Anchorage School Board update (Elisa Vakalis)***

#### *Budget Update*

The ASD School Board will have the first reading of the budget on February 18, 2020. The budget is projected to be \$875 million, \$10 million less than last fiscal year. They started with a \$20 million deficit and cut \$14 million outside of the classroom, but cuts had to be made within the classroom. Most of the in-classroom cuts were to the elementary students by restructuring the delivery of health classes and the Ignite program. There will be minor changes for middle school students and the high school students are losing one AP class and three security officers. Vakalis encouraged the community to voice their concerns.

#### *Bond Update*

There will be a new bond on the upcoming ballot for \$82.8 million, which will be a two-year bond. If this bond passes, ASD will not bond next year. Of the \$82.8 million, \$60 million will be used for the campuses in Chugiak/Eagle River.

Two seats are currently open for the ASD School Board.

- **Nicholas Bell, ASD Project Manager for Eagle River Elementary:** The Administration directed Bell to expand the scope of the project to not simply repair the facility, resulting in a higher estimate than the \$12 million than was initially expected. At the end of February, his project will begin the procurement process and in March it will be open to receiving bids. After the ASD School Board has approved the bid, it will release the contract by May 2020. It will be the lowest bid procurement process due to FEMA requirements. The project will be worked on throughout summer with the goal of opening in August 2021.

- **Eagle River Community Patrol update (Cliff Cook/John Rathert)**

Cliff Cook reported 170 miles driven and 20 driving hours. Mail theft has seen an uptick in Chugiak/Peters Creek, specifically for older style mailboxes. Cook encouraged residents to report suspicious activity to 311 and reserve 911 for emergencies.

- **Chugiak/Eagle River Library General Update (Nancy Clark):** No report

### **Old Business: NA**

**New Business:** No New business for ERCC.

### **Comments from Eagle River Community Council Membership/Guests**

- Lisa Landsdale, Principal of Eagle River Elementary, expressed gratitude to the community for their support during the closure of the school.

- On March 7<sup>th</sup>, EagleExit will have a fundraising dinner hosted at the Lions Club, 6-9 pm in which they will discuss the results from the feasibility study performed by Northern Economics.

- An attendee expressed concern about the Assembly and the School Board hosting forums for public input on the same day makes it challenging for the public to offer input. He also believes that the recent schools must be replace well and they should not be rushed.
- Two 2 new license requests received for Pizza Hut and Eagle River Alehouse. There was some confusion concerning the name change of Eagle River Alehouse to Matsu Brewing Company and why the entities have separate licenses.
- Lime Leaf has submitted an application for serving alcohol, council comments needed by Feb 25
- Odd Man Rush has submitted an application for an alcohol license, hearing date is Feb 24<sup>th</sup>

#### **Upcoming Events**

- • ***CBERRRSA Board of Supervisors*** monthly meeting:
- • ***Parks and Rec Board of Supervisors*** monthly meeting:
- • ***FCC meeting: Wednesday, February 19, 2020***

**Adjournment:** 8:35 pm

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#### **Important Dates (2019/2020)**

- **January 9th, 2020** o Monthly meeting Proposed By-law changes presented by the committee
- o Board of Directors Nominating Committee appointed
- o Selection of Officers by Board of Director
- **February 13th, 2020** o Monthly meeting
- **March 12th** o Monthly meeting - Presentation below:

DOWL, on behalf of Eklutna, is requesting to present the Tract 37 Conditional Use Permit Major Amendment for Natural Resource Extraction on Tract 37 at the Eagle River Community Council on March 12, 2020. Eklutna is requesting an amendment their approved conditional use permit to include natural resource extraction from two on site kettle ponds. Eklutna recently completed a determination process with the USACE for the kettle ponds, that found that the ponds were non-jurisdictional and would not require a wetland permit through the USACE. Due to the timing of original CUP and the length of time for a jurisdictional determination through the USACE, the kettle ponds were excluded from the original CUP request. LaQuita Chmielowski from DOWL will be presenting.

- • **April 9th, 2010** o Monthly meeting
- • **May 14th, 2010** o Monthly meeting
- • **June 11th, 2010** o Monthly meeting
- • **July 9th, 2010** o Monthly meeting