

TO: Federation of Community Councils

THRU: David Baldwin, President

FROM: Erin Dovichin, Secretary-Treasurer

SUBJECT: Chugiak Community Council Approved Minutes for February 18, 2010 Meeting

CALL TO ORDER COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE

Due to a lack of a quorum, the President called a Committee of the Whole to order.

Roll Call

Present:

David Baldwin, President
Gale Armstrong, Vice President
Erin Dovichin, Secretary-Treasurer
Randy McCain
Karla Beller

Excused:

Linda Kovac
Tom Devine
Meredith Mears

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Approving minutes from the 01/21/10 meetings was tabled to the next meeting.

PRESENTATIONS

Jennifer Howell Gallant of the Girl Scouts of Alaska presented on their plans to rebuild and expand the facilities at their Singing Hills property on Edmonds Lake.

- Singing Hills is on the northeast corner of Edmonds Lake, adjacent to Camp Carlquist
- The structure on the lake was burned down in an arson fire last July
- The Girl Scouts of Alaska (GSA) would like to rebuild and expand the facilities on the property to provide overnight accommodations.
- The property provides a safe outdoor wild experience for Girl Scout troops in the area, particularly military troop leaders who may not be ready for hardcore Alaska wilderness camping experiences
- GSA is currently working on a master plan for the property and would like the community to benefit as well. They are seeking input from the community on the facility – perhaps it could be available for community non-profit use as well.

- GSA has submitted a request to the legislature for \$520,000 to rebuild and expand the facility. They currently have \$50,000 in hand. GSA would like the Chugiak Community Council to consider a resolution in support of the facility and its capital request to the legislature.
- GSA is considering the relationship of their property to the Chugach access plan.
- Jennifer can be contacted at

There was discussion regarding the use of the facility, development of a master plan, development of a plan for sustaining funding over the long-term for maintenance, insurance etc. A draft resolution was reviewed and a motion was made and seconded to pass the draft resolution in support of the concept of the facility and funding, with an amendment to note the importance of developing a plan for long-term funding for maintenance. Motion passed unanimously.

REPORTS

CBERRRSA Road Board L. Kovac (688-5356), C. Hudson/Alternate (696-1037). No report.

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

- Not receiving a lot of input from Chugiak residents and would like to get more.
- Beach Lake master plan update is the main issue at the moment. They postponed their meeting to March 15th. The main concerns are compatibility of multiple uses and maintaining historic uses. The conflicts are health and safety issues.
- Plans to expand the McDonald Recreation Center are still uncertain though there should be a decision in the next 90 days.
- DISCUSSION: Randy McCain would like to see the council take up a resolution on the Beach Park update.

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

- The recent meeting focused on expanding communications particularly with social networking sites such as Facebook.
- The FCC is updating its technology, has wireless now in the office, and is trying to better consolidate all community council info on one page.
- DISCUSSION: Consolidating info is a needed improvement. The map also needs to be improved. It's difficult to see what areas Chugiak Community council covers. Use Mapquest, for example, to locate the Chugiak Benefit Association. It's difficult to find.

Treasurer's Report: E. Dovichin (688-2551) Dovichin reported that she will be trained in the treasurer's duties by Linda Kovac in the upcoming weeks. No report now.

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

Title 21 Rewrite Committee (Land Use & Zoning Code Rewrite) R. McCain (229-6009) McCain reported:

- Continue to work on the final draft. Please consider attending the meetings on the first Wednesday and 4th Thursday in Room 170 at Eagle River Town Center, 6:30 pm.

Consortium of Chugiak-Eagle River Community Councils R. McCain (229-6009), M. Mears/Alternate (622-4077) No further report beyond the Title 21 Rewrite.

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

OLD BUSINESS

There was no old business.

OPEN FORUM

- Randy McCain asked Gale Armstrong when the Council would need to put together a resolution on the Beach Lake plan in order for it to be considered in the process. Armstrong said it would need to be done by March 15th. There was discussion of the importance of the park to dog mushers and the uniqueness of the park for the mushers as well as their historical use and volunteerism on the trail system. There was also discussion of other users and the need to consider some multiple use and future population, particularly since the Council represents all users. A motion was made and seconded to draft a resolution that emphasizes the importance of the dogmushing trails but also encourages development of multiple use opportunities without impacting health and safety. Erin Dovichin will draft the resolution and send it to the Board members present for their review.
- There was further discussion of using the web and social networking sites to increase community participation in council meetings. Karla Beller volunteered to explore creating a Facebook page.

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned.

NEXT MEETING

The next meeting will be Thursday, March 18, 2010, 7:00 pm at the Chugiak Benefit Association.