

Last Modified October 21, 2004

TO: Federation of Community Councils

THRU: Merten Bangemann-Johnson
President

FROM: Linda R. Kovac 
Secretary

SUBJECT: **Chugiak Community Council - Approved Minutes for Sept. 16, 2004 Meeting**

CALL TO ORDER

The President called the meeting to order at 7:03 PM.

Roll Call

Present: Merten Bangemann-Johnson, President
David Baldwin, Vice President
Linda Kovac, Secretary and Treasurer
Gale Armstrong
Charlie Cox
Mick Fischback
Marty Parsons

Excused: John Arzie

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

A motion was made and seconded to accept the minutes from the August 19, 2004 meeting. Motion was approved unanimously.

REPORTS

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

- The gravel upgrade on Brownie Drive is continuing (steep hillside off Eagle River Road).
- Gravel upgrades have been deferred for Fire Lake Drive (off Old Glenn) and Darn Drive (off Oberg).
- Ditching and brush-clearing is in progress on local road rights-of-way. Some property owners prefer to do the brush-clearing themselves before the road maintenance crew gets to their street.
- Please do not pile snow in the roadways.
- Clearing away driveway and mailbox snow berms is the sole responsibility of each property owner.

Eagle River/Chugiak Parks & Recreation Board – Ray Burger (688-3835) – There was no parks & recreation report as Ray was unavailable.

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 that the Assembly severely cut the FCC budget for 2004 and now reserve accounts must be used to fund the center. The FCC may run out of money in 2005. The Assembly formerly budgeted the FCC at the following levels:

Year	Approved Budget (Approximate)	Inflation Proofing
2002	\$108,000	none
2003	\$100,000	none
2004	\$28,997	none
2005	Out of money?	

Note: Historically the FCC budget has never been increased due to inflation.

In order to regain operational funding from the Assembly, the FCC has hired Mr. Steve Levy as a temporary Executive Director. His job is to develop vision, goals, work plan, and budget for the FCC using information gathered from the 38 community councils and Assemblymembers. One goal is to make the FCC a better resource to all of the community councils.

A motion was made and seconded to request the Assembly to fund the FCC at the budget level that will be proposed by the FCC. Motion was approved unanimously. The Secretary was requested to prepare and send the letter.

Merten encouraged residents to contact Assemblymembers in person to request additional funding for the FCC. Local Assemblymembers include:

Anna Fairclough	694-7090 Home/Fax 343-4114 Office	annafair@alaska.net
Debbie Ossiander	688-2308 Home 343-4113 Voice Mail 343-4780 Fax	ossiander@gci.net

Chugiak Community Council Treasury – Linda Kovac (688-5356) – Linda reported that there was \$1,558.93 in the savings account which included an \$8 donation from members attending the August 19th meeting. No expenses were reported.

PRESENTATIONS

There were no presentations.

NEW BUSINESS

Title 21 Update, Municipal Land Use and Zoning Code Rewrite

A. Title 21 Committee

The MOA is requesting public comment on Title 21 Update Module Three – Development Standards and Other Chapters. This is an update to regulations that will impact Chugiak's future planning and zoning. A committee was setup to make recommendations for the Council to pass on to the MOA. If anyone is interested in joining the Title 21 Committee or attending the meetings, please contact someone on the list for details:

Name	Phone	Email
De Caprio, Dave	688-3919	oscstmbt.ddecaprio@gci.net
Kinney, Ted	688-2477	tkinney@mtaonline.net
Kovac, Linda	688-5356	lkovac@chugiakcouncil.org

Note: The Chugiak/Eagle River Chamber of Commerce has a similar committee.

B. The President excused himself from offering opinions about this issue due to the nature of his work at the MOA.

C. A presentation about the Title 21 Update from Tom Nelson, Director of the MOA Planning Department, is planned for the October meeting.

