

# EAGLE RIVER VALLEY COMMUNITY COUNCIL (ERVCC)

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## Regular Meeting:

Wednesday, February 12, 2003, 7:00 pm

## GRUENING MIDDLE SCHOOL Library



<u>ERVCC Board</u>	<u>Term expires</u>
Crystal Kennedy	2003
<b>Dean Eisberg</b>	
Vice-President	2003
Sarah Wright	2003
President	
John Steiner	2004
Arlene Voehl	2004
<b>Bill Holland</b>	2004
Treasurer	
Lee Cline	2005
Tom Freeman	2005
Jay Brudzinski	2005

## New Business

## COMMITTEE REPORTS

### Federation of Community Councils

Representative: Tom Freeman

### Parks & Recreation Board

Representative: Janet Brand  
Alternate: Scott Bailey

### CBERRRSA (Road Board)

Representative: Lee Cline

### Education

Chair: Crystal Kennedy

### Wildfire Hazard Mitigation and Disaster Planning

Chair: Dave Wachsmuth

### Zoning & Platting

Chair: Jay Brudzinski

## OLD BUSINESS

**NOTE:** Eagle River Valley Community Council (ERVCC) Bylaws require that a person be qualified to be a council member and have attended at least one previous ERVCC meeting to be eligible to vote on an issue. Anyone may be recognized to speak, even at their first meeting.

**AGENDA** (Subject to change to allow input on any important issues that did not make this notice.)

## GUESTS

**Therese Stokes P.E.**, design project manager for the Alaska Department of Transportation & Public Facilities (ADOT&PF) has completed the preliminary engineering and environmental documentation necessary to analyze existing conditions and select a preferred alternative for the Eagle River Loop Road project. The project has now entered the design phase. She may be reached at 269-0592.

ADOT&PF is in the process of requesting proposals from local engineering firms to complete the design in preparation for construction funding in 2006. The scope of the project includes: improved shoulders, a continuous two-way left-turn lane, pedestrian and bicycle amenities, improved sight distance, lighting, and landscaping

## APPROVAL OF MINUTES

### **Regular Meeting Minutes from January 8, 2003 will be available at the meeting.**

Called to order by President Sarah Wright at 7:15pm

#### Guest Speakers:

MaryAnn Pease from ACS spoke regarding the Eagle's Nest Tower conditional use permit. Ms. Pease stated that in order to attract/maintain customers on the current tower they need to know the tower will exist for more than 5 years. The current conditional use permit is scheduled to expire in 2009. The expiration of the conditional use is an argument to construct a new tower on the Mt Baldy sight. 16 conditions are tied to the permit. These will not be affected by the removal of the expiration date. Ms Pease also stated that the 16 conditions on the tower would not be affected by the sale of the tower. P&Z and the department of Community Planning and Development monitor the conditions. Prospective leaser's want a minimum of a 10-year lease. The tower currently leases to 8-9 tenants. Ms Pease said that ACS did not build the tower but took over operation of the tower in May 97. Cellular is not viable on the tower because it is too high up the mountain and could interfere with other tower transmissions.

Bill Holland made the motion *ERVCC supports elimination of the expiration date on the Eagle's Nest Tower*. Fred Ripp seconded. Passed 7-1. The ERVCC does not want a second tower and has sent numerous letters to the city stating that fact.

Senator Con Bundy spoke about maintaining communication while the legislature is in session. Suggested we get a teleconference phone from the Legislative Information Office so we can teleconference during part of our meeting. Gave the phone number as 1-800-892-4843. Senator Bundy said he would try to participate in the Town Hall meetings the other Chugiak/Eagle River legislators conduct. Mentioned the job opening for a Senate Page and suggested ERVCC folks get on his Legislative update email list.

