

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

Draft Minutes

Call to order at 7:05pm by David Schade
Quorum established at 7:10pm.

Candidates Open Mike: None

Meeting Minutes: September 2018 meeting minutes

Pete Panarese moved to approve. Kerry Freadman seconded. September Meeting Minutes were approved by vote of 10 yea, 0 nay and 0 in abstention.

Andre Spinelli/Tony Hoffman provided a written summary of their September presentation on a proposed subdivision in Eagle Crossing (Ptarmigan Rd & Eagle River Lane). This was distributed at the meeting.

Treasurers Report: David Schade (for Patsy Gunn)

Post office box rental paid. Council is expected to operate 2-3 years on current funds so no need to collect money at this time. Each year \$75 is made available to Council for marketing and outreach. This has not been used in the past.

Business Account – Ending balance (10/10/18) \$654.50

Chugiak/Eagle River Library

Nancy Clark, Manager

It appears new budget will be unchanged from last year. All cuts are on hold until municipal audit is completed.

New Business:

Matanuska Electric Association

Cassi Campbell, Public Relations Supervisor, Office: 907-761-9317 Email: cassi.campbell@mea.coop

- MEA visits each community council annually to address questions and concerns. Order of visits is based on number of projects planned for the area. Our area had few projects this year.
- MEA established a 7-year cycle to maintain clearings (i.e. removing brush, trees). Since they completed a year early, it has now been reduced to 6-year cycle. It will be a few years before they re-visit our area.
- There is an opportunity to get involved. There is a vacancy on the Election Committee. The Committee is made up of representatives from different areas and partners with MEA to provide input on the election process. In the past the Election Committee focused on cost savings and helped reduce costs by \$35,000. The time commitment is to meet for 1-1.5 hours monthly from now until mid-April 2019 when there will be an election for “at large” seats. Contact Cassi if interested in running for the Committee vacancy.
- Quarterly adjustments are made to rates. These are approved by the Regulatory Commission of AK. The first two adjustments this year were reductions. The most recent adjustment was an increase of 2%, less than \$2/month for typical homeowner. See the newsletter included with your bill.
- Bills were recently redesigned. Provide feedback to Cassi, especially if changes are confusing.
- Upcoming projects include underground replacements which require digging. Goal is to make replacements before there are faults. An update will be provided in early 2019 regarding which neighborhoods will have underground upgrades. MEA strives to return area to its original state (i.e. grass/landscaping) after digging.

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- Question was raised about equipment placed in easement behind Panda Express. Area that was upgraded will be restored.
- The communication plan for 2019 projects is to be completed in 2018 to improve communications.

Old Business:

Assembly Report – Susan Fischetti

- Stream setback issue discussed at our September meeting is progressing with Assembly.
- Budget plans include cutting police/fire by \$3 million. Number of police officers was increased so overtime can be reduced. This amount may offset the cost to move police to LIO (former Alaska legislative information office on Fourth Avenue downtown).
- ML&P sale still in progress.
- Eklutna waterline issue – discussion is progressing.

Eagle River Community Patrol – Cliff Cook

- In September, two patrol cars were out for total of 63 hours, 655 miles.
- Quiet in our area but Eagle River had 7 vehicles stolen within 30 days.
- Be aware of using your vehicle auto-start.
- Political sign theft is a crime. Call APD if you see this occurring. Community patrollers report this to APD.
- There is an organized group with multiple vehicles and men & women (in their 20s) walking through neighborhoods looking for opportunities. One acts as lookout. Two women were caught with stolen vehicle, stolen plates, and stolen mail, credit cards and meth in the vehicle.
- Lions Park – with increasing darkness there is more activity (drinking and marijuana smoking)
- There will be a Legislative Crime Summit on Saturday, Oct. 13, noon-4pm at Anchorage Legislative Information Office, 1500 W. Benson Blvd, Anchorage. Various groups will be represented (law office, police, etc.). Event will be live-streamed.

Committee Reports:

CBERRSA – David Schade (for Chrystal Kennedy)

- Short meeting was held.
- Preparations underway for winter.
- One of the trucks was vandalized.

C/ER Consortium: No report

Education: No report

Federation of Community Councils: David Schade (for Tom Freeman)

- No concerns for our area.

Parks and Rec: Pete Panarese

- Pete would be willing to step down from his position with Parks and Rec if anyone else is interested. He has held role for several years. Meetings are held monthly and last about 2 hours.
- Meeting was held on Monday
- MACC Center – After budget issues last year, plans are being revamped. More programs are being held. Ice time is being rented out more. More special skating times open to public.
- Beach Lake trail is closed to horses, bikes, etc. until it freezes.
- Boo at the Beach is very successful event that is being held again this year. Event is October 14 at Beach Lake Chalet.
- Mirror Lake has 5 miles of new single-track trails. Work on trails is nearly completed.

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- Proposed dog park on Fire House Lane is on hold while further investigation is done on parking requirements.
- Plans are being developed for proposed Peters Creek dog park site.

Platting and Zoning: Pete Panarese

At November's meeting we will have another presentation on rezoning; subdivision of a long plat at West Lake Drive near Mile 3.9 of Eagle River Road (just past P&M Nursery)

Motion to adjourn by Pete Panarese. Adjourned at 7:58 p.m.

Next meeting on November 14.

ERVCC Board Members (Term Expiration) President: David Schade (2021) Vice President: Elisa Snelling (2019)
Treasurer & Education: Patsy Gunn (2021) Parks & Rec: Pete Panarese (2021) Consortium: Steve Skipper (2020)
Platting & Zoning: Pete Panarese (2021) Federation of Community Councils (FCC): Tom Freeman (2020) Road
Board: Crystal Kennedy (2019)/Arlene Rasic – Alt (2019) Secretary: Joy Webb (2021) Susan Fischetti (2019)