


Last Modified September 15, 2004

TO: Federation of Community Councils

THRU: Merten Bangemann-Johnson  
President

FROM: Linda R. Kovac   
Secretary

SUBJECT: **Chugiak Community Council - Approved Minutes for Aug. 19, 2004 Meeting**

### **CALL TO ORDER**

The President called the meeting to order at 7:07 PM.

#### **Roll Call**

Present: Merten Bangemann-Johnson, President  
David Baldwin, Vice President  
Linda Kovac, Secretary and Treasurer  
John Arzie  
Mick Fischback

Excused: Gale Armstrong

Unexcused: Charlie Cox  
Marty Parsons

### **APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

A motion was made and seconded to accept the minutes from the June 17, 2004 meeting. Motion was approved unanimously.

### **REPORTS**

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

- A gravel upgrade on Brownie Drive is nearly done (steep hillside off Eagle River Road).
- Chip seal will be completed by Aug 20<sup>th</sup> on Four Wheel Drive in West Peters Creek.
- CBERRRSA needs to request additional funding from the Assembly.
- Ditching and brush-clearing is planned for this fall.
- AWWU and the Anchorage School Board are discussing possible improvements to Yosemite Drive (near the new Eagle River high school).
- The MOA is waiting for a FEMA grant to repair Fire Lake Dam.

**Eagle River/Chugiak Parks & Recreation Board** – Ray Burger (688-3835) – Ray was unavailable but John Rodda, Manager of Eagle River/Chugiak Parks, Recreation and Community Development (ERCPRSA), gave an update:

- Call Parks&Rec (694-2011) if the rock crusher at Loretta French Park is operating outside of the time limits listed in the conditional use permit. Crushing is almost finished and stock-piling is in progress. Loretta French Park will shape-up to be a park next year.
- Thanks to the passage of Proposition 16, Parks&Rec has a capital improvement budget. Ray Burger will present a list of proposed capital improvements at next month's meeting.
- The chalet at Beach Lake Park is planned to open before ski season.

- It is Parks&Rec's philosophy to avoid starting new projects until on-going maintenance for existing projects is handled.
- Summer camp had a high turnout. 670 of 700 slots were filled (67 kids per week). The base of operations was located at Chugiak High School.
- The Chugiak Volunteer Fire Department (CVFD) and the Parks&Rec are planning to share space at the old Jem Auto Body Shop. This will be CVFD's fifth fire station in the Chugiak/Birchwood area.
- Discussions are set to begin the week of Aug 23<sup>rd</sup> regarding future gravel extraction from NW Sec 25 near South Birchwood Loop.
- Alaska Disc Golf Association ([www.alaskadiscgolf.com](http://www.alaskadiscgolf.com)) is planning to install a 21-hole frisbee golf course at Peters Creek Community Park. This activity is popular and helps to prevent park vandalism.
- An ice cream social is planned to thank park volunteers for their service (Aug 26, 4PM, Eagle River Town Square).

In addition, Representative Bill Stoltze reported:

- John Rodda was presented with an award for his outstanding community service.
- Marianna Koehler Memorial Park (Hilltop Drive in East Peters Creek) is a little gem of park that Bill volunteers at. The park has beautiful flowers and was created in honor Marianna Koehler, a community volunteer and activist.

Federation of Community Councils (FCC) – Merten Johnson (688-6575), Dave Baldwin/Alternate (688-6158) – Merten reported:

- The FCC now shares office space with the Alaska Community Association (community schools) to save money on rent and increase the availability of administrative support. Hours are 8am-5pm, Mon-Fri. Phone: 277-1977. Address: 401 E. Northern Lights Blvd.; Suite 204.
- The FCC has advertised in the ADN for an executive director to develop a vision and goals for the FCC. Once these documents are prepared, the FCC will request the Assembly to reinstate FCC's operational grant.

Chugiak Community Council Treasury – Linda Kovac (688-5356) – Linda reported that there was \$1,548.86 in the savings account which included a \$10 donation from members attending the June 17th meeting. No expenses were reported.

## **PRESENTATIONS**

Old Glenn Highway Rehabilitation Project (ADOT&PF State Project No. 52515)

Brendan McKee, P.E./CRW Engineering Group, LLC. (Phone 562-3252, Fax 561-2273, Email [bmckee@crweng.com](mailto:bmckee@crweng.com)), Ken Chapman/ADOT&PF (269-0586), and Carl Nelson/ADOT&PF (269-0595) presented retaining wall options that could be utilized at Lower Fire Lake. The two options included MSE embankments and gabions. The MSE embankments require less of a footprint and clearing area than do the gabions. Meredith Mears agreed to hand out the associated technical information, drawings, and photos to residents along Lower Fire Lake.

Brendan McKee/CRW also supplied the following recent project-related documents to the Council which were distributed at the meeting:

- "Frequently Asked Questions" prepared by CRW/ADOT&PF
- Minutes of June 17, 2004 Chugiak Community Council Meeting prepared by CRW/ADOT&PF
- Letter prepared by CRW/ADOT&PF responding to petitioners requesting the State to abandon its proposed plan and meet with residents to come up with a more suitable plan
- Document prepared by CRW/ADOT&PF responding to the Old Glenn Highway Citizen Committee's issues

In addition, a set of ADOT&PF's preliminary drawings can be reviewed by the public at the Eagle River Library. These drawings are in color, show existing and proposed ROW lines, slope limits, roadway surface, and proposed roadway and pathway improvements.

