

## Draft Chugiak Community Council Meeting Minutes of 03/21/2019

To: Federation of Community Councils

THRU: Darryl Parks, President

FROM: Tom Looney, Secretary

### **CALL TO ORDER**

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

### **Roll Call**

#### *Present:*

Darryl Parks, President

Blake Merrifield, Vice President

Tom Looney, Secretary

Burke Wonnell, Treasurer

Gina Parks, Board Member

Jake Horazdovsky, Board Member

Rashae Johnson

#### *Excused:*

#### *Absent:*

Vincent English, Board Member

### **APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

Motion to approve the minutes by Burke Wonnell, seconded by Gina Parks. Motion 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**

Motion to approve the agenda after adding minor changes from the emailed version. The printed version handed out at the meeting included time for Assembly Candidates time to speak. Motion passed unanimously.

## GUEST PRESENTATIONS

- **Tony Windsor ER Supervisor – Eagle River Street Maintenance** Presented photo of Voyles/homestead walkway to Oberg fields
  - Storm drain system runs Voyles to Sheltering spruce
  - Drainage moved to south side of Voyles because of gas main on north side
  - Out to bid McKenna brothers will construct : Aug thru Sept construction
  - Blake mentioned it was on last two years #1 CIP project
  - No additional right of way needs to be acquired
  - FEMA reimbursement may impact scheduling of projects where we would like to receive FEMA funding first so it does not impact total reimbursement
  - A motion was made by Mr. Horazdovsky, seconded by Mr. Merrifield to state our support of the plan and concept for the Voyles/Homestead walkway. Motion passed unanimously.
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- Crystal Kennedy- Assembly Candidate Seat A: Presented information on why she is running for the Assembly and her qualifications, Jake asked about land use or permitting/building code extension into Chugiak area, Ms. Kennedy replied that our community generally have chosen to live in an area with less regulation, and increased permitting requirements may significantly increase permitting costs.
  - Oliver Schiess – Assembly Candidate Seat A: Presented information on why he is running for the Assembly and his qualifications

## UNFINISHED BUSINESS / ACTION ITEM UPDATES

- Eagle River Cemetery – Update No news from Tom

## REPORTS / UPDATES

### **Assembly Update: (from appointed assembly member) - Gretchen Wemhoff**

- An 11-member group recommended extending hours to sell alcohol. Establishments can open 1 hour earlier, at 9:00am.
- Banned fire retardant (sprayed on) for future sales, this is generally supported by the fire departments.
- Bus changes valley mover is in discussions with people mover to maybe help service in ER. It is based on funding for rural versus not rural, and ER gets caught in the middle.
- Yates property park plan was presented to the Assembly. There is a process to go thru.
- Under consideration is an ordinance to make the minimum age to purchase cigarettes to 21 years old.
- The assembly discussed deregulating taxi cabs – lots of public testimony, the meeting carried over.
- Next week a proposal will be introduced to change representation in the Assembly. There are currently 11 seats on the Assembly. Following the 2020 census there will likely be a move to

adjust the assembly makeup. Downtown only has 1 representative while other areas have two. Proposals under consideration include 11 single member districts or having the single member district rotate, or an additional Assembly member will be added so there are six two member districts. This would require a change to the Charter.

**Legislative:** no report

**Chugiak Fire Department: Chief Tim Benningfield**

- Feb 75 calls, busy month 64% were EMS
- Sent in annual report
  - 5000 volunteer hours in 2018
  - 67 additional credentials in 2018, 9,200 hours training
  - 12 new fire fighters
- There was concern that the fire trucks could not service the Mountain road area because of earthquake damage (Comment by road maintenance Mark Littlefield. Chief Benningfield stated that they took a couple of their smaller pumper trucks up into the area and met with residents to show that the fire department was capable of getting up and providing service on Mountain road.
- He asked if he could use the CCC sign in sheet to send a survey to community members who signed into the meeting, Darryl suggested that we do it thru the Federation of CC, so we get more names

