

April 15, 2004

TO: Federation of Community Councils

THRU: Merten Bangemann-Johnson
President

FROM: Linda R. Kovac 
Acting Secretary

SUBJECT: **Chugiak Community Council - Approved Minutes for March 18, 2004 Meeting**

Due to an initial lack of a quorum, the President could not call the meeting officially to order at 7:00 PM. The meeting proceeded unofficially with discussions of several issues:

April 6th Election

Debbie Ossiander/Chugiak and Larry Smith/Chugiak, both running for Assembly, Section 2 - Seat A, presented their respective platforms and answered questions.

John Steiner, Anchorage School District School Board Member, discussed the merits of three area wide Anchorage School District propositions with proposed State reimbursement and then answered questions. School Propositions included:

Proposition 4 - \$36,380,000 for repairs, renewals, and equipment

Proposition 5 - \$95,830,000 for major construction and renovation

Proposition 6 - \$30,000,000 for a new administrative facility

Gary Davis, Chugiak Volunteer Fire Department Chief, discussed the reasons why the Powder Ridge area (part of the Eagle River Community) should not be removed from the Chugiak Fire Service Area and moved into the Anchorage Fire Service Area. Chief Davis stated that the Chugiak Volunteer Fire Department could protect the subdivision and is in the process of securing a new fire station in the vicinity of Powder Ridge.

John Rodda, Manager - Eagle River/Chugiak Parks, Recreation and Community Development, discussed the merits of Proposition 16 that would establish a capital improvement budget for the Eagle River/Chugiak Parks and Recreation Service. All taxes collected from residents would be used for parks and rec improvements in the Chugiak-Birchwood-Eagle River area only. Additionally, work priorities would be set locally rather than by the entire Municipality. The proposed parks and rec budget would be handled in the same way as the Chugiak-Birchwood-Eagle River Rural Road Service Area (CBERRRSA) Road Board handles their capital improvement budget.

Additional area wide Parks and Recreation and Library propositions were discussed briefly:

Proposition 13 - \$4,020,000 for improvements and upgrades to Municipal recreation buildings

Proposition 14 - \$4,335,000 for improvements and replacements to Municipal trails and parks

Proposition 15 - \$7,670,000 for replacements, construction, and upgrades to Municipal libraries

The President called the meeting to order at 8:27 PM as a quorum was finally reached.

The minutes of the February 18, 2004 meeting were approved as distributed.

REPORTS

Road Board – Ted Kinney (688-2477), Chris Hudson/Alternate (696-1037) – Ted reported that Chugiak is in good shape for spring with ongoing ice removal. Street sweeping is expected to commence in April and a summer schedule is being prepared. Tasks will include sending out notices on gravel upgrades and preparing roads for chip-seal and asphalt overlays where roads are cracked. Work will be scheduled for 6 days per week, 10-12 hours per day.

Parks and Recreation Board – Ray Burger (688-3835) – Ray reiterated the necessity of passing Proposition 16 in order for our community to determine our own parks and rec priorities without having to get buy-in from the rest of the Municipality. Requests For Proposals (RFPs) are needed for a new caretaker for Loretta French Park as well as a groomer for Nordic Ski Trails. Construction of improvements to Beach Lake Park, including pavilions and trails, will restart in summer. Ray's term will expire in June, and he has expressed the desire to run again.

Federation of Community Councils – Merten Johnson (688-6575), Dave Baldwin/Alternate (688-6158) – Merten reported that the annual Assembly grant of \$108,000 to FCC has been eliminated but the Assembly did authorize a \$27,000 grant. To make up the budget shortfall, the FCC must use its savings, which are slowly going away. Members are encouraged to contact their Assembly Members to try and increase the amount of funds granted to the FCC. FCC Delegates are invited to a lunch at the Mayor's office, at which time, Merten will request additional funding for the FCC.

Treasury – Linda Kovac (688-5356) – Linda reported that there was \$1,497.85 in the savings account. No expenses were reported.

NEW BUSINESS

No new business was presented.

OLD BUSINESS

Chugiak Community Council Board Elections

Art Isham was approved for a position on the Municipality Planning and Zoning Commission and so had to resign his position on the Chugiak Community Council. The President asked for volunteers for a new Board Member to replace Art, former Secretary. There being no volunteers, the item was postponed until the next meeting. Board Member Linda Kovac volunteered to be Acting Secretary for the meeting.

Old Glenn Highway Upgrade

Dave Coolidge, from Anchorage Tomorrow, made a brief presentation on the importance of community involvement in Municipality road development and upgrades. April's agenda will include a working session to discuss community issues on the Old Glenn Highway Upgrade. A representative of the Anchorage Road Coalition is expected to make a presentation on how the Municipality can better address citizen concerns when roads are upgraded.

Newsletter Expense

Due to lack of FCC funding to mail Council newsletters via the U.S. postal service, newsletters were sent out to members with a notice that, unless the member requested the Council specifically to continue receiving U.S.-mailed newsletters, this would be the last U.S.-mailed newsletter. Members are encouraged to convert to email to receive newsletters.

Chugiak/Birchwood Fact Sheet

Board Member Linda Kovac received many comments on the draft fact sheet including comments from CBERRRSA, Birchwood, CVFD, the Chugiak-Eagle River Chamber of Commerce, etc. The Fact Sheet will be distributed to all residences and business in the Chugiak/Birchwood area once mill rates are approved by the Assembly in early May.

Chugiak Website

The President will present a design for Chugiak Community Council's new website at the April meeting. The new website would contain links to the muni.org website, to the State website, list the Chugiak/Birchwood Fact Sheet, etc.

OPEN DISCUSSIONSOld Glenn Highway Safety Issue

Board Member Charlie Cox stated that there were dangerous ruts on the Old Glenn Hwy near Fire Lake. It was thought that legislative involvement would be required to fix the problem. Board Member Charlie Cox offered to contact Representative Bill Stoltze on the matter.

State Legislative Forum

There will be legislative forum on March 20th at the Chugiak Senior Center at 4PM. Alaska State Senators and Representatives will be in attendance to hear your concerns.

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 9:03 PM.

NEXT MONTH

- Eklutna, Inc. and Lounsbury & Associates will make a presentation on Eklutna's residential development plans for the Chugiak area.
- CRW and DOT will make a presentation on the Old Glenn Highway Upgrade project followed by a question and answer session.
- The Anchorage Road Coalition will make a presentation on alternatives to current MOA road planning.
- The President will give members a preview the Chugiak Community Council's new website.

BOARD INFORMATION

<u>Term</u>	<u>Area</u>	<u>Name</u>	<u>Email</u>	<u>Position</u>
12/05	East Peters Creek	VACANT		Secretary
12/05	West Mirror Lake	Charlie Cox 688-1261	coxfamily@gci.net	
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12/05	At Large/Chugiak	Gale Armstrong 696-3543	armstron@mtaonline.net	
12/04	At Large/E. Mirror Lake	Linda Kovac 688-5356	teco@gci.net	Vice Pres/Treas
12/04	At Large/W. Peters Creek	Mick Fischback 688-6895	maflaf@hotmail.com	
12/04	At Large	David Baldwin 688-6158	akbmwclub@alaska.net	
12/04	Thunderbird Heights	Marty Parsons 688-8020	mpar@alaska.net	