Old Glenn Highway Rehabilitation Project (ADOT&PF State Project No. 52515)A. Old Glenn Highway Project Citizen Committee Presentation of Recommendations

The Old Glenn Highway Project Citizen Committee was setup in May 2004 to identify community issues and make recommendations regarding the Old Glenn project. The Committee presented their prioritized recommendations to the Council and requested that state legislators and municipal officials negotiate with ADOT&PF on the Council's behalf to reduce negative construction impacts.

A motion was made and seconded to send the recommendations on to the state legislators and municipal officials. The motion was amended to include U.S. Senators and U.S. Representative. Motion was approved unanimously. The Secretary was requested to send the recommendations to the expanded distribution list.

The President stated that the bylaws should be checked to determine if funds from our treasury could be used for travel to Juneau to address the State Legislature on this issue.

If anyone is interested in joining the Old Glenn Highway Project Citizen Committee or attending the meetings, please contact someone on the list for details. The purpose of the next meeting is to follow up on the recommendations with the aides of the addressees (Sept. 30, 7PM, CBA).

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Armstrong, Gale	696-3543	armstron@mtaonline.net	18827 Darby Rd Eagle River, AK 99577
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Kinney, Ted	688-2477	tkinney@mtaonline.net	P.O. Box 671074, Chugiak, AK 99567-1074
Kovac, Linda	688-5356	lkovac@chugiakcouncil.org	P.O. Box 671271, Chugiak, AK 99567-1271
Mears, Bill and Meredith	622-4077	meredithmrs@aol.com	P.O. Box 770123, Eagle River, AK 99577-0123
Waddell, Dixie	688-2610	sprcreek@mtaonline.net	18915 Old Glenn Hwy, Chugiak, AK 99567

B. 1993 Old Glenn Highway Survey

Board Member Linda Kovac distributed copies of the original 1993 Chugiak Community Council Old Glenn Highway Improvement Survey results. There were 627 surveys returned to the Council which itemized resident concerns about the Old Glenn and recommended solutions. The top three concerns were pedestrian safety, darkness, and narrowness. The top three recommended solutions were a pedestrian route, widen lanes, and pave shoulders.

Resident Harold Parker stated that the Old Glenn Project started here, at the Chugiak Community Council, with public input and added that there was great similarity between the 1993 survey and the current Old Glenn Project recommendations.

Also distributed was a March 1997 Alaska Star article that reported on the project's status.

C. 2004 Old Glenn Highway Project Petition

Bill and Meredith Mears/Anchorage Road Coalition (622-4077) and residents of Lower Fire Lake, presented a petition regarding the Old Glenn Highway Project having 581 total signers (on twenty-eight sheets). This petition was previously submitted by the Mears on June 8, 2004 to ADOT&PF, State Representatives and Senators, Anchorage Assembly Members, Mayor Begich, and AMATS. Of the 581 total signers:

- 352 signers signed the petition having the following wording (on eighteen sheets):

"OLD GLENN HIGHWAY PROJECT
Petition to the Chugiak Community Council

We, as property owners and residents of the area immediately surrounding the proposed Old Glenn Highway Road Construction Project are requesting that the community council rescind its support of the project and request that the State Department of Transportation abandon the proposed plan and meet with residents to come up with a more suitable plan."

- 229 signers signed the same petition as above except for having the following additional wording (on ten sheets):

"Do Not Widen Old Glenn Road!!"

(also: "Don't Widen the Road!"; "No to widening the Old Glenn Highway."; etc.)

D. Old Glenn Highway Project Website

CRW has created a website for the Old Glenn Project: www.oldglennhighway.com. Currently, there is only a welcome page with a little map.

OLD BUSINESS

Chugiak Website: www.chugiakcouncil.org

MTA is funding Chugiak Community Council's website but it still needs to be set up. Due to a lack of time, the President asked for volunteers to set up the website. Merten stated that he could handle the subsequent website maintenance himself. Resident Mike Cairry stated that his friend may be interested. Mike Cairry agreed to ask his friend to contact Merten for details.

Cell Phone Tower

Ted Kinney determined that the telecommunication towers that were recently installed along the Glenn Highway are owned by ACS. Evidently, since the towers were erected on State ROW, the MOA was not required to inform the Council of their construction.

