

TO: Federation of Community Councils

THRU: Jake Horazdovsky, President

FROM: Darryl Parks, Secretary

SUBJECT: Draft Chugiak Community Council (CCC) Minutes for November 16, 2017

CALL TO ORDER

The President called the meeting to order at 7: p.m.

Roll Call

Present:

Blake Merrifield, Vice President
Burke Wonnell, Treasurer
Darryl Parks, Secretary
Maria Rentz, Board Member
Steve Connelly, Board Member
Rashae Johnson, Board Member
Harold Parker, (Alternate)
Patrick Donnelly (Alternate)

Absent:

Jake Horazdovsky (Excused)
Leslie Echols (Excused)

APPROVAL OF MINUTES & Agenda

Motion to approve the minutes as amended by: Darryl Parks, 2nd by: Burke Wonnell. Motion passed.
Motion to approve agenda by: Darryl Parks, 2nd by Burke Wonnell. Motion passed.

Copies of the Chugiak Community Council's meeting minutes and bylaws are available on the FCC's website at www.communitycouncils.org (Click on Chugiak). These minutes are a summary form of the discussion and key decisions. Audio files of the full discussion are also available on the website.

Presentations

Tiffany Briggs, Muni Zoning Dept.:

Rezoning Chugiak Senior Center. As currently zoned, the Senior Center could not be re-built if a fire or other disaster destroyed the center. Rezoning would be specific to senior housing. Muni would also rezone the parcel adjacent and currently owned by the Senior Center to allow for its possible future expansion.

Officer Nave, Crime Report:

Officer Nave discussed recent crime and statistics related to the Chugiak, Eagle River, Birchwood areas. There were 205 crime reports (reports filed with APD) in 2017. 88 of those were thefts, 30 were burglaries, 22 vehicle thefts and 31 were drugs and vandalism. Most crimes took place relatively close to the (Glenn and Old Glenn) highway. She discussed ways to deter crime by keeping areas well lit and keeping bushes and shrubs cut back to allow visibility.

She talked about never cancelling a call once placed. Have the officer take a report. The Crime Maps are available by Council district on the Muni website.

Unfinished Business

Carol Creek Site Specific Plan Update: The plan as written will be going before P&Z in December 11 at the Lousac Library chambers. There was a motion to attach a cover letter to our previous resolution reinforcing our opposition the plan as written by Darryl Parks, 2nd by Burke Wonnell. Under discussion it wasn't clear why this was moving forward to P&Z since a Eagle River Star article back in July basically lead the public to believe this a dead issue due to not being economically feasible. Sandy Quimby asked that a representative from the CCC board attend the meeting since the Council receives 5 minutes for testimony. The document Sandy Quimby provided will be posted to the CC website. Additionally, CCC will send it to the Federation of Community Councils to have the document emailed to the CCC council area and ask to have it sent to the Eagle River Community Council since the Carol Creek Plan borders their council area also. Motion carried unanimously. Jake, as the CCC board president will testify on behalf of the CCC at the P&Z meeting in opposition of the plan. The CCC encouraged all interested parties to attend the P&Z hearing as well as provide written comments.

Maria Rentz requested donuts at the next meeting to go with the coffee. Thanks to the **Chugiak Café** for providing coffee for all the attendees.

Reports

Assembly Update: Amy Demboski:

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Legislative Update: Dan Saddler:

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CBERRRSA Road Board Report – Ted Carlson:

- Meeting focus was projects. The new walkway/bike path from Bella Vista to the park (4 Wheel Drive) has received funding and will proceed this summer.

Chugiak Eagle River Advisory Board – Jake Horazdovsky: No report

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Federation of Community Councils Update – Darryl Parks:

- The FCC will be creating new "Generic" email accounts for the FCC Board members.
- Jan 23 the Assembly took comment on the sale of ML&P to Chugach Electric. Additionally Dick Traini proposed a 5% alcohol tax which could garner as much as \$40 Mil.
- APD considering the use of Drones.
- Vote by Mail is a hot topic. We have requested someone to come to the Feb meeting to discuss.
- Assembly is considering restrictions on liquor stores regarding the sale of Fortified Beer and Shooters.
- 425 officers in APD after the last graduating class.

Financial (Treasurer's Report) – Burke Wonnell:

- Paid for PO Box \$144. \$2811.83 Savings, \$563.78 Checking.

ER/C Parks and Recreation– Tony Sisto:

- The MAC Center is doing well. There is a possibility that they could reach black in the budget by year end. Adult hockey leagues are helping to generate revenue. 5 areas are being considered for a new dog park. R &

M Design was commissioned for the study. The draft report came to the board in December. Of the 5 areas considered, Beach Lake was the least viable. Final report is still to come

General Council Business – Blake Merrifield:

- Elections: A motion was made by Blake Merrifield to vote by hand instead of ballot. The motion was 2nd by Burke Wonnell. The motion was carried unanimously. Steve Connelly stepped down. Steve was replaced by Gina Parks in an “At Large” board positions. All other officers and board members remained in their positions. Hake Horazdovsky remains as President, Blake Merrifield as Vice President, Burke Wonnell as Treasurer and Darryl Parks as Secretary. Leslie Echols retains her board position as well.

New Business

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Open Forum

- Maria Rentz brought up an issue regarding council board members absences being excused. Board members who make notification. Per the bylaws, an absence may be excused by notifying the President or the Secretary prior to the meeting.
- Rashae Johnson brought up the issue of the non-operating streetlights in the Tablelands/Glenview Estates area. Apparently when the neighborhood was first built, street light maintenance was voted down by the neighborhood residents. She will engage with Mark Littlefield on possibly raising the issue to a vote again to assess a tax on property in the neighborhood to cover maintenance of the lighting.
- Blake brought up that our Capital Improvement Projects list from the council is outdated. Blake Merrifield took the task to have it updated.

ADJOURNMENT

A motion to adjourn the meeting was made by Darryl Parks and 2nd by Blake Merrifield. The meeting adjourned at 9:05 pm.

NEXT MEETING

The next scheduled meeting will be 02/15/2018 at 7:00 p.m. and will be held at the Elsie Oberg Community Center.

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 North building, the Elsie Oberg Community Center (18606 Old Glenn Highway).