

Eagle River Valley Community Council Meeting
Wednesday, April 11, 2018 7:00 pm
REGULAR MEETING
Gruening Middle School

Draft Minutes

Call to order at 7:05pm by David W. Shade, MPA
Quorum established.

Introductions and Announcements: None

Minutes: March 2018 Meeting Minutes

Steve Skipper moved to approve. Patsy Gunn seconded. March Meeting Minutes were approved by vote of 11 yea, 0 nay and 0 in abstention.

Treasurers Report: Patsy Gunn

Business Account – Beginning balance (3/1/2018)	\$924.50
Debits –	<u>10.00</u>
Ending balance (3/31/18)	\$914.50

New Business:

Eagle River/Chugiak Cemetery Study

Community councils have been approached to determine interest/support for a study to explore possibility of having a cemetery within the area.

- While there remains considerable space in Anchorage’s ‘private’ cemeteries (e.g. associated with churches, military, etc.), ‘common’ cemeteries in Anchorage have limited space available.
- Eagle River and South Forks Councils support having a study done.
- Amy Demboski has a list of possible locations.

Questions/Comments:

- Who would pay for the study?
- Cemetery placement in Eagle River Valley may not be possible due to watershed in our area.
- There is no interest in having a speaker on this topic at a future meeting.
- Council members are neutral on the study; neither for nor against.

Resolution supporting Eagle River Community Patrol

The Governor adopted a “Comprehensive Public Safety Action Plan” on October 30, 2017. One of the action items (Part II, Page 6, item 9) addresses locally-driven crime deterrence activities (e.g. community patrols).

Dan Sadler provided, for consideration, “Draft Resolution Calling for State-Local Cooperation to Support Eagle River Community Patrol.”

Comments/Questions:

- There are a few similar initiatives under consideration.

- Some state representatives are supportive. One would be a coalition of 10-11 community patrols through which fuel reimbursement could be provided.

Pete Panarese moved to adopt **ERVCC Resolution 2018-3** with an amendment to list both Eagle River and Birchwood Community Patrols.

Donna Forward seconded the motion. Motion passed by a vote of 11 yea, 0 nay and 0 abstentions.

Old Business:

Eagle River Community Patrol - Cliff Cook

- In March, there were 87 patrol hours logged by two (2) patrols covering 968 miles. In February, our area was “quiet” with only 3 events. **In March, 60 events in our area were logged by APD**, primarily property and vehicle related.
- Wal-Mart has a bigger APD presence due to increase in shoplifting.
- We now have three active patrollers. There will be a request soon for more patrol volunteers.
- Cliff would like to talk with neighborhood representatives including any active Neighborhood Watch groups. He is currently working with three (3) neighborhood representatives from downtown Eagle River. Reach out to Cliff if you have an active neighborhood group.
- See APD website regarding how to set up Neighborhood Watch Program in your neighborhood.
- Bears are out. Remember to put trash out on day of pickup, not the night before. Citations can be issued for this but must have strong proof in form of pictures/video of a bear in the trash at a particular location.
- APD has one additional patrol car per shift in our area. The substation behind Chamber of Commerce building (previously used as a holding area) was shut down some time ago, so APD must transport arrested individuals directly downtown, leaving Eagle River without coverage during the trip.
- APD will start community policing in Anchorage this summer including foot and bike patrols. It is unknown if Eagle River will have any such patrols.
- Cliff expressed thanks for continued donations and gas cards for the Patrol. Tax-deductible donations can be made through Federation of Community Councils. Designate for “ER Community Patrol.”

Juniper Creek hydro variance request

This project requires MOA variances related to steep slope development and streamside buffer. Attend the upcoming Planning & Zoning Committee meeting for additional information and to provide feedback and questions.

Assembly Report - No Assembly report.

AWWU Water Tank

Paul will provide an update at the May meeting.

Committee Reports:

Road Board: Crystal Kennedy

There is a meeting on **Monday, April 23, 6:30pm** regarding the Artillery Road interchange and bridge. All are welcome to attend.

School Board: Elisa Snelling

Thank you for support in passing school bonds.

Please provide your thoughts at upcoming meetings on proposals to change **school start times**.

Parks and Rec: Pete Panarese

A **Dog Park** feasibility study for Eagle River/Chugiak was conducted by R&M Consultants.

- Pete provided copies of the Dog Parks Site Selection study and flyers for first Community Open House.
- The study looked at five possible locations and has narrowed it to two sites; one in Peters Creek and one near Fire House Lane.
- The draft study will be available by April 18 at www.muni.org/Departments/ERParks/Pages.
- On **Thursday, May 24, 7pm-9pm**, the public is invited to Eagle River Community Room 170, 12001 Business Blvd. to view proposal and provide feedback.
- The proposed dog park is expected to be fenced and to include restrooms.

Comments/Questions:

- Who will pay to clean up at the site? Dog owners are expected to pick up after their pets.
- Do not want to use trail funds to do this.
- Capital funds will be used to establish the dog park.
- Dog park would not be located in our community council area.

Mack Center board opening

- The Mack Center is managed by Fire Lake Management, a non-profit organization. There is an opening on the board that oversees how the Mack Center is managed. Contact Pete to apply for the open position.

Federation of Community Councils: Tom Freeman – No report

C/ER Consortium: Steve Skipper – No meeting held. No report.

Education: Patsy Gunn - No report

Platting and Zoning: Pete Panarese - No report

Patsy Gunn moved to adjourn meeting. Pete Panarese seconded the motion. All voted in favor.

Meeting adjourned at 8:00 p.m.

Next meeting on May 9, 2018.

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/Arlene Rasic-Alt (2019) Secretary: OPEN (2019) Susan Fischetti (2019)