

Eagle River Valley Community Council Meeting Minutes

Wednesday, September 10, 2008

President Bill Holland opened the meeting at 7:05 p.m.

Approval of minutes: Minutes from May 2008 general membership meeting were distributed. Will Earnhart moved approval of minutes, Lisa Andersen second, unanimously approved.

Treasurer's Report: Sarah Wright absent, no report. Bill Holland asked for two volunteers to conduct annual audit of council funds.

INVITED GUESTS, SPECIAL PRESENTATIONS

Assemblyman Bill Starr spoke about Title 21 update activity, currently on Chapter 5. Bill encourages individuals to get involved in providing public input since this will affect what our community could look like in the future. Bill spoke briefly about urban bears, encouraged attendance at a symposium on bears, Sept. 25, Loussac Library. Bill mentioned he is pushing for an extension of fire service beyond mile 5.2 ER Road.

Connie Yoshimura Eagle Crossing Subdivision update: Developer Yoshimura acquired the property four years ago. Ms. Yoshimura reports Icefall and Mt. Vista have been developed (over 200 lots), while more than 300 lots have yet to be developed. The lot size varies from 10,000 to 4,500 square feet for single family homes, zero lot lines and condos. According to Ms. Yoshimura there are no rentals, low income or subsidized units. She reports that the 895 properties have two homeowner associations; Mt. Vista & Driftwood. When Ms. Yoshimura observed that Eagle River Lane to Ptarmigan Road is not complete, area residents mentioned their concerns: kids hanging around the cleared areas, trash dumping, lack of pathway for children walking to Ravenwood and especially the estimated traffic increase of 1,000 vehicles daily on ER Lane. According to Ms. Yoshimura, traffic is a concern that needs to go back to the Municipality, not the developer. However, she did indicate she 'will be cooperative' in working with our road board since ER Lane will be engineered by 2009.

Sue Rodman Eagle River Fire Mitigation Project: Currently division of forestry wildland fire fighter crews are working to create a 'shaded fuel break' 150 feet from houses to the river along Mt. Point Circle to Riverside Drive. This involves cutting down trees and burning on site. Due to large stands of dead black spruce along the river, mitigation has been done at mile 10 and 7.4 Eagle River Road. Ms. Rodman reminded residents of the May 20th fire along Eagle River that used a helicopter to drop fire retardant and currently the 2009 budget does not feature any helicopter fire suppression funding. The annual AFD wildfire report is available on the web, go to community council website for link.

Wal-Mart Liquor license update: President Bill Holland attended Assembly meeting Tuesday, Sept. 9 and requested the assembly postpone action until after ERVCC meets Oct. 8. Public comments will be accepted until the end of September.

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OLD BUSINESS

CIP list distributed, Bill Starr outlined the budgeting priority process. **Motion** by Bill Starr to move to the top of the CIP list design standards for Eagle River Lane from Ptarmigan to Eagle River Road, Doug Maxfield second. Motion approved with 10 in favor, 4 opposed. **Motion** by Therese Voehl to approve amended CIP list, Will Earnhart second. Unanimously approved.

NEW BUSINESS

Appoint Representatives/Alternates to Chugiak-Eagle River Consortium (6:30 pm first Wed), Parks & Rec (7 pm second Monday), and Road Board (fourth Monday). Bill Holland asked for alternates so that ERVCC will always be represented and receive information back.

Updating Trail connecting ER Loop Road with Artillery Rd.: No action taken, council members choose to defer to Eagle River Community Council for action.

Ordinance Amending Title 21 for Wind Energy Conversion Systems (WECS): Bill Holland read proposed action to council members who chose not to take action. Bill will email members information so that they can respond individually.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

CBERRRSA (Road Board): Arlene Voehl absent. Minutes from last road board meeting were available for review. Bill Starr observed that during the next month thaw wire will be installed in the drainage system for Eagle River High School.

Education: Linda Kelly reported enrollment is slightly higher than anticipated. Alpenglow elementary principal, Toymil reported that the school has developed a military outreach program (51% Alpenglow students from military families). Ravenwood Elementary principal Audrey Chapman expressed her concern about increased traffic on Eagle River Lane since more than 100 students live on the other side of the street. Linda reported that both area high schools now have artificial turf installed.

Emergency Preparedness, Fire and Safety: Representative Lisa Andersen reports that two APD detectives did not respond to her request for information. AFD Capt. Carl indicated fire danger is low and detailed wildfire mitigation efforts along Driftwood Bay Road. The new radio system that links all emergency responders is now in place.

Federation of Community Councils: Tom Freeman absent. Bill Holland observed that FCC manager Mark Butler has successfully moved the FCC office Fireweed Road (former home of United Way). Council members can expect electronic notification of meetings (including distribution of minutes).

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Parks & Recreation: Sarah Wright absent. John Rodda reported that Planning and Zoning has rejected the application for natural resources extraction by the State of Alaska from the NW corner of section 25. This means that the assembly ordinance for dedication of parkland and SOA agreement for gravel removal is null & void. That means the Beach Lake Master Plan is on hold until section 25 resolved.

On a more positive note John reported on the expansion of trails at Eagle River High School: 4,000 lineal feet needs to be compacted, otherwise the trail is ready for use (this includes 2,800 feet of new trails cut in around the school). Next phase is the 'other side' of Yosemite Drive (opposite the high school which involved permits, going to Eagle Pointe along the sewer line.

Mt. Baldy access work continues with the replat/rezone plan submitted in April.

Town Center building currently undergoing rehab construction.

Zoning & Platting, Land Use: Position vacant, no report. Volunteers encouraged.

Due to time limitations, community member Jane Hewko and Wal-Mart manager Austin Zimiga were invited to speak to individual after the close of meeting.

Therese Voehl moved to adjourn the meeting 9:15 pm, Shaun Peterson second. Unanimously approved, meeting formally adjourned.

Minutes submitted by Therese Voehl.