A motion was made and seconded to ask ACS to inform the Chugiak Community Council prior to such work being done in our area. The Secretary was requested to prepare and send the letter.

OPEN FORUM

Old Glenn Hwy and Fire Lake Drive Intersection

Resident Jean Newman identified a serious safety issue with the intersection of the Old Glenn Highway and Fire Lake Drive. Recently, DOT fixed road culverts in the State ROW at this intersection. Now dangerous road conditions exist due to deep ditches, the angle at which the two roads meet, and the lack of adequate road width for safe turning.

A motion was made and seconded to request that the State and MOA road maintenance crews cooperate to fix the intersection before it snows. Motion was approved unanimously. The Secretary was requested to prepare and send the letter.

On-Site Wastewater System Technical Review Board

Board Member Linda Kovac was recently accepted for an opening on the On-Site Wastewater System Technical Review Board. This primary purpose of this group is to propose, review, and make recommendations to the Assembly regarding proposed amendments to well and septic regulations. The current discussion involves keeping the public's well water safe. One recommendation is that when a property sells, the internal structure of any out-of-service wells located on the property would need to be examined by means of a down-well camera to ensure the wells are not allowing contaminated water to mix with good water. Should an out-of-service well fail the test, the well would need to be permanently decommissioned.

One resident was concerned about the cost of such testing. Linda suggested that if all of the well drillers were required to conduct this type of testing then the resulting competition should bring the cost down.

The Old Glenn Hwy as a National Scenic Byway

The President brought up the possibility that the Chugiak/Eagle River Chamber of Commerce had a project to try and designate the Old Glenn Hwy as a National Scenic Byway. This project might overlap with one of the Council's current recommendations for the Old Glenn Project. Board Member Mick Fischback volunteered to check if there was any overlap. Bobbi Wells, Birchwood Community Council President, warned that there might be negative conditions attached to a scenic byway designation.

Eagle River/Chugiak Succession

Bobbi Wells asked for opinions regarding possible succession of Eagle River/Chugiak from Anchorage. State Senator Fred Dyson recently secured \$30,000 to investigate the feasibility of such a split. There was some discussion on how \$30,000 was not much money to perform such a study but people are anticipating the results anyway (expected in early April). It was noted that if succession of the Eagle River/Chugiak area plus the two bases took place, then the resulting city would be the second largest in Alaska. The Council took no position.

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 8:20 PM.

NEXT MONTH

The next Chugiak Community Council meeting will be Thursday, October 21, 2004, 7PM at the Chugiak Benefit Association, at which time the Council may continue discussions on the Title 21 Update and have presentations from the two candidates for the Alaska State House of Representatives-District 16, John E. Angell and incumbent Bill Stoltze.

BOARD INFORMATION

Term Expires	Name and Phone	Phone	Email Accounts	Area
12/05	Merten Bangemann-Johnson, President	688-6575	mertenbj@chugiakcouncil.org	At Large - Chugiak
12/04	David Baldwin, Vice President	688-6158	akbmwclub@alaska.net, dbaldwin@chugiakcouncil.org	At Large - Chugiak
12/04	Linda Kovac, Secretary/Treasurer	688-5356	lkovac@chugiakcouncil.org	At Large - East Mirror Lake
12/05	Gale Armstrong	696-3543	armstron@mtaonline.net, garmstrong@chugiakcouncil.org	At Large - Chugiak
12/05	John Arzie	688-6035	jarzie@chugiakcouncil.org	East Peters Creek
12/05	Charlie Cox	688-1261	coxfamily@gci.net, ccox@chugiakcouncil.org	West Mirror Lake
12/04	Mick Fischback	688-6895	mafiat@hotmail.com, mfischback@chugiakcouncil.org	At Large - West Peters Creek
12/04	Marty Parsons	688-8020	mpar@alaska.net, mparsons@chugiakcouncil.org	Thunderbird Heights

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