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Bear Valley Community Council (BVCC)
Meeting Notes
BVCC Meeting – October 13, 2010
Compiled by Jackie Morrissey - Secretary

The council meeting was held in the Art room of Bear Valley Elementary School, 15001 Mountain Air Drive, and began at 7:00 pm. Fourteen members, including six council members, attended indicating a quorum of members present.

BVCC Chair Cheri Lipps opened the meeting and welcomed new members.

BVCC Updates

Assembly Liaison Member-at-Large – Sean Holland

No update.

A Hillside Area Land Owners (HALO) Association Update – Scott Pexton, Member-at-Large

Last month's HALO-sponsored candidates' forum, in which candidates field questions from the public, was well attended. HALO's focus in November will be funding options for projects in the Hillside District Plan.

Bear Valley Committees Update – Dan Stone, Bear Valley Committees Liaison

No updates due to Mr. Stone's absence.

BVCC Parks and Trails Committee Update – Laurie Holland

Ms Holland welcomed the new members, thanked them coming to the meeting and encouraged them to get involved in the community.

The Section 36 Master Plan goes before the Parks Commission on Thursday, October 21, at the Spenard Rec Center. The final approval of the master plan seems to be dragging on and may take citizen initiative to get the ball rolling like the Campbell Creek Estuary did.

The \$13,000 Challenge Grant for Storck Park must be spent by next fall. A dog poop bag station was donated and is already in place, so the remaining Challenge Grant projects are 1. Replacing the bollards with boulders, and 2. Replacing/Repairing the wind screen. The muni straightened the bollards and replaced the Plexiglas in the wind screen this summer, however, some of the bollards are beginning to tilt again due to the wet, unstable soils they're in. In reality, we may only be able to do one of these projects next summer, and grant money must be matched with funds or labor.



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Federation of Community Councils (FCC) Update – Laurie Holland

Ms. Holland has been busy as chair of the tours committee for the NUSA (Neighborhoods, USA) convention to be held in Anchorage next summer. She has toured Government Hill, Fairview and Mountain View neighborhoods in preparation for the convention.

Treasurer Update – Angie Pinsonneault

In response to a request sent out to the members, the membership dues, general donations and donations for Parks & Trails total is now \$740 bringing the current account balance to \$1,458.22.

Open Forum

Developer Joe Burnham's "improvements" to Paine Road resulted in a temporary Stop Work Order. Work has since resumed.

Mayor Sullivan plans to pull a fire engine from Station 10, leaving only a tanker/brush truck. Three men are required to man an engine whereas only one man is required for a tanker/brush truck, but APD policy mandates a minimum of two men to do anything, thus Station 10 will be unable to respond to calls. Station 10 may be the "quietest" station in Anchorage, but there is still only one way in and out of Bear Valley which is in the highest wildfire danger area. Our taxes are going up, our insurance may go up, and we will have less service. Chairwoman Lipps will try to schedule personnel from Station 10 for November's BVCC meeting. The council would like more information before writing a resolution in support of Station 10.

The Mountain Air Drive extension was discussed extensively – whether or not it will relieve a significant amount of the traffic burden from Goldenview Road, or whether or not it is a \$6.5 million "road to nowhere" (temporarily) that will ultimately uniquely serve the upscale Shangri-La subdivision. Representatives from USKH have attended more than one BVCC meeting throughout the development process and information is available online. Connectivity between Bear Valley and currently undeveloped subdivisions is planned, but implementation is years in the future.

Officer Elections

Seven members present met the BVCC Bylaws' requirements to be eligible to vote and to be considered for a board position. A comment was made about the same people being "in power" "over and over and over again," prompting a lively discussion about past and future efforts to get more of the 359 Bear Valley households involved. Ideas included walking the neighborhood and inviting people to BVCC meetings, having food at the meetings, changing the date and/or time of meetings, and revamping the BVCC newsletter to make it more enticing.

Chair: Cheri Lipps declined the nomination and Scott Pexton declined the nomination, and the seat remains unfilled. Current Chair, Cheri Lipps, offered to maintain the duties of the Chair until the position is filled, although she will be unable to attend BVCC meetings until February 2011.



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Vice Chair: Due to the extensive time required for the FCC NUSA Committee and the Parks & Trails Committee, Laurie Holland declined to run for the BVCC Vice Chair position again. Scott Pexton declined a nomination and the seat remains unfilled.

Secretary: The seat remains unfilled, but Jackie Morrissey will continue to serve until the position is filled.

Treasurer: Cheri Lipps nominated Angie Pinsonneault; Laurie Holland seconded, and the vote was unanimous in favor of Ms. Pinsonneault.

HALO Representative: Cheri Lipps nominated Scott Pexton and Sean Holland seconded. Mr Pexton accepted the nomination, and the vote was unanimous in favor of Mr. Pexton.

Assembly Liaison: Cheri Lipps nominated Sean Holland and Angie Pinsonneault seconded. Mr. Holland accepted the nomination, and the vote was unanimous in favor of Mr. Holland.

Committee Coordinator: The position remains unfilled.

Scott Pexton moved to adjourn the meeting at 8:56pm. Jackie Morrissey seconded.

The next Bear Valley Community Council meeting is scheduled for **November 10, 2010, at 7:00pm** in the Art Room at Bear Valley Elementary School. Please forward any meeting topic ideas to Cheri Lipps.

Please also consider renewing your membership with a donation of \$5 or more. All donations are tax deductible and we appreciate your financial support.

Meeting minutes, notes, agendas, and other BVCC topics of interest can be obtained by going to the BVCC web page at www.communitycouncils.org and selecting Bear Valley.