

**Basher Community Council Meeting Minutes**  
**April 8, 2010**  
**Baxter Elementary School, 7:00 pm**

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Meeting was called to order by President Dirk Sisson at 7:06 pm

A motion to approve the minutes of February 4, 2010 was made and seconded. Minutes were approved unanimously without changes.

Dirk Sisson introduced the resolution developed by the Access Subcommittee outlining the community response to the Chugach State Park Draft Access Plan. The subcommittee held two meetings and exchanged several emails in the course of developing the resolution. Anne Gabler was not able to attend the 2<sup>nd</sup> subcommittee meeting, and thus, comments from her neighborhood (Teri Circle and Atelier) regarding the H6 parking lot are included as a proposed amendment to the original resolution. Comments on the plan are due May 3, 2010. Dirk explained the resolution line by line including the proposed amendment for H6.

Dirk suggested that we move to adopt the resolution with the Teri Circle amendment. The motion to adopt was seconded and the resolution was opened for discussion.

A discussion ensued on “(9) a. Uses” regarding off leash dog regulations within CSP. Bruce Talbot clarified the rule: dogs are allowed off-leash 100ft from the trailhead in the park. Anne Gabler suggested keeping the “off-leash” language in the resolution.

Robin Harter stated that it appears that the access subcommittee’s goal was to take parking out of Midden/Middlerock area and add parking to the ends of the neighborhood.

Dirk responded that the intent of the resolution was to clarify the original platting and the neighborhood covenants preventing homeowners from granting easements. Tulugak was platted a long time ago without parking, and the subcommittee was merely trying to clarify this historical condition. There was no parking identified in the preliminary plat for the proposed “End of the Road Subdivision.” The trail easement at Tulugak Circle was a requirement of the plat.

Teri Mader continued to explain the historical conditions regarding various access points: the easement at H4 was because of plat, H5 was simply a lot owner granting permission for people to cross his lot to access the park; there is no historical basis for the easement at H5 listed in the Draft Access Plan. H1a—historic parking lot, H2a—proposed as part of the plat, and the subcommittee recommended eliminating the access point at H3.

Robin Harter raised the question of whether or not the access committee was biased toward protecting Midden/Middlerock residents from additional access, while pushing for more access at the extremities of Stuckagain. John Mitchell suggested that access committee members or meeting attendees state where they reside. Barb Hood responded that volunteers were taken at the last BCC meeting to fill the subcommittee and that the membership was balanced across the Stuckagain neighborhood. The following residents volunteered to serve on the access subcommittee: Barb Hood, Anne Gabler, Rick Kullberg, John Mitchell, Dave Keddington, Bruce Talbot, and Matt Moore. Meetings were open and held at Dirk Sisson’s house, with Dirk presiding.

Attendance at the February 25, 2010 access committee meeting:

Midden/Middlerock: Matt Moore, Dave Keddington, Barb Hood, Rick Kullberg, Bjartmar Sveinbjornsson

Teri Cir/Atelier: Anne Gabler

Kalmia/Shivalik: John Mitchell

Tuxedini area: Bruce Talbot

LRSA: Ted Trueblood

Attendance at the March 18, 2010 access committee meeting:

Midden/Middlerock: Matt Moore, Barb Hood, Rick Kullberg, John Beebee,

Kalmia/Shivalik: John Mitchell, Tina Boucher

Tuxedini area: Bruce Talbot

Judy Anderson stated that she has been living in Teri Circle for 20 years. The main road used to be a cul-de-sac, now there are 200 houses—residents have had to adapt to the increased traffic, but the most important issue going forward is safety.

Anne Gabler stated that the amendment regarding H6 is intended to make H6 the main trailhead and to keep traffic out of the neighborhood. If and when the Park improves it, we need to make sure it is done right.

Eric Maurer stated that he was happy to see the change from large to medium at H6, but questioned the need to increase the size. A 10-20 car lot is plenty, and there could be restrictions with the powerline easement. He would like to see better trail access from the Bivouac trailhead in Bicentennial up to CSP and would like to see more access for other uses, like bikes, along roadway.

Dirk responded that he will let Teri Circle folks address small vs. medium. The purpose is to keep H6 as the main access in order to divert traffic coming into the neighborhood.

Kris Mann questioned the phrase “road further into park” at H6. She suggested deleting the sentence. There is a hill further in that could prevent development. It would be possible to just widen the parking lot out a bit. She agrees that the current lot is a safety hazard.

Ted Trueblood stated that the general intention of the resolution is to tone it down and spread it out. The reality is that we are in the crosshairs and we can’t say no to everything.

Bruce Talbot commented regarding access from the Bivouac trailhead: the community council passed a resolution opposing the single track bike trail (project 24) that would have provided connectivity on the north side of Basher. The single track on the south side that would have connected to H6 was removed because of concerns over bear travel corridors. The changes were adopted in the 20-year Bicentennial plan, so it is disingenuous to now say there should be connecting trails.

Anne Gabler responded that the connection does not have to be a single track bike trail—an example of a connecting trail would be a bike trail along the road.

Chuck Borg asked if we need to vote separately on the Teri Circle amendment. The amendment makes sense and it is well-balanced.

A resident of Teri Circle commented that it would be more aesthetically pleasing to have the parking at H6 off the main road. Does the Park have design specifications?

Ted Trueblood responded that they have a design manual, and if they build in the future they will have to follow it.

Jon Mitchell stated that parking development on state land does not have to follow MOA standards. Once land is transferred to the state, they could just plow in a dirt road and parking like they did at H6.

Ted Trueblood stated that improvements have to follow the design standards, they have made messes in the past, and they can be held liable for issues stemming from poor design.

Chuck Borg motioned to accept the Teri Circle amendment as a friendly amendment, and ended discussion with a call to question on the resolution and amendment.

Resolution passed 42 in favor, 1 abstention.

Dirk thanked the subcommittee for their efforts. Two final announcements:

- 1) Campbell Tract update to 1988 plan—comments are due April 30, 2010. The plan will deal with trails, trail standards, parking area (Campbell Airstrip trailhead is on BLM land), airstrip widening, and an 80 ft AT&T tower.
- 2) Comments are due May 11, 2010 for the US Army Draft Environmental Impact Statement for Resumption of Year-Round firing Opportunities at Fort Richardson, Alaska. This has to do with noise impact. Dirk asked if anyone wanted to review the CD.

Ted Trueblood commented that he has been in communication with Mike Hawker regarding improving the section of road (mile .3 to .7). We are a priority for funding. Contact Mike Hawker to encourage him to include funds in the budget.

LRSA update: under Harry and Bob's management of the contract, we have adequate funds for summer improvements.

Meeting adjourned at 8:40 pm.

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Respectfully submitted,

Tina Boucher  
Secretary, BCC