

Last Modified January 21, 2005

TO: Federation of Community Councils

THRU: Merten Bangemann-Johnson
President

FROM: Linda R. Kovac
Secretary-Treasurer

SUBJECT: Chugiak Community Council - Approved Minutes for Nov. 18, 2004 Meeting

CALL TO ORDER

The President called the meeting to order at 7:10 PM.

Roll Call

Present: Merten Bangemann-Johnson, President
David Baldwin, Vice President
Linda Kovac, Secretary and Treasurer
Gale Armstrong
John Arzie
Charlie Cox

Excused: Marty Parsons

Unexcused: Mick Fischback

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

A motion was made and seconded to accept the minutes from the October 21, 2004 meeting with minor corrections. Motion was approved unanimously.

REPORTS

CBERRRSA Road Board – Ted Kinney (688-2477), Chris Hudson/Alternate (696-1037) – Ted reported:

- There is enough money in the Road Board budget for the rest of 2004. A new budget will be in place January.
- ROW enforcement is being done to prevent snow being plowed from residences into the streets. Fines of \$350 are being assessed.
- A request to fix the culvert located at the Old Glenn Highway and Fire Lake Drive intersection is still on hold until spring and until ADOT&PF and CBERRRSA can determine who is responsible to perform the work. To-date delineators have been installed to warn drivers of the location of the ditch.

Ted said he would follow up on the following issues:

- Several residents said something must be done to slow traffic on Oberg Road at Oberg Park because so many residents are going off the road at the 90 degree turn.
- Resident Steve Hulsey (688-7773, 22411 Mirror Lake Drive) requested that the Road Board fix a drainage problem which causes flooding to his property. Mr. Hulsey has been trying to resolve the matter for two years and believes that a culvert installed at the intersection of Banner and Mirror Lake Drive will fix the problem.
- Board Member John Arzie requested that sand be applied to the intersection at Whaley Ave. and Ski Road as it is extremely icy for the school buses.

Eagle River-Chugiak Parks & Recreation Board – Ray Burger (688-3835) reported:

- Several capital improvements (\$100,000) are planned for Oberg Soccer Field including drainage repairs, dugout construction, additional parking, and pavilion roof repair.
- To reduce liability, a trailer (former caretaker residence) was sold from the Loretta French horse park. RV hookups are planned for the site to allow for visits by veterinarians.
- A low volume irrigation well and a 2,000 gallon tank are planned at Loretta French Park to supply supplemental ball field watering. The well site will be located to try and minimize impact to surrounding properties.

Federation of Community Councils (FCC) – Merten Johnson (688-6575), Dave Baldwin/Alternate (688-6158) The FCC's hours 8am-5pm, Mon-Fri. Phone: 277-1977. Address: 401 E. Northern Lights Blvd.; Suite 204. Merten reported:

- The Assembly has agreed to fund the FCC for \$108,000 if certain contingencies are met by January 2005. Contingencies include:
 - Presenting an acceptable FCC operating plan to the Assembly. The proposed plan includes hiring a full time FCC director and FCC administration staff.
 - Instituting a set of minimum requirements to be adopted by all 37 community councils, e.g., having bylaws and performing financial accounting. If a council does not comply with the requirements, then that council could be de-ratified.
- A \$25,000 grant from the State Department of Economic Development will be available to the FCC by the end of 2004.
- There is a push by the MOA to reduce air emissions from idling cars by enforcing laws that prohibit cars to idle for long periods or to idle with no one inside. Residents are reminded to plug in block heaters at 20 degF and below.

Chugiak Community Council Treasury – Linda Kovac (688-5356) reported:

- There was \$1,583.44 in the savings account which includes a \$36.00 donation from members attending the October 21st meeting.
- The Tonjess Homeowners Association donated a check for \$300.00 to the Chugiak Community Council (delivered by John White 688-4547). The Secretary was asked to send a thank-you note.
- The President agreed to donate \$11.00 for a P.O. Box restart fee.
- A motion was made and seconded to reimburse the Treasurer \$69.66 from the savings account for P.O. Box rental (\$68.00) and postage (\$1.66). Motion was approved unanimously.

On-Site Wastewater System Technical Review Board – Linda Kovac (688-5356) reported:

- Changes to the current well code are still being debated. Once a few issues are settled, well drillers and other interested parties will be invited to a well code review meeting.
- The MOA Department of Health and Human Services/Environmental Services Division has issued a pamphlet, Arsenic in Drinking Water, available on www.muni.org. The MOA measured arsenic levels in 434 private wells and 20% of the wells exceeded the EPA's public drinking standard of 10 parts per billion for arsenic. The wells tested in Chugiak did not exceed the EPA standard while wells tested in west Anchorage had the highest incidence of arsenic.

Old Glenn Project Citizen Committee (ADOT&PF Rehabilitation Project No. 52515)

- To-date, the Council has not received any written replies to the list of Old Glenn Project recommendations that was distributed to elected officials in September 2004.
- Assemblymember Debbie Osslander is scheduled to meet with city attorneys and Lance Wilber, MOA Traffic Director, on Nov. 19th to discuss project options.
- Ted Kinney (Old Glenn Highway Citizen Committee Member) received the go-ahead from the Council to make a presentation to AMATS summarizing the Council's recommendations for the project.
- CRW has updated their website for the Old Glenn Project: www.oldglennhighway.com.

