

Chugiak Community Council Meeting Minutes of May 20, 2010

TO: Federation of Community Councils

THRU: David Baldwin, President

FROM: Erin Dovichin, Secretary-Treasurer

SUBJECT: Community Council Approved Minutes for May 20, 2010

**CALL TO ORDER**

The President called the meeting to order at 7 pm

**ROLL CALL**

Present:

David Baldwin, President

Erin Dovichin, Secretary-Treasurer

Linda Kovac

Meredith Mears

Karla Beller

Randy McCain

**APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

A motion was made and seconded to accept the minutes from the 5/20/2010 meeting with no changes (Kovac 1, Mears 2). Motion passed.

**TREASURER'S REPORT**

- We have \$3080.51
- Tonjess Estates donated \$300. Dovichin will send thank-you.

**PRESENTATIONS**

Sue Rodman of the Anchorage Fire Department provided a presentation on being firewise. They have many materials available at their website [www.muni.org/fire](http://www.muni.org/fire), but they also distributed Frequently Asked Questions and a Firewise booklet. Rodman discussed the necessity for burn permits, went over how to secure a burn permit, how weather stations work to generate a report, and answered several questions from residents about the permit process.

- Frustration from some people about only one day to burn
- We're in high fire danger, extreme fire indices right now
- Air quality components are one of the factors that determine if burning is allowed; only one decision for whole bowl so if air quality is bad in Anchorage we will get shut down
- We need to keep within our standards in order to keep the right to burn
- Firewise assessment will pay for 70% of your conifer removal
- Question about whether the woodlot could make the wood available to others for cutting up firewood. Rodman said permitting/contracting won't allow it.

Lieutenant Dave Parker of the Anchorage Police Department was available to discuss issues with safety, crime and crime prevention in Chugiak and Birchwood.

- Active web page – can get crime mapping data dumped every day, and you can sign up to be notified of crimes in your area
- Residents can always call Lt. Parker with questions
- Residents asked questions about bicycle safety. There was discussion about how there isn't a lot of enforcement of helmet laws, or of cyclists riding on the wrong side of the road, for example. There are bike safety classes and there's the new bicycle plan. Some areas are very dangerous for cyclists.
- There was discussion of road construction speed limit signs. They apply even during off-hours to get people to think of the area as a construction area for safety purposes. Road construction workers are in a lot of danger. If you see someone violate in a construction zone, call 911 and give license plate
- Debbie Ossiander brought up that crime mapping database is not very descriptive. Parker said anyone can get a complete list of all the reports, just email him. Biggest complaint Ossiander hears about is burglary
- Council members discussed how an officer used to come and give a report. Parker said that Cpt. Koch can come and give an annual report
- There are 3 officers assigned to Eagle River, not counting traffic division
- Burglary rate is 10 times higher in Anchorage than out here, seldom does APD see violent crimes here, DWI#s are unfortunately up in our area.

Ted Meyer of the Department of Transportation and Dan Lowry (sp?) with GRANITE representative discussed the schedule for this phase of Old Glenn improvements for the summer and right of way issues. It's a two-year job. Ted is very willing to work with people and understands that a number of residents are very upset because they were given very short notice to remove their right of way obstructions. This topic was of great interest to many residents, some of whom were very frustrated, and there was much discussion. Ted distributed his card and offered to meet with people who had right of way issues. He also said Marcie Fredericks is the new Right of Way assistant. Ted and the GRANITE representative also discussed safety issues and how dangerous it is to workers when people speed in construction zones.

- Fourth of July parade will still happen.
- Free firewood.
- Peters Creek bridge will be removed next summer
- DOT and granite have been physically threatened, have had to bring the police in. This does not make things better.
- Ted was able to save basketball court at CBA
- Project is done with stimulus funding and review is rigorous so ROW obstructions must be removed.

Linda Kovac also asked Meyer about the problems with rutting on the Glenn Highway and asked him to save samples of the original asphalt on the Old Glenn Highway. She read the Council's draft letter regarding the ruts. Meyer said studs played some role but really it was an issue of volume -- difficult to compare to the two because the volume on the Glenn is enormous. There was much discussion and disagreement as to what creates the rutting.

David Baldwin thanked everyone who helped removing the CBA fence in preparation for the ROW work.

## **REPORTS**

Title 21 Rewrite Committee. Randy McCain reported that they are nearing completion on the Title 21 rewrite, but there are significant issues and he needs the assistance of several council staff to provide input over the summer. There are issues with lot sizes on R6 and R10 lots, accessory dwelling units (mother-in law's), Quonset huts There is a goal to minimize number of new non-conformities.

## **NEW BUSINESS**

Erin Dovichin went over the CIP charts and the council worked through the rankings and prioritized projects. A motion was made and seconded to submit the rankings (Kovac 1, Baldwin 2) Motion passed.

The President requested an extension to allow the meeting to continue past 10 pm. A motion was made and seconded to extend the meeting (Kovac 1, Bellers 2). Motion passed.

## **REPORTS cont**

### *Road Board Report – Linda Kovac*

- Our budget is doing fine
- Hiland pit to accept Glenn Highway project asphalt
- Eklutna bridge is being cleaned so it can be inspected so they can determine whether or not to close.

### *Onsite Wastewater System Technical Review Board –Linda Kovac*

Linda has resigned. They are currently reviewing septic code. Please consider serving – the only requirement is you have to live out here and own a septic.

No other reports.

## **OLD BUSINESS**

Erin Dovichin presented a new draft of a letter to DOT commissioner about the ruts on the highway. Several changes were recommended. A motion was made and seconded to send the letter as amended. (Kovac 1, McCain 2). Motion passed.

Discussion began on the Eagle River road plan, but council members decided to table until next meeting.

A motion was made and seconded to not meet in June, July and August.(Kovac 1, Bellers 2). Motion passed. The next meeting will be in September.

## **ADJOURNMENT**

The meeting was adjourned at 10:35 pm