

Chugiak Community Council Meeting Minutes of 4/15/2010

TO: Federation of Community Councils

THRU: David Baldwin, President

FROM: Erin Dovichin, Secretary-Treasurer

SUBJECT: Chugiak Community Council Approved Minutes for April 15, 2010 Meeting

CALL TO ORDER

The President called the meeting to order at 7:04 pm.

Roll Call

Present:

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

Excused:

Tom Devine
Randy McCain

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

A motion was made and seconded to accept the minutes from the 03/18/2010 meeting, with minor corrections. (1 Kovac, 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

Bobbie Wells, President of the Birchwood Community Council, gave a short talk on the need for the Chugiak-Eagle River Areawide Aquifer Study. This study would update the 1987 drainage study. Even though we're in the AWWU district most of us are on on-site septic systems. There is a risk of overdeveloping if we don't understand the local aquifer's ability to sustain growth. Wells asked for the Chugiak Council's support for this study in submitting our CIP priorities.

NEW BUSINESS

Annual CIP. Linda Kovac described the CIP process and how it works. Each year we should review the draft list to make sure projects don't disappear. She noted that Chugiak Council is unique in that it has more highway interchanges than any other council. Linda read her CBERRSA report regarding the Eklutna bridge for insertion in the minutes. It is attached to these minutes. IF we don't get funding for the bridge soon, we'll have to close it.

The Council reviewed the new list against the 2009 recommendations. Dovichin will reformat the list to reflect last year's priorities and new additions. The Council will vote on its recommendations at the May meeting. The priority list is due to the muni on June 1, 2010.

The discussion then turned to potential new CIP projects. There was discussion of lighting along the Glenn Highway. It would be nice to have better lighting at North Peters Creek. There was also discussion on improving the road in front of the entry area of the post office. Kovac will develop language for both projects for the CIP.

Eagle River Traffic Study. Kovac also gave a brief overview of the alternatives from the Eagle River Traffic Study. They will probably want the Council to weigh in. There was some discussion of the alternatives. It was noted that it is already difficult to turn out onto the Old Glenn Highway from side streets in Eagle River. What will happen as population grows? It may need to be like Northern Lights and Benson in Anchorage. The Council will follow up at the next meeting. The alternatives are available at the muni website under departments/traffic/amats/pages/eaglerivercbd.

REPORTS

CBERRRSA Road Board L. Kovac (688-5356). Kovac's main report occurred as part of the CIP discussion (see above). Kovac also reported that changes in street sweeping and snow storage need to be made in order to be in compliance with the Clean Water Act. Street sweepings must be increased whether or not they are actually necessary. Gravel/sand piles will need to be covered, and snow removal storage sites will need to have an oil water separator. We will need to have a compliant snow storage site as result. However, it does not look like implementing these changes will be too expensive. In addition, developers will also be required to address drainage issues right away instead of taxpayers fixing them later.

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

- McDonald Rec Center expansion. There is not enough funding for a second sheet of ice, and so the Board is leaning toward a 180X90 ft artificial turf with running track and additional restrooms. Armstrong thinks this will be a great multi-use center that will meet the needs of a lot of people. They will also consolidate Parks and Rec facilities at the McDonald Center.

- Beach Lake Master Plan. The Board approved the plan update. Late in the process there was very vocal pushback that the plan favored dog mushers and cross-country skiers too much. Through the process, we identified some needs of the community. For example, people want a place where they can walk their dogs off-leash. Two weeks ago the Board held a special session and went through the plan update line by line before voting. Now they move on to defend the plan in front of the Planning and Zoning Board and then on to the Assembly.
- There was a question as to whether or not Parks and Rec addressed Chugach State Park access and trails. The answer is no. There is a project to examine all the historic access into Chugach State Park. Baldy access area is complete and is very nice now.
- There was further discussion on Beach Lake, including ATVS for dogmushing, signage etc. Eklutna and the military base are still informally allowing people to use their land that abuts the park, but there is no long-term commitment in writing.

Federation of Community Councils (FCC) D. Baldwin (688-0123) R. McCain/Alternate (229-6009). Baldwin reported that there has not been an FCC meeting since our last meeting. It is next week.

Treasurer's Report: E. Dovichin (688-2551) Dovichin reported we have \$3077.51. Kovac, Baldwin and Dovichin met at Wells Fargo and transferred the authorized signers from Kovac and Merten Johnson to Baldwin and Dovichin. Dovichin will explore transferring the Council's account to a local bank or credit union and report back to the Council.

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

Draft of Glenn Highway ruts letter. Dovichin motioned to send letter. Kovac seconded.

Discussion: The draft letter is too soft. The letter should clearly complain about the ruts, call attention to how the surface on the Old Glenn Highway (before the recent road work) did not rut over many years. The letter should be cc'd to all affected community councils, including those in the Mat-Su Valley. Resident Mark Skolnick offered to work on the letter as he raised the issue at the last meeting. Decision deferred until there is a new draft of the letter.

ADJOURNMENT

Armstrong motioned to adjourn and Mears seconded. The meeting was adjourned.

NEXT MEETING

The next meeting will be Thursday, May 19, 2010, 7:00 pm at the Chugiak Benefit Association.