Title 21 Update Committee (Municipal Land Use and Zoning Code Rewrite)

Comments are still being compiled on Module 3 and will be sent to Assemblymember Ossiander, MOA Planning, the Chugiak-Eagle River Chamber of Commerce, and local community councils. The due date for public comments on Module 3 is January 21, 2005.

Large Animal Ordinance Committee – Dave Baldwin (688-6158) reported that he was unable to attend the first citizen meeting but plans to attend future meetings.

PRESENTATIONS

Parks and Recreation Capital Projects

John Rodda (694-2011 office, 317-7436 cell), Eagle River-Chugiak Department of Parks, Recreation and Community Development Division Manager, reported:

- John would like to begin visiting the local community councils three times per year to discuss Parks & Recreation budget and projects (start of the year, spring, and fall).
- The proposed Parks & Recreation budget includes 0.5 mil of property tax for operating expenses and 0.5 mil of property tax for capital projects. The primary operating expenses would include: Chugiak Pool (\$450,000), MacDonald Center (\$50,000), and general operations and administration (\$7,000). Another expense is maintaining the summer camps. The primary capital expenses would include work toward completing the Loretta-French Park ball fields and adding a supplementary low volume irrigation well there, sprucing up Mirror Lake/Edmonds Lake Park (\$150,000), adding disc golf courses at Peters Creek and Schroeder Parks (\$20,000), doing cosmetic repairs and adding sound baffles at the Chugiak Pool (\$300,000), improving the power supply and parking at Beach Lake Park and completing the new chalet there.
- Plan details for gravel extraction at Birchwood Section 25 NW ¼ are being worked out between ADOT and Parks & Recreation.
- There are plans to make improvements to the Birchwood Civil Air Patrol Hanger (Birchwood Airport) to create a community emergency shelter (\$100,000). Proposed improvements include replacing the hanger's current emergency generator.

Anchorage Assembly Issues

Engel Goodnight, Assemblymember Debbie Ossiander's representative, summarized current Chugiak-related Assembly issues. They include additional funding for: Chugiak Senior Center, police for Chugiak, FCC budget, Fire Lake Dam reconstruction, Eklutna Bridge reconstruction, lighting for the New Glenn Highway, Eagle River/Chugiak emergency center development, and possible reconstruction of the New Glenn Highway interchange at the Anchorage Landfill.

NEW BUSINESS

Planning & Zoning Case No. 2005-001

Planning & Zoning Case No. 2005-001 is a request to rezone approximately 10 acres from R-10SL (Residential/Alpine Slope with special limitations) to I-1 (Light Industrial). This would allow construction of a water bottling facility to be located adjacent to the Eklutna Water Treatment Site on Eklutna Lake Road in the Eklutna Valley Community Council. The case is scheduled to go before the Planning & Zoning Commission on Monday, January 3, 2005.

The President stated that Alaska Glacier currently uses tanker trucks to obtain unchlorinated water at the Eklutna Water Treatment Plant. The water is then trucked to Anchorage for bottling. This proposed rezoning would allow the bottling process to occur near the Eklutna Water Treatment Plant.

The case was discussed and several people believed that: this rezone would result in more trucks on steep, curvey Eklutna Lake Road; the petitioner was requesting more acreage for the rezone than should be required for the proposed purpose. Some people suggested that there are better-suited areas for industrial development than along the Eklutna Lake Road.

A motion was made and seconded to recommend that the Planning & Zoning Commission deny the request for rezoning. Motion was approved unanimously with 18 people voting. The Secretary was requested to prepare and send a letter to the MOA Planning Department recommending the request for rezoning be denied.

Chugiak-Eagle River Comprehensive Plan Update

Assemblymembers Ossiander and Fairclough were able to extend the project timeline for the Title 21 Rewrite. This will allow time to complete an update to the Chugiak-Eagle River Comprehensive Plan prior to adopting changes to Title 21. The update process includes analyzing input from CBERRRSA, residents, developers, etc. While Ted Kinney would represent CBERRRSA's Chugiak interests, the Council believes additional representation from Chugiak is warranted.

A motion was made and seconded to nominate Linda Kovac and Dave DeCaprio to represent Chugiak's interests with respect to any plan updates. Motion was approved unanimously.

Chugiak Community Council Post Office Box

A motion was made and seconded for the President and Vice President to set up a schedule to regularly check Chugiak Community Council P.O. Box 671350 for mail. Motion was approved unanimously. The President and Vice President now have the only keys to the P.O. Box. In addition, the Treasurer requested that when the President or Vice President receives Council bank statements they be delivered to the Treasurer.

OLD BUSINESS

Chugiak Website: **www.chugiakcouncil.org**

The President is still looking for volunteers to set up the website. Interested parties are asked to contact the President.

