

Draft Chugiak Community Council Meeting Minutes of 4/18/2019

To: Federation of Community Councils

THRU: Darryl Parks, President

FROM: Tom Looney, Secretary

CALL TO ORDER

The President called the meeting to order at 7:01 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

Vincent English, Alt. Board Member

Excused:

Absent:

Leslie Echols, Board Member

Harold Parker Alt. Board Member

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Fire Chief Tim Benningfield corrected the minutes stating that he had reported that the department had 50,000 volunteer hours in 2018 instead of 5,000 volunteer hours as stated in the minutes. Following the correction, Motion to approve the minutes by Gina Parks, seconded by Jake Horazdovsky. 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 (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 with the addition of a Guest Presentation by APD Officer Matt Fairaze, by Burke Wonnell, Gina Parks seconded. Motion passed unanimously.

GUEST PRESENTATIONS

- **Matt Fairaze, Anchorage Police Department:** police officer (18yr exp) lives in Chugiak kids in Chugiak elementary, and Chugiak HS wife is also Police Officer. When not training new recruits at the academy he patrols in CER. Historically our community has three patrol officers and 2 detectives working out of CER, now assigned to have 4 officers, although currently only have 3 officers are actually serving in our area.
 - Discussed problem properties Yates, Fire Lakes area property, and land code enforcement.
 - Darryl asked about opinion on quality of current Police dept. Officer Fairaze said the APD are probably they are the best its ever been.
 - Officer Fairaze said he is often asked why crime is considered bad today in our area. He said that the reporting we see on social media makes it sound like there is more crime than there actually is. CER is still have a pretty quite community.
 - Jake asked about people camping in the woods, Officer Fairaze said he is not aware of a significant problem, in our area.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS / ACTION ITEM UPDATES

- **Eagle River Cemetery – Tom Looney** provided a written summary of current status and actives
 - Jake asked about who is supporting:
 - All of the Community Councils and Chamber of Commerce in our area are supportive, some will pass a resolution saying so, ER Valley, ER, Birchwood, the CER Chamber will provide members to staff a CER Cemetery Steering Committee.
 - Rashae asked about funding, and possibly is interested in helping to steer funds
 - Options include Federal grant(s), state or MOA funds, or simply raising funds through community fund raising events. We may need to pursue all paths in the current climate of the state and MOA finances.
 - To be reviewed by the Cemetery Steering committee.

REPORTS / UPDATES

Assembly Update:– Crystal Kennedy

- Newly sworn in.
- Some of the current issues being discussed by the Assembly:
 - Effort to ban all trapping in MOA, issues with jurisdiction
 - Clashes of usage
 - Pushed by dog groups
 - Have been dogs caught in trap
 - Problems with pot consumed onsite, CER would like to NOT allow consumption onsite
 - Budget adjustments (1st quarter)
 - Listening and learning as she comes onto the Assembly

- She can be reached via Cell phone 351-1430 if you wish to speak with her.

Legislative: no report

Chugiak Fire Department – Chief Bennifield

- Summary of March Activity:
 - 6652 hours in March
 - 91 responses 60%-70% for EMS
 - 110+ volunteers
 - 4 fulltime paid
- Danielle Bird volunteer, about 100 hours month volunteer, 2 kids at home, would like to do it for a career, lives in fire station when on duty 650hours in 7 months of volunteer
- “Ring the bell” Long range plan will be a new fire station in Peters Creek.
 - Need 5 acres
 - Inlet view is very small
 - Need bunks in new station
 - Darryl asked about reimbursement rate. 1mil for fire service, area wide EMS is billed, no out of pocket for residents

CBERRRSA Board of Directors (Road Board) – Blake

- Last meeting voted to proceed with Voyles and 4 wheel drive
- Darryl will be going to training to access CIP list
- Should always update CIP list
 - If Voyles moves forward, keep it on, maybe add Oberg trail
 - Crystal mentioned that available funds could be taken to do earthquake repairs until FEMA money is available.
 - No new update on Starner Bridge

C/ER Advisory Board (CERAB) – Jake Horazdovsky

- Meeting on April 6th
 - Cemetery was considered, advisory board did not feel they had the authority to authorize but passed a resolution to support it.
 - Driveway standards on small lots

Federation of Community Councils (FCC) – Darryl Parks

- Insurance for Community Councils
 - MOA is not willing to self insure
 - FCC will takeout insurance for all of the CC’s
 - We need to provide list of dates/events to be coved
 - Maybe include the cemetery steering committee meetings
- Mayors office reminds about tire change over on 10th of May
- Mill rate will stay the same after that the mill rates may go up if the state does not match bond spending commitments
- April 27 May 4 free dump days

- MOA is hiring a Port Consultant to advise the assembly on Port issues.
- Include utility comprehensive plan updates on notification to CC and 1000 foot adjacency to other properties notice.
- When property “Public Notices” are posted, Failure of a party failure to receive a notice does not stop a project.
- City wide clean up on April 27th

Financial – Burke Wonnell

- No financial activity
- \$2,515.77 In Savings
- \$312.78 in Checking

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

- Email questions regarding why the ASD is not applying for FEMA money to repair earthquake damage to Chugiak pool. Tony said the damages were less than \$50K, which is below the threshold where FEMA would provide assistance.
- JBEAR wants to buy development rights in Beach Lake park, and then “retire the rights” to prevent future development on properties adjacent to their lands. An appraisal and negotiation process is happening now, up to 75% of property value could go to MOA dedicated to ER service area.
- Carol Creek update: The MOA Heritage Landbank is actively pursuing releasing the Carol Creek property for Bid. JR Heritage is interested in buying and developing the land.
- Banning Hunting trapping in MOA parks and properties is being considered.

Secretarial – Tom Looney

- No comments

General Council Business – Darryl Parks

- No activities
- Darryl mentioned that if someone sees issues with liquor sales bring it to the CCC

NEW BUISNESS

- None

OPEN FORUM

- “Eagle Exit” – A coordinated effort to cede the CER area from the Municipality of Anchorage In the news today
 - Long discussion on “ceding from the MOA
 - No resolution, a variety of opinions, but no action from the CCC.

- **Yate Property Park – Vince English**, Sampson Estates Team went to the assembly and got the property “bifurcated” no means to have Parks and Rec “accept the park”, and allow the HLB to transfer it to be used as a park. The have a year to present a plan.
- **Building Permits & Inspections in CER - Jake Horazdovsky** Expanding on CCC Resolution passed in February, sent resolution for engineered plan review to the MOA, wants to take it “on the road” to other CC in CER area for support.
 - Proposed that an official study regarding excessive damage in CER versus other areas in Anchorage from the earthquake would be useful for determining if CER area needs to have better inspection and plan review for residential construction.
 - He has drafted a resolution (to be presented for vote in May meeting)
 - Are homes being built to current code
 - In last 15 years
 - Can home buyers and renters be assure they have been built to codes
 - Was ground movements greater in the CER area

ADJOURNMENT: Vincent English moved to adjourn, seconded by Gina Parks, the motion passed with none apposed at approx. 9:15 p.m.

NEXT MEETING DATE: The next scheduled meeting is May 15, 2019, 7:00 PM.