

Bear Valley Community Council  
Minutes – March 10, 2021

Call to Order

The regularly-scheduled March 10, 2021 meeting of the Bear Valley Community Council (BVCC) was called to order by Council Chair Cheri Lipps at 7:06 pm. Due to Covid-19 restrictions, the meeting was held via Zoom videoconference with 10 members and several guests in attendance.

Announcements and Introductions

Chair Lipps introduced guests Joy Boston from Joint Base Elmendorf-Richardson (JBER) and State Sen. Roger Holland, and noted she anticipated that Assembly Member John Weddleton might join the Council meeting later. Chair Lipps also noted that Assembly Member Suzanne LaFrance was travelling for spring break and would not be in attendance.

Approval of Agenda and Minutes

There were no objections to the agenda. It was moved and seconded (B. Ennis / K. Bailey) to adopt the minutes of the February 2021 meeting. The motion passed with no objection and the February minutes are approved.

State Legislative, Municipal Assembly and School Board Updates

State Sen. Roger Holland noted that he is serving on the Education Committee and provided a brief update on legislative affairs. He commended former Sen. Giessel, noting his appreciation for the time commitment of serving in the legislature. Sen. Holland briefly discussed SB 8 and SB 42 and stated he was enjoying serving in the legislature and was pleased that the Senate was moving forward smoothly on conducting its business. He invited calls and emails from constituents on any issue before the Senate.

There being no other legislators or representatives from the Assembly or School Board in attendance, no other reports were received.

BVCC Officer and Committee Reports

BVCC Treasurer Angie Pinsonneault reported that she had closed the former BVCC account at Denali Alaska Credit Union and opened an account at Alaska USA FCU on 02/23/2021, as previously planned. The Council's account has approximately \$1,400 in funds, with no significant additions or expenditures.

There was no report from the last HALO (Anchorage Hillside Home and Landowners Organization) meeting, as Scott Pexton was not in attendance at the meeting. The HALO website reflects that its next meeting will be 04/01/2021 at 7 pm via Zoom.

Kori Marchowski, Member-at-Large, reported on the status of planning for upcoming Firewise activities, stating that there was a Zoom meeting planned for 03/15/2021 that both she and Mr. Pexton planned to attend.

Bill Ennis gave a brief report on the Bear Valley LRSA, indicating continued satisfaction with the road service provider which serves both LRSAs in the valley. He stated that Bear Valley LRSA had sufficient funds remaining for anticipated winter road maintenance and snow clearing activity.

Katie Bailey reported on the status of replacement of the former road condition warning sign at the top of Heights Hill and indicated that the anticipated cost of the proposed new sign was \$605. Members Clare Steffens and Conni Livsey spoke in favor of replacing the sign with a combination of donations from community members and BVCC funds. After additional discussion, it was

moved and seconded (C. Livsey / B. Ennis) that the new sign be purchased with funds from the BVCC account, and any voluntary community donations. The motion carried by voice vote. Community members wishing to contribute to the sign cost can donate via Ms. Bailey at 8500 George Ct or via Chair Cheri Lipps.

Guest Speaker:

Chair Lipps introduced guest speaker Joy Boston of JBER. Ms. Boston spoke briefly and introduced herself as the Community Outreach representative for JBER. She provided her contact information via the Zoom chat and welcomed community members to contact her with any questions regarding JBER.

Open Forum and Other Business

Chair Lipps posted an email from the MOA Planning Department to the Zoom chat reflecting that the department was seeking public input on the Small Area Implementation Plan (SAIP) ordinance. This is part of the new Planning and Zoning master plan process in MOA Code Title 21 review and approval procedures. Further information is available from MOA P&Z, and on the Federation of Community Councils' website. Reference P&Z Case No. 2021-0039.

Chair Lipps announced plans to have a "hot chocolate social" as a community event on Saturday, 03/20/201 at 1:00 PM at the Bear Valley Elementary School ice rink. It was moved and seconded (C. Livsey / A. Pinsonneault) that up to \$100 from the BVCC account could be spent on supplies for this event. The motion passed by voice vote.

Member Clare Steffens addressed the group regarding school board candidates she favors in the upcoming municipal election. Member Katie Bailey announced that the organization Anchorage Cops for Community would be holding a clothing drive for Anchorage students this August. Ms. Bailey said the drive had been held in past years and was a very successful and important event in helping lower-income students prepare for the school year, and she urged members to consider making appropriate clothing donations in August. Member Conni Livsey reminded the group that Bill Ennis, current Bear Valley LRSA Chair, was a write-in candidate for the open LRSA position in the upcoming election.

Adjournment

Chair Lipps announced that the next regular meeting of the BVCC would take place on Wednesday, April 14, 2021 at 7:00 pm via Zoom. She plans to post a note on the Nextdoor.com site regarding the hot chocolate social. There being no other business, the March 2021 meeting of the BVCC adjourned at 7:45 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Constance Livsey  
BVCC Secretary