**CBERRRSA Board of Directors (Road Board) – Ted Carlson**

- Presented policies for CBERRRSA
  - Would like comments back to Blake or Ted, by first of September (Crystal mentioned that Heather can email a version to Darryl)
  - Resident -Trig mentioned that the State does not plow consistently on Old Glenn Hwy.
    - Don't plow, don't sand, trees growing up in ditch
    - Safety hazard between birchwood roads
  - Ted mentioned there is a Town Hall meeting in Chugiak in April with the state DOT where we can air our concerns

**C/ER Advisory Board (CERAB) – Jake Horazdovsky**

- Jake reported April 6<sup>th</sup> will be a meeting to discuss two topics: Driveways and CER Cemetery

**Financial (Treasurer's Report) – Burke Wonnell**

- No changes from last month

**Federation of Community Councils (FCC) – Darryl Parks**

- Will be voting on guidelines for notification deadlines and timetables

**ER/C Parks and Recreation Board of Supervisors – Tony Sisto ,**

- Beach lake lodge work (dock, two new requests \$25k Beech lake,
- Chugiak HS pool \$1M work needed,
- Additional bleacher seating for Lorreta French Park
- Resident -Trig asked where he could find information on park spending and if FEMA has been asked for funding to repair damage at the pool. And commented that we should be maintaining what we have before adding new

#### **Secretarial – Tom Looney**

- No comment

#### **General Council Business – Darryl Parks**

- Federation of CC
  - Chief Dahle plans to re-align police officers where best used in the municipality. They plan to assign officers in districts aligned with Community Councils. So we will see the same officers in our community. You can go the MOA website to find the officers in your area.
  - Stolen vehicles down 60% from last year attributed to more officers.
  - Insurance for CC may be necessary (for use of current building, and perhaps for board members for liabilities), and for use of the building. The FCC is looking into the issue with the MOA.
  - Vote by mail, contract clerk's office if you didn't get your ballot
    - Eugene Carl Haberman spoke about dysfunctional election process
    - State budget will not cover bonds \$1400 per resident that the state used to give the school district for bonds.
    - Airport construction again this summer
    - Allegiant Air will be providing flights to/from Alaska – \$59 flights to Bellingham
    - Sun Country Air nonstop flights to Las Vegas
    - Pebble reps want to present at April mtg
  - Need to fill a couple of vacant offices (from board members)
  - Alice Mays package store liquor license is up for renewal and is for sale

#### **NEW BUSINESS**

- None

#### **OPEN FORUM**

- Eugene Carl Haberman
  - Attended ERCC mtg posed question: How can School Board hold mtg at 2pm
    - Was told "School board meetings are not for the public"
    - Election time, Bonds are on ballot, concerned with language that "if the money is not used for the bond issue, the school board can choose to use if for something else.
    - Is the MOA liable for allowing buildings to be built in high risk areas, and have the schools been built in high risk areas?

- Elisa Snelling (school board rep) responded to question by Jake, regarding rebuilding versus new schools
  - ER was easy because of some funds already designated and school is needed
  - Gruening is \$24M,
    - Discussion regarding replacement versus rebuild
- Kerry Williams, MEA election candidate
  - Dealing with Donlin and Pebble
    - 2007 Agrium shutdown, 2011 LNG shutdown
    - Will need to import in 10 years assuming no new significant users added to system
    - Running for MEA to get us off of fuel gas
      - Wants to use renewable energy, ie land based wind
      - Versus coal, fuel oil
      - Would bring hundreds of jobs
      - Election ballots come out this week

ADJOURNMENT: Burke Wonnell moved to adjourn, by Gina Parks, The motion passed with none apposed at 9:24 p.m.

NEXT MEETING DATE: The next scheduled meeting is Thursday, April 18, 2019, 7:00 PM.