

TO: Federation of Community Councils  
THRU: Maria Rentz, President  
FROM: Jake Horazdovsky, Secretary  
SUBJECT: Chugiak Community Council (CCC) Minutes for May 19, 2016

**CALL TO ORDER**

The President called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m.

**Roll Call**

*Present:*

Jake Horazdovsky, Secretary  
Burke Wonnell  
Deborah Jones, Treasurer  
Leslie Echols  
Steve Connelly  
Erin Dovichin – Came at 8:30pm  
Maria Rentz, President

*Excused:*

Ted Carlson (alternate)  
Randy McCain, Vice President  
Harold Parker (alternate)

Absent:

**APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

Motions were made and seconded to approve the minutes as amended from April 2016 as submitted. Motions passed unanimously.

*Copies of the Chugiak Community Council's meeting minutes and bylaws are available on the FCC's website at [www.communitycouncils.org](http://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.*

**APPROVAL OF AGENDA**

Maria noted that the order of the Agenda would be flexible and the agenda was approved as amended.

**Presentations**

**Cory Stantorf – Alaska Fish and Game Coexisting with Bears**

Said that Anchorage is a Unique area for bears. The streams within the green belts are full of salmon in the summer and it provides and excellent food source for bears. The City is adjacent to the green belts and next to the bear habitat. The following steps can be taken to reduce bear human interactions.

- Keep Trash Secure – Bear Resistant trash cans are a excellent bear deterrent.

- Remove Bird Centers during the summer the birds have plenty of food and don't need to be fed during the summer.
- Put up a 4 wire electric wire around a live stock.
- Bears are in anchorage for the natural foods but end up in the trash, bird seed, and other food that is left out.
- Trash Trailers are a bad idea.

If a bear gets into your trash can it is a \$310 fine from fish and game for negligent feeding of wildlife. MOA has rules on when trash can be put out. MOA code enforcement can issue a citation. Fish and game would like to hear about bears getting into trash or other things in the area. Contact Cory Stantorf, 267-2811 Email: [Cory.Stantort@alaska.gov](mailto:Cory.Stantort@alaska.gov) or Dave Battle, 267-2185 Email: [David.Battle@alaska.gov](mailto:David.Battle@alaska.gov)

**Mark Madden, MOA Solid Waste Services – Update on Groundwater monitoring results at Loretta French Park (Old Peters Creek Land Fill Site)**

Mark gave an overview of the old Peters Creek Landfill. The site was operated from 1982 to 1987 at which time it was shut down to consolidate Anchorage's Land Fill at the Highland Land Fill. The land fill has been closed for 30 years and the closure of the land fill permitting required to landfill to be monitored for 20 years. Solid Waste Services kept monitoring the land fill after the sunset clause came into effect. The groundwater is monitored based on EPA requirements. In general the only thing of interest in the monitoring results occurs in the two wells right at down gradient of the landfill. The tested levels that they have seen in the water monitoring results are right at the detectable limits. The only test results that they see as exceedance secondary drinking water standards are Iron, Manganese, & Zinc.

The old landfill may qualify as a superfund site however it is currently monitored as a closed landfill, it contains mostly residential waste from the surrounding area.

**Curtis McQueen, CEO Eklutna, Inc – Update on Groundwater monitoring results at Loretta French Park (Old Peters Creek Land Fill Site) Potential contamination on Eklutna's Land**

Curtis gave a short presentation on Eklutna Inc's perspective on the old Peter's Creek Land Fill. As they were exploring the monofill site near the landfill and they found contamination on their property. Eklutna Inc is concerned that there is contamination on their property from the surrounding site. Eklutna would like the city to verify that there is no contamination on Eklutna's property adjacent to the old landfill.

Eklutna requested that MOA monitor the land and verify that there is no contamination on their land and provide assurance to Eklutna Inc to that effect. Eklutna would like a well on their property to monitor the ground water on their land. In the past an environmental consultant hired by Eklutna requested that 4 wells be added to the land near the landfill.

Maria stated that the council had requested information was requested from Bill Star and had not received anything.

Dan Saddler asked how much a monitoring well. Response the wells would be difficult to put in and would be costly. Jake asked that solid waste services could provide and engineers estimate for adding wells to the property. Mark said that it would be difficult to estimate the cost of the last well that they put in.

