

TO: Federation of Community Councils
THRU: Ted Carlson, President
FROM: Erin Dovichin, Secretary
SUBJECT: Chugiak Community Council Minutes for April 18, 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
Deb Thorall

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

A motion was made and seconded to accept the minutes from March 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.

REVIEW OF AGENDA

Carlson reviewed the agenda. No changes.

OLD BUSINESS

Eklutna Monofill Update

This is the fourth Council mtg that DOWL, Eklutna, Inc. and Central Recycling have attended to talk about the proposed monofill off of Kerbow Lane. Many new faces were at the Council meeting so instead of going directly into an update, Michelle Ritter of DOWL gave a brief overview and history of the monofill project. Curtis McQueen, CEO of Eklutna, Inc. gave an overview of Eklutna Inc.'s land ownership and priorities as a Native corporation, including their investments in the community. The President of Central Recycling also gave an overview of his company and how it wishes to run the monofill.

There was then a lengthy question and answer period as residents asked DOWL, Eklutna, and Central Recycling a range of questions about the monofill.

Issues, concerns and questions discussed included, among others:

- Permits required
- Safety issues around the walking trail
- The types of material that will go into the landfill
- Potential impacts to water wells, willingness to test wells in advance
- Options for alternate access to the site (frontage road along Glenn instead of Old Glenn/Kerbow)
- Days of operation
- Numbers of trucks – daily caps vs. yearlong averages
- Traffic congestion
- Types of trucks and equipment
- Management and maintenance of Kerbow Lane
- Depth of the monofill; height compared to road level
- Relationship of surrounding area to old municipal landfill
- Earthquake fault
- Ephemeral or intermittent streams, hydrology and wetlands
- Importance of the land to Native people
- Army Corps of Engineers
- Noise levels
- Bonding and whether or not the amount is sufficient
- Compatibility with existing uses
- Impacts on property values
- The amount of this type of development in the area and impact over time to the neighborhoods
- What will happen to the property afterward
- Other proposed uses allowed on the site in the plan and request for zoning amendment, such as transitional living facilities, recycling drop-off etc.
- Alternate locations for the monofill such as the gravel pit near Eklutna village
- Lack of monitoring and illegal dumping at other sites like Birchwood airport dump
- Need for third party oversight, but DEC does not require 3rd party oversight for landfills
- Chain of custody on materials

These and other topics were discussed for the entirety of the meeting. Participants noted how respectful the discussion was and their appreciation of the willingness of Eklutna, DOWL and Central to discuss these issues at length. Details are available in the audio file of the meeting available online. Carlson stopped the discussion at 8:55 pm and suggested continuing the discussion at the May meeting. There was discussion about whether or not to resolve the discussion this evening. McCain suggested that Dowl, Eklutna and Central come back to the next meeting with a specific resolution for the council's consideration. Eklutna agreed to do and bring Eklutna Board members.

McCain shared a brief overview of the work of the Consortium of Community Councils, Title 21 and Chapter 10. The Consortium will host a town hall meeting on what Title 21 means to us as we move forward.

ADJOURNMENT

Meeting adjourned at 9:05 pm with no further business addressed.

NEXT MEETING

The next meeting will be Thursday, May 16, 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).