

EAGLE RIVER VALLEY COMMUNITY COUNCIL (ERVCC)

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Regular Meeting:

Wednesday, March 12, 2003, 7:00 pm

GRUENING MIDDLE SCHOOL Library

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Date: 2-12

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

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Federation of Community Councils

Representative: Tom Freeman

Parks & Recreation Board

Representative: Janet Brand
Alternate: Scott Bailey

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CBERRRSA (Road Board)

Representative: Lee Cline

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

GUESTS

Miriam Tanaka P.E. with Alaska DOT will discuss the scope of the Eagle River Road Rehabilitation project, which includes widening shoulders for pedestrians and improving the safety and capacity of the roadway. The Alaska Department of Transportation & Public Facilities (ADOT&PF) is finalizing the preliminary engineering and environmental documentation necessary to evaluate the existing conditions and recommend a preferred alternative. The right-of-way (ROW) base maps have been completed. Identification of the existing ROW boundaries for the roadway will assist in evaluating alternatives and minimizing impacts to private property.

Tim Steele ASD Board member will discuss ASD School Bonds Yes

Vern Roelfs with Anchorage Tomorrow will discuss Road Bonds and Park Bonds.

City Appraiser will discuss property assessments.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

New Business

Education

Chair: Crystal Kennedy

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Wildfire Hazard Mitigation and Disaster Planning

Chair: Dave Wachsmuth

Zoning & Platting

Chair: Jay Brudzinski

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OLD BUSINESS

FYI:

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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.

Regular Meeting Minutes from February 12, 2003.

Guest Speaker:

Therese Stokes P.E. design project manager for the ADOT&PF presented information about the Eagle River Loop Road project. The Loop Road upgrades are scheduled for the 2006 construction season. Improvements include 12' lane widths, shoulders, and continuous 2-way center left turn lane, separated pathway and continuous lighting on one side. Pathway will be paved between ER Road and Skyline and between Spring Brook and the Old Glenn. Other Team Members include Karen Helverson, Engineer, Katrina Moss, AMATS State of AK Planning and Michelle Young R.O.W. Hill at Meadow Creek will be reduced 5% with cut and fill to even out the topography. The Eagle River Loop Hill will maintain the same grade of 10% because to cut it to a 7% grade would increase the grade on the side streets to 15%. Grade and ROW were discussed relating to Boondock's parking area. Boondock's parking is on the ROW. Design must be finished prior to ROW review. Public Review planned for April 2004. Bike path along hill will be at 10% grade. Could not get it to the accepted 5% for ADA compliance. Will put turf top in steep parts. For path users heading to Fred Myers an alternate route was suggested following Spring Brook. Because the project is federally funded it must meet ADA specs. Lee Cline pointed out that Eagle River Loop Road is #1 for biggest ruts and was concerned about the wait until 2006 for resurfacing. Also pointed out that CBERRRSA does not haul snow or plow bike paths so swale must hold all snow plowed off roadbed. Eagle River Urban Project (Old Glenn Upgrades) planned for summer 2003. Bear Paw Festival brought up and recommended it be put on the contractors schedule so upgrades don't conflict.

The January Minutes were approved without change.

New Business

Bud Rice ERVCC member spoke regarding the Coastal Trail extension. He brought the two volume Environmental Impact Statement for reference. Trail extension is planned from its current terminus at Kincaid Park to Potter Marsh. The Modified Orange Route preferred by the EIS will impact 174 private properties. Ship Creek Trail will eventually connect to Glenn

