

TO: Federation of Community Councils

THRU: David Baldwin, President

FROM: Erin Dovichin, Secretary-Treasurer

SUBJECT: Chugiak Community Council - Approved Minutes for October 21, 2010 Meeting

CALL TO ORDER

The President called the meeting to order at 7 pm.

Roll Call

Present:

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

CANDIDATE FORUM

The first 45 minutes of the meeting involved listening to various candidates in the upcoming election. The President read apologies from candidates who could not make it. Dan Saddler, Bonnie Nelson, and Bill Cook spoke about their respective platforms and answered questions.

PRESENTATIONS

Tim Potter of DOWL HKM returned to give his presentation on their application on behalf of Eklutna, Inc. for a Major Amendment to the Master Plan to allow extended hours of operation for Eklutna Site 1. They had intended to put in their submission by Oct 14th but wanted to wait for comments from the Chugiak Council first, per their policy. The Council did not have a quorum at the prior meeting when Potter and several stakeholders attended. Potter described the site and how the current gravel operations have met with the approval of local residents. Right now, the operation can't compete for local asphalt paving contracts (such as work on the Glenns) because they can't do nighttime operations to cook the asphalt, and that's when, by contract, most of the projects need the asphalt as they are often required to do their paving at night. The application is to change from 12 occurrences to 60 occurrences of nighttime operations so they can produce the asphalt. All the gravel operations, stockpiling, etc. will still occur during the day. The Village of Eklutna is supportive. DOWL is requesting the support of the Council for their application. Dovichin pointed out that a much larger number of people had attended the last meeting to show their support for the application, including Eklutna residents.

Armstrong moved that the council pass a resolution of support. Mears seconded. Kovac made A friendly amendment that daytime noise reduction measures should also apply at night. The motion passed unanimously.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

A motion was made and seconded to accept the minutes from the May 2010 meeting. (1 McCain, 2 Kovac). Motion passed unanimously.

Armstrong and Dovichin gave the Council an overview of the issues from the September meeting. Since there was not quorum, the minutes cover the meeting for the good of the order. A motion was made and seconded to accept the minutes from the Sept 2010 meeting. (1 Armstrong, 2 Dovichin). 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).

OLD BUSINESS

Birchwood Community Patrol. Dovichin presented a draft letter to Alaska Representative Bill Stoltze showing support for an \$8000 legislative request for the Birchwood Community Patrol. Dovichin shared more details from the discussion from the previous meeting on how Birchwood's patrol has been so successful that it inadvertently pushed property crimes into the Chugiak Community Council's area. Birchwood is willing to expand its patrol to include Chugiak. There was discussion of how cost effective this volunteer patrol is. A motion was made and seconded to accept the letter as drafted except to add Assemblymember Bill Starr to the cc list (1 Kovac, 2 Armstrong). Motion passed unanimously.

Appointment of Parks & Rec Board representative. Gale Armstrong's term is up but he is willing to serve again. Peter Mulcahy (sp?) approached Armstrong and said he is also interested in Parks & Rec. Ray Burger is the alternate. There are 12 meetings a year and an occasional work session. Alternate is also for a 3-year term. There was more discussion about the position. A motion was made that the Council appoint Gale Armstrong again as our representative and Randy McCain as the alternate (1 Dovichin, 2 Mears). Motion passed unanimously.

Appointment of representative for Consortium. Randy McCain's term is up, but he is willing to serve again. A motion was made that the Council appoint McCain again as our representative and Meredith Mears as the alternate (1 Kovac, 2 Armstrong). Motion passed unanimously.

REPORTS

Treasurer's Report E. Dovichin (688-2551). Dovichin reported we have \$3392, not counting miscellaneous interest. Baldwin renewed the post office box at a cost of \$110. Baldwin will give the PO box key to Dovichin. A motion was made that the Council reimburse Baldwin for the \$110. (1 Kovac, 2 Armstrong). Motion passed unanimously.

CBERRRSA Road Board L. Kovac (688-5356). Kovac reported:

