

TO: Federation of Community Councils
THRU: Amy Demboski, President
FROM: Erin Dovichin, Secretary-Treasurer
SUBJECT: Chugiak Community Council Approved Minutes for Sept 20, 2012

CALL TO ORDER

The President called the meeting to order at 7 pm.

Roll Call

Present:

Amy Demboski, President
Randy McCain, Vice-President
Erin Dovichin, Secretary-Treasurer
David Baldwin
Benjamin Sherburne
Meredith Mears (alternate)

Excused:

Gale Armstrong

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

A motion was made and seconded to accept the minutes from May 2012 (1 McCain, 2 Sherburne). 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). These minutes are a summary form of the discussion and key decisions. Audio files of the full discussion are also available on the website.

REPORTS

CBERRRSA Road Board R. McCain (688-5356).

- There was no report as the meeting is next week.

Eagle River-Chugiak Parks & Recreation Board G. Armstrong (696-3543), R. McCain/Alternate (229-6009). Demboski reported:

- Some electrical issues at the MAC addition, but getting close to completion. There will be a ribbon-cutting ceremony.
- Wind storm took down somewhere between 600-800 trees in the parks. Volunteers are assisting in the clean up. Wood is available for firewood, but call Parks & Rec for a permit first.
- The Board is revisiting their budget review process. Some of the Board wants to review both operating and capital budget. Some do not. There is a question as to whether or not we are taxing more than is necessary now that big projects such as MAC are nearing completion. Demboski wants to see a prioritized plan for projects.
- David Baldwin attended a course on playground inspections. He gave an overview of the most common injuries at playgrounds. Entanglements are the number one hazard. Don't allow

strings or ropes on playground equipment. Falls are the next most common injury. He also shared guidance on the size of various equipment to help to avoid injuries. If you are interested in learning more and having play equipment inspected, Baldwin is available to discuss.

Treasurer's Report: E. Dovichin (688-2551). Dovichin reported we have right around \$3,769, give or take some interest. Dovichin did not get estimates for a meeting sign over the summer. There was discussion of how we should get estimates for multiple signs and put them in multiple places.

Title 21/Consortium of Chugiak-Eagle River Community Councils R. McCain (229-6009), M. Mears/Alternate (622-4077).

McCain reported that Title 21, including chapter 10 has gone through Planning and Zoning. There are two aspects of Chapter 10 that they don't like: 1) zoning districts are different from Anchorage and 2) Eagle River/Chugiak thinking of itself as its own place and so requesting our own continued advisory council. McCain pointed out that the advisory council is important for issues that the whole community should address – not just the council where the project, such as a big box store, might be located.

Assembly and Legislative Updates

Senator Fred Dyson introduced himself. Due to redistricting, he is now the senator for the council area. Representative Saddler asked people to send him comments and recommendations for the next round of capital requests. He also shared that a new school for autistic kids is opening in Eagle River.

FCC

Demboski reported that she will step down as the FCC representative because she will be running for Assembly. David Baldwin's term on the council is up at the end of this year, and he will be deciding then whether or not to seek another term on the council, but until that time he will agree to serve as the FCC representative.

OLD BUSINESS

Volunteer Fire Department Building

Ronnie Sullivan reported that there is over \$6 million of the municipality to construct a new building. The location is the Heritage Land Bank property across from Fire Lake. Bids are being evaluated for engineering, design and demolition of the old station. The Fire Dept and the muni are meeting weekly on the project.

Potential cuts to the Anchorage Fire Department were discussed. There is concern in particular about the ladder truck being taken away from Eagle River with the potential close of station 11. That will mean the closest ladder truck is Anchorage – long response time. The truck was just used to rescue a kayaker in Eagle River. Station 11 plays an important back-up role for Chugiak. That station is being cut in all four scenarios proposed.

Old Glenn Highway Pathway

The guardrail is in and the council is pleased to have the issue finally resolved. Appreciation was expressed to both David Baldwin and Amy Demboski for their efforts to resolve it. It was pointed out that guardrail should potentially be considered near the fire station where the path and the road come together for a short distance.

Board Position Replacement for Gale Armstrong

No suggestions at this time.

Eklutna Bridge

Sherberne asked whether or not the \$14 million for the bridge was enough to handle the project and when will it start. McCain will look into the issue at the next Road Board meeting. Sherberne may also attend.

NEW BUSINESS

Park Priorities

Demboski reiterated that she would like to hear from the public on priorities for parks over the next several years as she will be pushing for a plan at the Parks and Rec Board.

Traffic Calming Issues

The new Traffic Calming person at the municipality is willing to come to a council meeting to discuss any issues we might have in our area. The Council agreed that it would be good to hear a presentation on this issue.

Chapter 10 Issue

Sherberne motioned that the Council resolve to support Chapter 10 as it was originally presented. Baldwin seconded. It was suggested the resolution reference to the two sections of Chapter 10 that Planning and Zoning is not supporting and to reinforce our support for those sections as written. Motion passed unanimously.

OPEN FORUM:

Right now the sign regarding no Eklutna access is missing along the Glenn Highway. There need to be new signs and very large signs.

ADJOURNMENT

Meeting adjourned at 9 p.m.

NEXT MEETING

The next meeting will be Thursday, October 18, 2012, 7:00 pm 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).

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