Highway trail and could be hooked to Coastal Trails origin down town. Alternative route inland does not affect private properties but loses the essence of the Coastal Trail and dramatically increases road crossings. ACWR bird habitat not impacted by orange modified route but is most expensive with estimated cost at \$35 Million- Feds pay 95% for the 14-mile extension. Dwight made the motion to support the South Extension as worded by Bud: *The Eagle River Valley Community Council advocates and supports construction of the south extension of the Coastal Trail in a location that is along the coast and is as similar in character to the existing trail as possible. Of the routes currently being considered the original orange route or the Modified orange route come closest to the character of the existing trail. The Environmental Impact Statement shows that the Orange Modified Route has no significant impact on wildlife habitat in the Coastal Wildlife Refuge; and this route avoids crossing the refuge, as well as all hunting areas, the moto-cross area, and the Rifle Range. The Orange Modified Route comes closer to homes than the original orange route; therefore, the impacts to private property should be further evaluated and reduced where possible, through a fair balance between impacts to homeowners, habitat, and other uses of the land, while retaining the coastal location and character of the new trail.* A friendly amendment was added by Craig Lisonbee to include and address parking. The final sentence of the motion was added as *Because we feel that parking in neighborhood cul de sac's is a detriment to neighborhood cohesiveness, we strongly support the parking lot access points as described in the E.I.S. to minimize this intrusion.* **This motion passed.**

Vacancies in the Board were discussed: Five seats are up for election in May (Crystal Kennedy's term is up, John Steiner and Jay Brudzinski are vacating their seats, Dean Eisberg and Sarah Wright are running again.)

Tom Freeman agreed to act as President for the March meeting.

Committee Reports:

FCC: Tom Freeman reported that the Federation held elections for Board members and the new President is Harriet Drummond. Charlene Wyten will continue to run the office. Betty is working part-time. A new treasurer was elected but Tom is still on Finance committee. Reboundary situation on hold until after the elections. Telephone# 277-1977

Parks and Rec: Janet Brand absent. Scott Bailey reported Loretta French Park mtg held. Ball Field work done by Summit Paving (who declared bankruptcy) will be continued. Money allocated for 2 local parks was 15% under funded. Bid package for ski chalet being looked at by the Nordic club. State Park will have a rep at April's meeting regarding the greenbelt trail from the campground to the E.R. Nature Center. \$1.85 million bond package includes \$350,000.00 for skate board park, ADA upgrades to various parks. Everyone asked to vote yes for both Anchorage and Eagle River park bonds.

CBERRRSA: Lee Cline reported that street maintenance is working on ditching and brushing. Due to lack of snow no plowing necessary. Anderson's contract for road service maintenance up for renegotiation in 2004. 22 miles of gravel roads left to RAP, which they hope to complete in 2 years. Will get some RAP from ERR and ERLR. Need \$700,000.00 to buy additional RAP to complete program. Next year plan to chip and seal Eklutna Road ten miles to state park.

Education: Crystal Kennedy absent. Tom Freeman spoke in favor of new ER High School. School bonds approved by Assembly discussed by Anna Fairclough 1) \$42 million for new Administration Bldg., this will combine 11 district offices and could save up to a million dollars lost to travel time. 2) Maintenance package for roof replacements and other major maintenance needs. 3) Various School building projects, including \$54 million for new ERHS. Both admin bldg and ERHS qualify for state match. ERHS may have "school within a school" with vocational emphasis for non-college bound students.

P&Z: Jay Brudzinski nothing going on right now that affects the council.

FYI: Janke Appeal scheduled for March 10th. Mayoral Candidate Forum scheduled for March 3rd at 7pm, Experience Leadership Forum will begin meeting on Friday's noon-1 at Loussac Library on March 7th. Muniversity on Tuesday noon-1 at Loussac will discuss the Budget. Recycling program a success thanks to CSX, Wal-Mart, Lynden Transport and Pizza Man. Full time center will open at Landfill in March or April. Transportation costs will be subsidized.

Meeting Adjourned at 8:55 Respectfully Submitted, Dean Eisberg/Sarah Wright

EAGLE RIVER VALLEY COMMUNITY COUNCIL REGULAR MEETING NOTICE

Please come to YOUR community council's monthly meeting, March 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.

We hope to see you . . .

WEDNESDAY, March 12, 2003 at 7:00 p.m., GRUENING MIDDLE SCHOOL, Lee Street.

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