- McKenna Brothers have the new 5-year maintenance contract and they are gearing up for winter. There was a question about what happened to APC. They were not the low bidder. McCain pointed out that service from APC was great, and he wanted to know if there is any way out of the contract if the new people don't do a good job. Kovac said to give them an opportunity -- the maintenance should get even better because they have much newer equipment. If there are any issues, call Kovac or Mark Littlefield.
- The state inspection was completed on the Old Eklutna Bridge but Kovac has not seen the final report yet.
- Road Board is trying to extend the life of some of the chipseal roads. Let Kovac know if there are chipseal roads that need attention.
- This past summer, we did street sweeping three times in order to be in compliance with the new National Pollutant Discharge Elimination System (NPDES) regulations. On the third sweep, we found very little debris and so the Board is exploring if they can get it down to just two sweeps.
- Improvements are occurring to the Hiland material storage facility, including adding three-phase electricity and adding a containment system. Looking for a new debris dump – could be at the Chugiak material storage facility behind Loretta French Park.
- The CBERRRSA report then transitioned into a discussion of the Eagle River Circulation Study. Kovac presented the alternatives and there was continued discussion on what alternative would be best in the future for the main route through town. Discussion involved issues such as the difficulty turning out already on the Old Glenn, the desire for walkable main streets, and the amount of cost and displacement to surrounding homeowners. A motion was made to recommend the "Couplet" alternative transitioning, as funding would allow, into the "Main Street" alternative. (1 Kovac, 2 Dovichin). Motion passed unanimously.
- Kovac also presented the proposed alternative for drainage under the Glenn Highway between the South and North Eagle River exits. The new culvert is in but they have to now provide the area to absorb the resulting drainage on the west side of the highway. A motion was made to support the proposed alternative (1 Kovac, 2 Mears). Motion passed unanimously. Kovac reminded everyone that they could also submit individual comments.

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

- Nordic Ski Club did a lot of work on the ski trails over the summer
- MacDonald Center recently completed \$1.2 million in repairs in preparation for the expansion. They have over \$8 million in hand for the expansion.
- Beach Lake Master Plan goes before the Assembly in November. Planning and Zoning Commission noted that they had never had a plan pass with less heartburn.
- Over the last three years, there has been a significant increase in vandalism at our parks. Board has leaned on APD to patrol Beach Lake Park as a result, but then dog mushers started getting tickets for being there too late. A permit system will be set up so the mushers can use the park 24/7.
- There is pressure from the Mayor's office to make our fees for facility use the same as the rest of the Municipality's, but we have a separate budget from our limited service area taxes. We can charge lower rates as a result. Council members felt strongly there should be no increase. Armstrong will take that message back to the Board.

Federation of Community Councils (FCC) D. Baldwin (688-0123) R. McCain/Alternate (229-6009). No report.

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

Title 21 Rewrite Committee (Land Use & Zoning Code Rewrite) /

Consortium of Chugiak-Eagle River Community Councils R. McCain (229-6009), M.

Mears/Alternate (622-4077). McCain reported:

- The draft of "Chapter 10 Chugiak Eagle River" is available at <http://www.aswcd.org/>. They are trying to wrap up this month and the draft is out to major stakeholders for comment.
- The R6/R10 lot size will remain 1.25 acres pending a legal analysis. We've challenged the Municipality – the lot change in how they measure the lot size (the issue that was causing the problem) is illegal. The Municipality agrees.
- Some Planning & Zoning staff want to use lot size to reduce the maximum size of the accessory structures on the lot. Accessory structures are common in areas that are rural and have cold climates. Planning & Zoning staff also want to apply a particular height-to-width ratio to houses to prohibit construction of long short houses (like mobile homes).
- Over the course of this process, Planning & Zoning has actually taken a lot of our ideas and changed Title 21 land use regulations.
- The target for taking the draft to the Assembly is Sept. 2011. As you review the draft, remember to compare it against the new Title 21 land use regulations.

- The Municipality is challenging the Consortium on the desire for an ongoing advising committee. Consortium Board is going to sunset, but we need something in place to make future amendments to Chapter 10. The Municipality is concerned about what the qualifications of the committee members would be. Consortium doesn't think there should be qualifications – you don't need qualifications to sit on the Planning & Zoning Commission, for example.
- Overall, McCain is very pleased with the current progress. Kovac congratulated McCain, Mears and the Consortium on their great work. McCain underscored how important it is that we have established the difference between Eagle River/Chugiak and the rest of the Municipality. It would be a good media story.

On-Site Wastewater System Technical Review Board L. Kovac (688-5356) Kovac reported that the board is still looking for a representative for the northern part of the Municipality.

OLD BUSINESS

Dovichin apologized for not getting the Glenn Highway ruts/pavement letter out before the highway was repaved. She will redo the letter and put it back in front of the Council.

ADJOURNMENT

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

NEXT MEETING

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

The Chugiak Community Council serves Fire Lake, Chugiak, Peters Creek, Mirror Lake, Thunderbird Heights, and Eklutna. We meet at 7pm on the third Thursday of the month at the Chugiak Benefit Association's south building (18530 Old Glenn Hwy).

Matanuska Telephone Association is donating the use of email accounts to Chugiak Community Council officers.