

TO: Federation of Community Councils
THRU: Ted Carlson, President
FROM: Erin Dovichin, Secretary
SUBJECT: Chugiak Community Council Minutes for March 21, 2013

CALL TO ORDER

The President called the meeting to order at 7 pm.

Roll Call

Present:

Ted Carlson, President
Randy McCain, Vice-President
Erin Dovichin, Secretary
Deborah Jones, Treasurer
Amy Demboski
Maria Rentz
Benjamin Sherburne

REVIEW OF AGENDA

Carlson apologized for the lack of agenda at this meeting. New officers and board members, elected at the last meeting, are just learning their roles. Carlson led quick agenda creation.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

A motion was made and seconded to accept the minutes from February 2013. 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 (229-6009).

McCain again gave an overview of the issue with proposition #2, a general proposition bond that will be on the ballot in April. This proposition would mix funding for emergency services and bridges and dams with the result that Chugiak, Birchwood and Eagle River residents could potentially get taxed twice for the same services around bridges and dams. McCain said this issue will be before the Road Board next week and McCain has drafted a resolution for consideration by the Road Board. The resolution opposes the placement of proposition 2 on the ballot. There was discussion of the draft resolution, general proposition bonds, and potential word changes to McCain’s draft resolution. McCain is looking for direction from the board. Carlson said we need to stay top on of this. Dovichin motioned that the

Council send a letter of concern about the issue to the Municipality. Sherburne seconded. Motion passed unanimously.

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

The skateboard park was again taken out of the design for improvements near Eagle River Elementary School. The Board also began to address its lack of bylaws at this meeting. McCain drafted new bylaws.

Treasurer's Report – Dovichin requested approval for reimbursement for \$110 in post office box fees and \$11.60 in copying costs. Sherburne motioned for approval. Demboski seconded. Motion passed unanimously. Dovichin presented the 2012 financial report for the approval of the Board. Approval was unanimous.

Title 21/Consortium of Chugiak-Eagle River Community Councils – R. McCain (229-6009).

McCain reported that the Title 21 rewrite finally passed the assembly, and it takes effect on January 1, 2014. McCain gave a short history of the Consortium, which was responsible for writing Chapter 10. The Consortium sunsets when the new Title 21 begins. At that point in time, a new Advisory Board will take its place. McCain walked the Council through a worksheet (appended to these minutes) to discuss the various questions about the advisory board will be constructed and what it will do. McCain gave examples of the type of areawide – as opposed to single community council --- issues an Advisory Board might take up (e.g. adding a Big Box store in an Eagle River neighborhood). In May and June, there will be outreach to the public on the subject of the advisory board and its formation and McCain encouraged everyone to get involved. Ultimately the Assembly will make the final decision on the advisory board structure.

Legislative Report – no legislators or staff were present.

FCC Update –no report.

NEW BUSINESS

Board Issues

Dovichin asked that the Board review our list of delegates and representatives and the Board itself, beginning with reviewing the Board list for outdated contact information. Dovichin then motioned to remove Faye Mulholland from the Board for her extended unexcused absences and for moving out of state with no notice to the Board. Demboski seconded. There was discussion regarding whether or not anyone knew of Mulholland's whereabouts. She has not responded to any Board correspondence. The bylaws allow a Board Member to be removed after two unexcused absences. Motion passed unanimously.

Dovichin asked the Board to review the FCC delegate position. Baldwin had agreed to serve in the delegate role temporarily –until this spring— when Demboski had to step out of the position due to her candidacy for assembly. Dovichin motioned to elect Deborah Jones as our FCC delegate. Sherburne seconded. Motion passed unanimously.

Dovichin pointed out that Mulholland was serving as the alternate. There was a question of whether or not we have the authority to change the alternate. We can't change the representative, but we can change the alternate and send a letter to the City. Sherburne motioned to removed Mulholland as

alternate. Rentz seconded. Demboski motioned to replace Mulholland with Chris Hudson. Jones seconded. Motion passed unanimously.

Carlson opened nominations for Mulholland's seat. Deb Thorall from the Tonjess neighborhood expressed interest in the position. Demboski nominated Thorall for the vacancy in Seat 8 until the end of Mulholland's original term in January 2014. Sherburne seconded. Motion to elect passed unanimously. Dovichin pointed out that Tonjess is in the East Peters Creek area. Dovichin currently serves at-large in that seat. Dovichin motioned to exchange seats with Thorall so that Thorall represents East Peters Creek (seat 2) and Dovichin serves at-large in Seat 8. Sherburne seconded. Motion passed unanimously.

Carlson announced that the Senior Center is looking for a representative from the Community Council for their 1% for Art project. Demboski nominated Rentz. McCain seconded. Motion passed unanimously. Carlson said a second position is open to the community. Rentz nominated Pat Tilton. Jones seconded. Motion passed unanimously.

OLD BUSINESS

No updates on Granite Construction or Eklutna projects. Carlson reported that Granite has not contacted the Senior Center to discuss their concerns.

FOR THE GOOD OF THE ORDER

Dovichin expressed disappointment –whether you agree with the oil tax or not—that legislators that are so clearly conflicted were allowed to vote and that a bill so crucial to the future of Alaska is allowed to pass out of the Senate because of two so conflicted votes. That threatens our democracy.

Demboski recognized McCain for his many hours of service to the community in many ways. The Board all thanked McCain.

ADJOURNMENT

Meeting adjourned.

NEXT MEETING

The next meeting will be Thursday, April 18, 2013, 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).