**Curtis MaQueen – Removal of Abandoned dam on Lower Eklutna River**

Curtis gave a brief presentation on the history of river over the last 100 years. It started with the Rail Road shifting the river to build a bridge over it. The highway came through and again shifted the river. There are five species of salmon that historically run up the Eklutna River. Eklutna would like to see the river restored to at least a portion of the river to its former grander. Eklutna owns the land around the Eklutna Lake however there is no water currently running out of the lake. The project is estimated to cost between 5 and 8 million dollars to remove the dam. The

money has been raised privately to fund the dam removal. HDR is working with Eklutna Inc to remove the dam. The construction division of Eklutna will be involved in the removal of the Dam.

Members asked what the expected cost of the dam re

## **Unfinished Business**

### **Reports**

#### **Legislative and Assembly Update**

Dan Saddler – Legislative Update

- The Legislature has adjourned for the year. There is no budget in place, the minority has been unwilling to approve the budget and allow the legislature access the constitutional budget concern.
- The legislature was hung up on the oil tax credit issue. When oil prices are low the tax credits provided to the oil companies are unsustainable.
- The minority would not vote to extend the meeting the 10 days to finish the budget.
- The state has cut the budget significantly, for the capital budget the state as limited funding
- Dan got a bill passed to allow disabled people to set up trust accounts.
- The long-term lease on the office building downtown has been voided by the courts. The governor has said he will veto any bill that attempts to buy the building.
- There was a lot of other action in the legislative.

Cathy Tilton’s Representative Gave a short presentation.

Dan hit many of the items that were on Cathy’s punch list. Cathy is opposed to an income tax but may be willing to use part of the dividend to fund government. Cathy got our letter and is very sorry that she didn’t respond.

Suzan – Amy Rep

The cell tower ordinance is up for vote next Tuesday.

The assembly doesn’t have the vote to pass the communities view on the Yocemite Drive issue.

The crime town hall was very well attended. The police said that crime was down but the residents don’t generally think that crime is on a downward trend.

Americans for prosperity.

June 2, Financing and Savings for retirement. See the attached flyer.

#### **CBERRRSA Road Board Report – Given during presentations.**

N/A

#### **Chugiak Eagle River Advisory Board**

N/A

#### **Federation of Community Councils Update**

- Anchorage is working toward a vote by Mail system
- The Anchor Police Department is understaffed. The anchorage police department is doing Coffee with a Cop at Jitters the 3<sup>rd</sup> Wednesday of every month.

#### **ER/C Parks and Recreation Board of Supervisors**

N/A

## **Treasurer's Report**

- We have a little over 4 thousand dollars in the bank.
  - A motion was made to purchase signs and allocate a budget of \$300 dollar's to fund it. Deb will head of the effort.
  - There was discussion of funding a bi-annual scholarship of \$500 the members thought that this was a good idea.

## **Mail Time**

N/A

## **General Council Business**

N/A

## **New Business**

N/A

## **Open Forum**

Erin – Eklutna Village will be having a 2016 POW WOW / POTLACH it will be June 18-19<sup>th</sup> 26.5 miles north of Anchorage.

Motion Made to donate \$100 to the Eklutna Village for their 2016 POW WOW / POTLACH. It passed with none opposed.

There was follow up discussion regarding the Peter's Creek Landfill. A motion was made to ask that the Stop the Dump Face Book page be removed. The motion passed with none opposed.

Motion to Adjourn for the summer until the September Meeting. If council action over the summer is required the President will form a subcommittee composed of at least 3 council board members to address any issues that arise over the summer. The standing meetings will be reinstated if required or a special meeting can be called per the bylaws.

## **Action Items**

Erin D – Make Name Tags

Jake – Complete the CCC CIP

Deb – Procure Signs for the CCC meeting. Maria was already tasked with this so engage her for help with colors and the design. Due September 2016

Maria - Letter of Concern

## **Outstanding Action Items**

Erin D - Write a letter to the FCC regarding the MOA Planning Department's Website.

## **ADJOURNMENT**

A motion was made to adjourn the CCC meeting. The motion passed with none opposed.

The meeting adjourned at about 9:59 pm.

## **NEXT MEETING**

The next scheduled meeting will be 9/15/2016 at 7:00 p.m. and will be held 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).*