

Chugiak Community Council Meeting Minutes of 03/18/2010

TO: Federation of Community Councils

THRU: David Baldwin, President

FROM: Erin Dovichin, Secretary-Treasurer

SUBJECT: Chugiak Community Council APPROVED Minutes for March 18, 2010 Meeting

CALL TO ORDER

The President called the meeting to order at 7:02 pm.

Roll Call

Present:

David Baldwin, President
Gale Armstrong, Vice President
Erin Dovichin, Secretary-Treasurer
Linda Kovac
Meredith Mears
Karla Beller

Excused:

Tom Devine

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

A motion was made and seconded to accept the minutes from the 02/18/2010 meeting, with changes noted including clarification of excused members and clarification of reference to the Beach Lake plan in the open forum section. (1 Kovac, 2 Armstrong). Motion passed unanimously.

A motion was made and seconded to accept the minutes from the 01/21/2010 meeting. (1 Dovichin, 2 Mears). Motion passed unanimously.

Copies of Chugiak Community Council's meeting minutes and bylaws are available on the FCC's website at www.communitycouncils.org (Click on Chugiak).

PRESENTATIONS

A representative from Anchorage Tomorrow, a nonprofit that encourages the creation and maintenance of municipal facilities, gave a quick overview of three measures on the ballot in April: Prop 1 2010 Road and Drainage Bond Projects, Prop 4 Areawide Public Transportation

Capital Improvements and Prop 5 Sisterhood Park Land Exchange and encouraged support of these measures. Information is available at www.AnchorageTomorrow.org

Kovac asked what would happen if the state grants that are part of the funding strategy for these facilities does not come through as expected. Scott replied that he wasn't sure but would try to get an answer and email it to Linda.

NEW BUSINESS

Year-End Financial Report. The current balance is \$3070.80 with some additional interest. A motion was made and seconded to accept the report. (1 Kovac, 2 Armstrong). Motion passed unanimously.

REPORTS

CBERRRSA Road Board L. Kovac (688-5356). Kovac reported that a new roads maintenance contract is needed. APC inherited equipment from Anderson Brothers and new equipment is also needed. The new contract is stalled in purchasing department at MOA. The contract ends in April and there is concern about enough time for a bidding process on the new 3-year contract.

Baldwin raised the issue of gating around drives so that snow berms are not created in driveways. Kovac replied that she did raise this question, but the equipment is very expensive and so they will not invest in it. Instead, they will continue to use a small pick-up truck to do this work behind the main plow.

Eagle River-Chugiak Parks & Recreation Board G. Armstrong (696-3543), R. Burger/Alternate (688-3835). Armstrong reported:

- About 25 people turned out for the Beach Lake planning meeting. There will be a Board work session, another round of public comment, and then they'll make recommendations. They are getting close to a resolution.
- The Board appreciated the Chugiak Community Council resolution, and the direction of the new plan is in keeping with our resolution. No radical changes in the near term; some development around the lake such as picnic shelters; plan in the future for off-leash dog park
- A motion was made and seconded to approve the Beach Lake resolution passed as a committee of the whole at the previous meeting (1 Kovac, 2 Mears). The motion passed unanimously.
- A motion was made and seconded to approve the Girl Scouts Singing Hills facility resolution passed as a committee of the whole at the previous meeting (1 Armstrong, 2 Kovac). The motion passed unanimously.
- McDonald Rec Center expansion. The facility is 26-27 years old. There is demand for a second sheet of ice and an artificial turf/multi-purpose area. It looks like the multi-purpose area will be the priority, but this has not been decided yet.

Federation of Community Councils (FCC) D. Baldwin (688-0123) R. McCain/Alternate (229-6009). Baldwin reported:

- The homeless situation in Anchorage was the focus of the meeting. The average age of a homeless person is 9. A person needs to make \$18 an hour in Anchorage just to be able to afford minimal housing.
- RURAL Cap is looking at criteria for their facility for homeless inebriates. They have criteria such as distance from schools, parks, etc and there are very few places in the city that fit these criteria. Recommendations are not to pool homeless people in one location with the exception of inebriates. Best care for this group is located in one facility.
- FCC also talked about transit and a test run of device to allow city buses to change lights. The device could result in better traffic flow and significant savings in gasoline costs.

Treasurer's Report: E. Dovichin (688-2551) Dovichin reported there is \$3070.89 plus interest in the account. Kovac, Baldwin and Dovichin will meet at Wells Fargo next Friday to transfer the authorized signers from Kovac and Merten Johnson to Baldwin and Dovichin

Old Glenn Project Citizen Committee (ADOT&PF Project No. 52515) L. Kovac. No report.

Title 21 Rewrite Committee (Land Use & Zoning Code Rewrite) R. McCain (229-6009). No report.

Consortium of Chugiak-Eagle River Community Councils R. McCain (229-6009), M. Mears/Alternate (622-4077) No report.

On-Site Wastewater System Technical Review Board L. Kovac (688-5356) No report

OLD BUSINESS

- MTA provides free email for Chugiak Council Board. Kovac checked on who preferred to use a Chugiakcouncil.org address and who wished to use a different contact address.
- Beller reported that she is still working on a Facebook page for the council and should have it up shortly.
- Kovac noted our website is through the FCC and always subject to funding for the FCC.

OPEN FORUM

- A resident raised the issue of the deep ruts in the Glenn highway, how dangerous they are, and whether or not something could be done about it. **DISCUSSION:** This topic has come up for years. Many people think the surface material is poor and prone to rut every 3 years. This did not appear to happen with the old Glenn. The sections that have not been resurfaced yet are over two decades old and they did not rut like the Glenn. The Council should request a formal study of the surface materials, including cost and safety analysis. Dovichin will draft a letter or resolution for the consideration of the Council.
- Assemblywoman Debbie Ossiander reported on several issues:

- The assembly recommended the Knik crossing project be moved from the short term plan to the long term plan. The assembly's position is only advisory.
- The test project on the city buses for one year passed.
- The Title 21 residential design standards were adopted (available online); now they'll move on to commercial standards. Bike plan is coming next Tuesday
- Hillside District plan. On the issue of onsite systems vs. City water and sewer, there's a recommendation to draw a line between lower and upper hillside. AWWU is asking to be decertified above the line.
- DISCUSSION. There was a good deal of discussion around residential design standards for skinny houses and flat roofs, community septic and water systems and issues with AWWU (Ossiander encouraged people to pay close attention to the issues around community systems), IM testing, and potential changes in the Anchorage assembly as a result of the upcoming election. Baldwin thanked Ossiander for consistently taking the time to come to our meetings.

ADJOURNMENT

Baldwin motioned to adjourn and Kovac seconded. The meeting was adjourned at 8:35 pm.

NEXT MEETING

The next meeting will be Thursday, April 15, 2010, 7:00 pm at the Chugiak Benefit Association.