Highlights of the subsequent discussion included:

- People were still hazy on where exactly the clearing limits are to be located. CRW/ADOT&PF reiterated that they expected vegetation clearing limits to be 5 to 10 feet beyond the (blue) cut and fill lines shown on the distributed drawings.
- CRW/ADOT&PF stated that they would attempt to locate utilities in locations such that the need for their future relocation would be minimized.
- CRW/ADOT&PF stated that it would be unusual but, in some cases, additional clearing may be required if utilities must extend beyond a utility corridor running adjacent to the roadway. For these exceptions, it may be necessary to purchase additional utility easements from the property owner.
- CRW/ADOT&PF stated that AWWU was aware of the Old Glenn Hwy project and both ADOT and AWWU would try to coordinate their work on the Old Glenn Hwy.
- Ted Kinney/CBERRRSA stated that CBERRRSA is prohibited from working in a state ROW and wondered if maintenance for the Old Glenn Hwy would ultimately fall to CBERRRSA. Ted Kinney and John Rodda/ERCPRSA stated that, in general, responsibility for road and trail maintenance is neither clearly defined nor funded. They both agreed that this Old Glenn Hwy project should not be delayed because of possible maintenance concerns but they recommended that the State and MOA build the needed infrastructure: to handle funding for road and trail maintenance; to designate authority; and to identify responsibilities. Mr. Nelson/ADOT&PF observed that state funding for road maintenance has been declining every year and that this is a problem state-wide. Representative Bill Stoltze responded that he does not want to pass off the maintenance funding problem down to the cities.
- Ted Kinney/CBERRRSA observed that if the Old Glenn Hwy were a new arterial, the ROW requirements would be 100-150 feet wide. Since the Old Glenn Hwy ROW varies between 60 and 300 feet, Ted Kinney wondered why certain encroachments would have to be removed if they are not obtrusive. Carl Nelson/ADOF&PF stated that ADOF&PF designers are "not policy makers" and cannot change the rules by which they design and construct roads.
- The President advised ADOF&PF to be smart about construction options and avoid disenfranchising the public. Brendan McKee/CRW responded that they have tried to alter the design to comply with requests by the public regarding the ditches, trail, shoulders and trees.
- Carl Nelson/ ADOF&PF said that the schedule for this project jumps around a bit due to funding fluctuations. Small detail design work and ROW purchase might begin in early October 2005 while construction might begin in October 2005 and run into 2006.
- Jeff Parker requested ADOF&PF for ADOF&PF's design study report. ADOF&PF advised him that copies are available at DOT.

The Old Glenn Highway Project Citizen Committee was setup in May 2004 to identify community issues and make recommendations. The Committee has since had several meetings with ADOT&PF but feel the bulk of the community's concerns are not resolved. The next Committee meeting will be early September with the aim of enlisting the help of elected representatives to achieve the community's goals. If anyone is interested in joining the Committee or attending the meetings, please contact someone on the list for details.

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### **NEW BUSINESS**

There was no new business.

### **OLD BUSINESS**

#### Eklutna Development

The Council discussed Eklutna, Inc.'s plans for future residential developments north of Mirror Lake Middle School, an area comprising approximately 1000 acres. The single-family homes would include acre-sized lots, city water, on-site septic systems, and strip-paved streets. Proposed collectors would include extensions of Oberg Road and Lake Hill Drive. The Chugiak-Eagle River Long-Range Transportation Plan recommends reducing the anticipated traffic on Lake Hill Drive. At this point, there are no firm plans to extend a collector northward to the Mirror Lake Interchange as it would run through the Edmonds Lake Regional Park.

John Rodda, Manager - Eagle River/Chugiak Parks, Recreation and Community Development stated that future Parks&Rec plans for Edmonds Lake Regional Park might include a network of trails including a connection across the New Glenn Highway. Mr. Rodda suggested that all alternatives for subdivision access be presented with their advantages and disadvantages.

A motion was made and seconded to request that MOA officials confer with Eklutna, Inc. about the overall development plan for the area before the design gets too far. Motion was approved unanimously. The Secretary was requested to prepare and send an letter to the Mayor, Planning, Traffic, and Parks Department requesting that the MOA discuss all possible development options with Eklutna, Inc. for this area.

**OPEN FORUM****Cell Phone Tower**

Ted Kinney asked who owned and approved the new tower installed near Mirror Lake Middle School. No one at the meeting could answer the question.

**Title 21 Update**

Jean Newman, resident since 1967, wanted to determine the ramifications to her property due to Title 21 - Module Two's changes to the B-3 zoning designation. The draft of Module Two calls to discontinue it. According the Aug. 13, 2004 Alaska Star, Susan Gorski, executive director of the Chugiak-Eagle River Chamber of Commerce, stated that businesses will have to apply for and pay a \$3,500 noncompliance permit, get grandfathered in the way they are, or change according to an amortization schedule. The President suggested that we would discuss the Title 21 Update at next month's meeting. Note: Assembly Member Debbie Ossiander is chair.

**ADJOURNMENT**

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 8:47 PM.

**NEXT MONTH**

The next meeting will be Thursday, September 16, 2004, 7PM at the Chugiak Benefit Association, at which time the Chugiak Community Council may discuss the Title 21 Update.

**BOARD INFORMATION**

<b>Term Expires</b>	<b>Name and Phone</b>	<b>Phone</b>	<b>Email Accounts</b>	<b>Area</b>
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Note: Chugiakcouncil.org email accounts are still in the process of being setup.