Cell Phone Towers

Assemblymember Debbie Ossiander investigated how ASC cell towers came to be installed along the New Glenn Highway without any public involvement. Via email, she reported "that the State uses an administrative permit process to allow utilities placement in their ROW. ACS applied. State DOT ROW Division then contacted the MOA ROW Department to ask if the MOA had any objection. Jack Frost in the city department said no. The State then executed a contract that required ACS to pay for any costs incurred if there is future construction or the tower needs to move for any reason. ACS is also paying a rental fee to the state for the site. If a tower goes up elsewhere in the MOA, a city permit and appropriate zoning approval would be required. There is a difference between the city and state process." Debbie was also told "that this would not have happened if the site were close to residences."

OPEN FORUM

Local Community Council Monthly Meetings

Some years ago it was the practice that the chairmen of the local community councils met once a month to address common issues. The six local councils include Birchwood, Chugiak, Eagle River, Eagle River Valley, Eklutna Valley, and South Fork. The Birchwood Community Council has requested that the six councils reconvene these monthly meetings.

A motion was made and seconded to reconvene these meetings with the Chugiak Community Council President to attend. Motion was approved unanimously.

New Glenn Highway Interchanges

The President said he would follow up with Lance Wilber, MOA Traffic Director, to determine what is necessary to initiate an ADOT upgrade of the New Glenn Highway's interchanges in Chugiak. Two of the worst problems include the South Peters Creek on-ramp to Anchorage (too short with poor visibility) and off-ramp to Thunderbird (too short and downhill to tight turns).

New Glenn Highway Noise

Resident Angie Hamill (688-5713) wondered if someone could measure the noise coming from the New Glenn Highway at her home. Some residents thought that ADOT lent out decibel meters to the public. Board Member Linda Kovac said she would follow up on whom to contact for the decibel meters.

Chugiak Community Council Banner

A motion was made and seconded to spend up to \$200 for a Chugiak Community Council advertising banner with wording to be determined by Linda Kovac and Dave DeCaprio. Motion was approved unanimously.

Emailing Chugiak Community Council Meeting Minutes

The President proposed that when he emails out the agenda for the next Chugiak Community Council Meeting to residents that he also email the minutes from the last meeting to help keep residents informed of issues. It was decided that, since minutes from the last meeting would not yet be approved, the President should only email the approved minutes from the second to last meeting.

Old Zoning Violation on Old Glenn Highway

The President said he would check the status on an old zoning violation relating to Road Runner Fence Co., Inc. on the Old Glenn Highway and report the status at January's meeting.

Recognition of Service

Merten Bangemann-Johnson is the out-going FCC President. Residents recognized his vigorous efforts to keep the FCC viable, procure funding, and set a new course for the FCC.

Chugiak Community Council Elections

Chugiak Community Council Board Members are community volunteers who are elected by residents for two-year terms. Board Members may be re-elected for multiple terms. Board Members are expected to attend regularly scheduled monthly Council meetings. If elected to a specific office of the Board (President, Vice President, Secretary, or Treasurer), the Board Member Officer is expected to perform additional functions as specified in the Council Bylaws.

Terms for four Council Board Members end in January 2005. Residents interested in serving for any of the positions listed below are asked to contact the President and attend January's Chugiak Community Council meeting for the elections:

<u>Name</u>	<u>District Representative</u>
David Baldwin	At Large
Linda Kovac	At Large - East Mirror Lake
Mick Fischback	West Peters Creek
Marty Parsons	Thunderbird/Eklutna

December's Chugiak Community Council Meeting

A motion was made and seconded to cancel the regularly scheduled Chugiak Community Council meeting for December 2004. Motion was approved unanimously.

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 9:15 PM.

NEXT MONTH

Since December's Chugiak Community Council Meeting has been cancelled, the next meeting will be Thursday, January 20, 2005, 7PM at the Chugiak Benefit Association, at which time the Council will elect board representatives, review the council's bylaws, and possibly have presentations from the Anchorage Police Department (APD), and Alaska Communications Systems (ACS).

BOARD INFORMATION

Expires	Name	Phone	Email	District	Seat
01/06	Merten Bangemann-Johnson, President	688-6575	mertenbj@chugiakcouncil.org	At Large	8
01/05	Dave Baldwin, Vice President	688-6158	dbaldwin@chugiakcouncil.org	At Large	7
01/05	Linda Kovac, Secretary-Treasurer	688-5356 phone 688-5456 fax	lkovac@chugiakcouncil.org	At Large - East Mirror Lake	3
01/06	Gale Armstrong	696-3543	armstron@mtaonline.net	Chugiak	6
01/06	John Arzie	688-6035	jarzie@chugiakcouncil.org	East Peters Creek	2
01/06	Charlie Cox	688-1261	coxfamily@gci.net	West Mirror Lake	4
01/05	Mick Fischback	688-6895	maflaf@hotmail.com	West Peters Creek	1
01/05	Marty Parsons	688-8020	mpar@alaska.net	Thunderbird	5

Note: Chugiakcouncil.org email accounts are still in the process of being setup.