

March 11, 2004

TO: Federation of Community Councils

THRU: Merten Bangemann-Johnson
President

FROM: Arthur D. Isham
Retiring Secretary

SUBJECT: Draft Chugiak Community Council (CCC) Meeting Minutes of 2/18/04

The President called the meeting to order at 7:10 PM. The minutes were approved as written. As Art Isham could not attend, the minutes were taken by David Baldwin.

REPORTS

Road Board - Ted Kinney (688-2477) - Chris Hudson/Alternate (688-1037) -- Money is in good shape. All the roads have been winged back, and all gravel and chip sealing will be completed this year. A number of roads, bridges and safety trails are in the works to be improved. Discussion was brought up regarding that attention needs to be focused on the hazardous Anchorage inbound on-ramp at South Peters Creek. Due to the uphill slow acceleration and short line of sight problems, it is one of the highest accident locations in the State. The ramp needs to be extended further to allow adequate speeds and merging time. Further discussions with the proper departments need to take place.

Parks and Recreation Board - Ray Burger (688-3835) -- Loretta French Park ballfields are being updated with improvements that will attract large events and sports groups to the location. Changes to the Caretaker rules will affect the horse stable arrangement, as the leases are now for five years vs. the previous 50 year leases.

Federation of Community Councils - Merten Johnson/Dave Baldwin -- Merten Johnson announced and was congratulated for becoming the President of the Federation of Community Councils (FCC). He reported that the Assembly declined to take the operation of the FCC in house, as it was much more work and expense than they realized it would be. With the remaining money the Council Center will operate through the end of 2004 before it has to shut down. He encouraged everyone to talk to their Assembly representative and others about the importance of Community Councils. The State Legislature will not likely be able to help, but will try anyway to see what can be done.

Treasurer- Linda Kovac - -\$1,485.37 Needs new signature card for the new officers. CCC approved that an additional key for the post office box be obtained.

NEW BUSINESS

Old Glenn Highway Upgrade

Morry Hollowell from Sand Lake brought up discussion regarding Old Glenn Highway Upgrade plans and wanted to know how everyone felt about some issues. He was concerned about the width and clear cutting that will occur. He pointed out that areas such as Sand Lake are against widening due to aesthetics and high speed problems. He wants to know if Chugiak wanted to weigh in on these issues. He and others want to keep more greenery, trees and shrubs. Others pointed out that it was the various Councils that got the ball rolling for these projects. At issue are safety, population growth and access. However some questioned if it has gone too far in the other direction. All agreed that there needed to be a balance.

Suggestions were to perhaps bring the DOT back to discuss further, and obtain copies of the plans to review and look over. Conduct workshops for any recommendations. Plan on working on this issue in April to give time to get everything together, but not put off any longer than that, as the State is well underway to finalizing their plans. It was agreed that whatever is suggested needs to meet Federal/State/AMATS requirements. Also see if other councils such as Birchwood would want to join in, and advise and invite Legislators to be here on this issue.

Assembly Elections

It was noted that elections for Assembly members was coming up in April. On the March agenda would be Larry Smith and Debbie Osslander to talk about running for the seat on the Assembly.

P&Z Commission Vacancy

There is an opening on the Planning and Zoning Commission, and if Art Isham is approved by the Assembly to fill the position, there may be a conflict of interest.

Newsletter Expense

Mailing newsletters is the largest expense and Chugiak has one of the largest mailing lists of all the Community Councils. As there is going to be a huge shortage of money, Merten Johnson recommended that the solution to the problem is that the Chugiak Community Council should establish a website by means of donation and sponsorship. A final newsletter will go out to find out who will still require a snail mail version of the newsletter, and who can switch to email. For those that fail to respond, it will be the last mailing they will receive. However the website will become available to obtain information. All felt it would be a great idea. Linda Kovac volunteered to help maintain the website.

Recognition of Boy Scouts

Boy Scouts Alaric and Elias Cady with Troop 230 were recognized by the board. They are working on their Communications and Citizenship in the Community merit badges respectively. By attending our meeting it helped towards meeting their requirements. While Alaric learns about organizations through which people in their community work together for the good of the community for his badge, Elias is learning the various means of communication, in this case by hearing peoples points of view, listening and taking notes, and reporting on them for his badge.

OLD BUSINESS

Linda Kovac showed a draft of the Chugiak and Birchwood Fact Sheet that she has put together that lists everything you wanted to know, such as what is a Community Council, where to vote, how you should maintain your septic system, etc. It will be a very useful source of information, especially for those that just recently moved to our area. Linda is looking for suggestions to improve the fact sheet at the next meeting, before making it available for distribution.

OPEN DISCUSSIONS

It was reported that the attempt to develop a Fire Lake Community Council has "died on the vine" due to lack of interest.

Meeting adjourned at 8:32 PM.

BOARD INFORMATION

<u>Term</u>	<u>Area</u>	<u>Name</u>	<u>Email</u>	<u>Position</u>
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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 President and Treasurer
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	