

Minutes, Eagle River Community Council

Thursday, October 9, 2014 12001 Business Blvd., Room 170 conference room (Next to the Eagle River Library)

Call to order – 7 PM

Mike Foster, Brian Fay, Kimberly McCarthy and Julie Ebben present

- Glenn Highway Project Update

Project awarded to Kiewit and Hanson. It may be built in one year due to winter time work. Permits are being modified and are moving slowly. Jacob, project Engineer for Kiewit: plan for the winter is working on VFW road and abutments and bridge construction. Done by December next year. Not much lane closure during the winter. Lane closure impact will be after August 2015.

Sen. Fairclough asked about keeping things clear during rush hours, morning and night. The contract specifies no closures during peak times. Can't even close the shoulder. Only North bound is funded, they are still trying to get the south bound done with this project... South bound planning and completion of at least the river crossing is hoped for. 55 MPH limit is on until the end of October.

Justin Cramer, AFD, addressing Prop 1, AO 37. Explained the history of AO 37 / Prop 1. He said he was concerned about the impact on safety and said he would stick around to answer questions. Vote Yes keeps the ordinance, a no vote removes it for at least 2 years. Justin was complimented on his steady work and good-natured presentations by Senator Fairclough.

Reid McDonald, Ross Johnson and Brian Swanson are here to discuss opening a brewery. Odd Man Rush Brewing, LLC. Small neighborhood brewery and a tap room. Regulations require closing by 8pm. Serving is limited to 3-12 oz. pints per customer. They hope to occupy the space by May, a 30' x 70' footprint. Will be a liquor permit of some sort, 3-4 people on staff. Reid will send follow-up info.

Sen Fairclough: Prop 2 is a concern to the business community. One ounce of pot produces 50 -80 joints and is currently legal. She has grave concerns about the financial impact, the impact on kids and the lack of control on the amount of THC in the product.

Assembly postponed action on the Chugach Trails plan. Park access plans may have a huge impact on private property.

Amy Demboski: The Chugach State Park Access Plan is a problem. The community board is a mechanism for dealing with the issue. Oct. 25th at noon,

Chugiak Eagle River advisory board.

Brian had to leave as Rep. Sadler was presenting, Michael may have additional notes...

Michael adds:

Report: Assemblyperson Amy Dembowski

1. Implementation and audit of the new MOA accounting system
2. Chugiak Monofill Site Permit. Eklutna masterplan is delayed so the decision on the site is also delayed.
3. UBER. Amy and Dick Traini are looking into suspending part of Title 11 (Taxi Code) to create a pilot program allowing UBER to operate in Chugiak – Eagle River. MOA has blocked UBER by calling it a dispatch service. No legal decision yet.
4. First MOA budget meeting tomorrow.

New Business

Tim Ebben inquired about getting street lights. He was informed about light districts and advised to contact Mark Littlefield at CBERRRSA.

Requests from Sen Fairclough to change the wording on the notes regarding her comments on Wallace Ranch in September, and a word change from Assemblyperson Dembowski in notes on her comments. (Both changes made, see new minutes sent out Jan 8, 2015)

CBERRRSA

Michael Meliello reported that the 5 year contract for road maintenance and snow removal would end this spring. 3-4 bidders are expected as the RFP is sent out this spring. Plows are ready for snow.

Treasures Report

Julie Ebben reports the same balance as last month!