

Eagle River Valley Community Council Meeting
Wednesday January 10, 2018 7:00 pm
REGULAR MEETING
Gruening Middle School

Draft Minutes

Call to order at 7:05 P.M. by David W. Schade, MPA
Quorum established.

Introductions and Announcements:

Fred Dyson – Assemblyman

The Assembly's role is to pass a budget, pass municipal law and to help constituents. He is working to do all three. Cards with his contact information passed around.

David Nees – School Board Candidate

Mr. Nees introduced himself, explained he is running for a school board seat, and wants people to know he is available to talk.

Minutes: approval of minutes postponed due to length of agenda.

Treasurers Report : waived due to length of agenda

New Business:

Community Meeting – Juniper Creek Hydroelectric Project.

Mr. David Brailey gave a presentation on his proposed hydroelectric project on Juniper Creek, Located in Eagle River Valley above the Prudhoe Bay / Misty Mountain areas.

Area is R10 and he and his wife intend to build one house on the 160 acres.

There will be no impact to the viewshed as looking from the Eagle River Road. There were a number of questions from neighboring property owners about the design of the project, and what could be seen immediately adjacent to the property.

Will sell excess electricity generated to Matanuska Electric Association. Would produce around 300 KW in the summer and 50 KW in the winter.

No fish impacts have been determined. Non-objection letter has been obtained from the Alaska Department of Fish and Game.

Scott Bailey moved adoption of ERVCC Resolution 2018-1. Tom Freeman seconded the motion. Motion passed by a vote of 15 yea, 0 nay and 0 abstentions.

Fire Service Area Expansion Proposal

Deputy Chief Jodie Hettrick presented for the Anchorage Fire Department (AFD).

Working with Assemblywoman Amy Demboski on a proposed ordinance.

Pursuant to current municipal code, the AFD can respond to fires outside of the service area, and when that happens, the owner is charge. The current fee usually is around \$2500.00

The current estimate of actual costs of fighting the typical house fire is around \$12,000.

The Chief admitted that they do not have to respond if they have higher priority tasks going on within the Fire Service Area Boundaries.

Amy Demboski – Anchorage Assemblywoman - Past out Fire Service Area Draft Ordinance 2017-3 (sic).

The deadline for getting proposals on the ballot is January 23rd. Working to get this on the ballot.

There will be upcoming action to increase the fees, and Amy would like the citizens to be able to vote on the issue. Both the current area and the new area must vote yes.

The cost of current fire service area taxes is around \$229 per \$100,000 assessed value.

Cost for current fee rate on cost basis is between \$12 and \$15,000.

Services will be for protection of Land and Buildings.

There may be a small reduction in cost for fire insurance, and maybe a small decline in the rate for current area taxpayers.

Public Testimony will be held on January 23, 2018

Crystal Kennedy moved ERVCC Resolution 2018-2 in support of putting an expansion of the Fire Service Area for Eagle River Valley (as depicted on the draft ordinance). Tom Freeman seconded the motion. Passed by a vote of 15 yea, 0 nay and 0 abstention.

Old Business:

Cliff Cook, Eagle River Community Patrol

Will be giving a report at each meeting

The Patrol now has 3 active members.

1 vehicle theft to report. ERCP us the Community Crime Map.

Please call in and report everything that happens – be proactive

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Crystal Kennedy introduced Mark Littlefield, CBERRRSA Manager

Mark went over the 2018 Eagle River Street Maintenance 2018 Project Listing.

Mark said that project in the local area are on PP 19, 25, & 28.

Will be doing more overlay and finishing up that project.

Harca Street – French Drain Project

War Admiral – Sidewalk

Eagle River Lane – Storm Drain

Amy Demboski: Assembly Report

Bond Propositions are up. Retiring \$37 Million, Bond Proposed for \$48 Million

Anc Roads, Parks and Rec, Fire Dept and Police Dept.

ASD is retiring \$50 Million and is proposing \$50 Million.

Mill Rate should be going up. Total is around \$98 Million.

ML&P sale to Chugack Electric is on agenda.

Elisa Snelling – School Board

No Report

Committee Reports:

Crystal Kennedy : CBERRRSA - Had presentation by Mark Littlefield

C/ER Consortium: Steve Skipper – No report

Education: Patsy Gunn: - No report

FCC: Tom Freeman

No Meeting held.

Tom passed out information about new share ride program using Enterprise Rideshare

Parks and Rec: Pete Panarese

Much of the meeting was about crime in the local community

Presentation was given by the Chugach Mountain Bike Riders

Did a survey on the Dog Park Proposal

R&M review 5 locations. Will bring to Community Councils.

Top two locations Fire House and Peters Creek.

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Platting and Zoning: Pete Panarese: No report

Nothing new. Wanted to commend Sandy and the members of the Chugiak Community Council. They were able to stop an increase in density for the Carol Creek Project.

Adjourned at 9:08 p.m.

ERVCC Board Members (Term Expiration) President: David Schade (2018) Vice President: Elisa Snelling (2019) Treasurer & Education: Patsy Gunn (2018) Parks & Rec: Pete Panarese (2018) Consortium: Steve Skipper (2020) Platting & Zoning: Pete Panarese (2018) Federation of Community Councils (FCC): Tom Freeman (2020) Road Board: Crystal Kennedy (2019) Secretary: OPEN (2019) Susan Fischetti (2019)