Wendy Mikowski with Eklutna reported that Eklutna donated the land for Eagle River Elementary many years ago. The Right of Way issue was not resolved. The State requested a fee simple deed for Chief Alex Park. Eklutna declined because the park is an integral part of the town. DOT wants the park to widen the road at the ERR/Artillery Rd intersection. Eklutna will deed the park to Parks and Rec. DOT has a ROW if they don't get deed to land. The state has not acted on any Eklutna requests due to this conflict. Eklutna has removed the Lot 59 from P&Z action. / Powder Ridge's next section will be built in an area where DOT extracted gravel for the North Eagle River Glenn Highway interchange. The contracting company refilled the area with organics (buried trees etc.) Contractor is digging up area to allow for foundations. The area where the outlet mall was going to go will be designed for 64 single-family homes. Master Plan was based on a grid, not actual topography. The system is not working. 1500 acres to be developed...not as a "Planned Community"/ Denaly Subdivision will build 12-15 more lots and then stop until the natural springs can be isolated. / Fire Eagle will be 130 town homes. Many are under construction. / Fred Meyer will open this spring. / Eagle's Nest Tower fall zone on Eklutna property. A letter of Non Objection was filed when the tower was built. / Eklutna will not charge for foot traffic on their land but requests the hikers bring bags and pick up trash along the way. /A Park View Terrace homeowner has requested Council action on a Plat Note. Wendy indicated that you couldn't remove a Plat Note that regards a buffer zone. / Microtel Hotel is under construction near the North Eagle River exit in the Old Glenn Hwy.

Roberta Goughner reported that there is a petition to change the Assembly from 11 seats from 6 districts to 11 seats from 11 districts. 1 person 1 vote was mentioned as reason. The current system works well for Eagle River. Having 6 districts allows each to have a seat up for election every third year (Mayor is elected for three year term, half the Assembly for three years the next year and the other half is elected the third year). / She had a concern that if the Knik Arm bridge is built Eagle River will miss out on much needed funds for Transportation improvements. / 4 additional bus holidays were being considered. This would be difficult for downtown business' that rely on help that use the bus as their main transportation.

Representative Fred Dyson reported that Community Legislative hearings would continue once a month approx the middle Saturday at 4 pm at Garcia's, Senior Center. Road projects are high on his list specifically; Highland Road interchange, Main ER interchange.

The November minutes were approved without change.

**Committee Reports:**

**FCC:** Tom Freeman absent. No date for Assembly action on the Community Council boundaries has been set. We will need to rewrite our bylaws to incorporate the change when it is finalized.

**Parks and Rec:** Janet Brand absent. No report. Scott Bailey interested in Heritage Land bank 2004-2008 work plan. Commented that path along Glenn hwy had trees across it from development in area. DOT maintains the path.

**CBERRRSA:** Lee Cline reported that due to lack of snow the Road Board had sufficient funds. The first snowfall was handled mostly with pick-ups. The snow removal contract is with Anderson. CBERRRSA has two trucks; Tom and Scott each drive one. The city replaces their trucks every 7 years but ER replaces trucks every 4 years. Keeps maintenance costs down. Eagle River Loop Road ruts so bad it rates as the #1 worst road in the state. Planning is under way for the RAP program for next summer.

**Education:** Crystal Kennedy reported that the ERHS design committee was asked to lower price since proposed bond did not cover total (difference of \$1.5 million). Changes were made that brought the cost down. If bond passes this spring construction can begin in the summer of 2003. Two other bonds also on the April ballot: maintenance and a new Admin building. Crystal also reported that she is running for a seat on the Anchorage School Board and is running unopposed at this point. Asked if 1% for art could be spending money for art dept...Senator Bundy indicated that there is a lot of interest in doing away with the project and to change it would open the door for its demise.

**Zoning and Platting:** Jay Brudzinski absent. South Extension of the Coastal Trail E.I.S. briefly discussed. A council member who is not present requested council support of the extension. It was decided you had to be present to make a motion. / Muniversity class offered Tuesday's at noon to make us more aware of what the gov't functions are of different branches.

Meeting adjourned at 9:10 pm Respectfully Submitted, Dean Eisberg/Sarah Wright

**EAGLE RIVER VALLEY COMMUNITY COUNCIL REGULAR MEETING NOTICE**

Please come to YOUR community council's monthly meeting, February 12, 7:00 p.m. and thereafter the second Wednesday of each month, through May, at GRUENING MIDDLE SCHOOL Library to discuss and advocate local and citywide ISSUES THAT AFFECT YOU. Because community input is sometimes requested on short notice we may take up important new issues that did not make it into this notice.

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We hope to see you . . .

**WEDNESDAY, February 12, 2002 at 7:00 p.m., GRUENING MIDDLE SCHOOL, Lee Street.** Please see inside for details about our February agenda. Budget restrictions limit our ability to mail out copies of our minutes. To get a copy of each month's draft minutes even if you can't make the next meeting, and to get electronic notices of meetings and other interim information, please be sure to send an email to [councils@alaska.net](mailto:councils@alaska.net) with a copy to [swrights@aol.com](mailto:swrights@aol.com) to receive e-mail newsletters, minutes and notices. Between paper and postage, this service saves about 10 cents per newsletter!