

Officers (*Term Expires EOY*)

Pres. – Morris Pickel Jr. (2024)

Vice Pres. – Chuck Homan (2023)

Sec – Camilla-Hussein Scott (2024)

Treasurer – Sharon Gibbons (2023)



Directors (*Term Expires*)

Sean Murphy (2023)

Jason Hemphill (2023)

Cliff Cook (2024)

**EAGLE RIVER COMMUNITY
COUNCIL
12001 Business Blvd. #123
EAGLE RIVER, ALASKA 99577**

Minutes

Thursday, January 13, 2022

In-Person

Call to order – 6:30 PM

Established Quorum

Approved Agenda

Membership Introductions

Reports

- Meeting Minutes (December)
 - Approved
- Treasurer Report
 - \$65
- Parks & Rec: Camilla Hussein-Scott
 - The chair of the ER/Chugiak Parks & Rec came out with the 2022 Capital improvements projects report and if you want to hear more about the report, then attend next month's Community Council meeting for the Chugiak Eagle River Parks and Rec department's presentation.
- Road Board (Chuck Homan for Jason Hemphill)
 - The Road Board met on December 27. Chuck Homan clarified that property taxes go to maintenance and capital improvement projects. The new contract with McKenna for road maintenance is a little higher but not too bad, not seeing any tax increases there. Capital improvement projects for 2022 approved. Drainage improvements are the most prominent issue now.
 - The Starner bridge is going into its 4th year on the Road Board's agenda. They have been talking about the and that it will need to be replaced in Peters Creek, which will cost approximately \$1.5-\$2 million, which the taxpayers probably have to fund.
- Chugiak Eagle River Advisory Board (Sean Murphy)
 - Murphy applied and has not heard anything from the Muni but will get in touch with Debbie Ossiander to check on updates from the Advisory Board.
- Federation Community Councils (Morris Pickel)
 - The FCC has fixed their website, so it is accurate and current.

Guest Speakers

Assembly/Legislative Updates

- MOA Assembly update (Crystal Kennedy)
 - Kennedy discussed the Assembly reapportionment process. Census data shows that several districts are disproportioned, and Eagle River/Chugiak lost approximately 2000 people. One of the reasons was adding the 12th assembly members downtown. For proposals for how to reapportion the districts, go to: proposals, www.reapportmentanc.com
 - Assemble members Allard and Kennedy would like to schedule a meeting at the end of the month to address the reapportionment. The meeting is to be held in this room.
 - The Assembly just got done with the assessed values for properties in the area. There's an average of 8.5% increase in our area and a 5.1% in Anchorage. The City assessor is coming out with a better process for determining people's property values. Mill rate questions will come up in April.
 - The Assembly did not finish up its meeting to discuss bonds. They will collect public testimony, and at that time, we can discuss if we want to detach from Anchorage. Assemblywoman Kennedy wants to know if we should put it on the ballot for Anchorage. It's an advisory vote from Anchorage about Eaglexit,
 - There remains too much traffic which is causing problems at the Covid testing site on the Old Glenn. Amy Demoski is working to connect with people. It is not a Municipal or state site; it is run by a private company.
- Legislative update (Sen. Reinbold, Rep. McCarty, Rep. Merrick)
 - No one was present from the Legislature due to weather problems at Juneau.
 - Portia Noble, the Mayor's Representative, attended the meeting with Terrence Shanigan. Capstone is looking for other places for testing, and the mayor's office expects that the volume will slow down a bit. She suggested that if there were 2-3 new places, that would be best, but they are trying to find at least one additional location. The Municipality is also trying to find more house kits, but the feds determine distribution, then the state, and then the Municipality.
 - The Board of Equalization is the one that determines appeals for assessed values, and residents have until March 15 to send in their exemptions for assessed values.

Community Updates

- Anchorage School Board update (Pat Higgins)
 - Absent
- Eagle River Community Patrol update (Cliff Cook/John Rathert)
 - Cook reported that the Patrol watched for 12 hours and drove 97 miles due to bad weather. Petty crime continues, but crime has been on the downturn. The most significant issues have been drivers going off into ditches and traffic congestion by the covid test sites.
 - Cook reminded attendees that the Patrol will not enter residents' garages to shut the door if they see a door open, though they will try to contact the house owner or local APD patrol..
- Chugiak\Eagle River Library General Update (Nancy Clark)
 - Absent, but libraries are open.

Presentation

- Eagle Exit (Sean Murphy)
 - a. Sean Murphy is committed to bringing this cause to the community. This movement started in the 1970s, during which it was passed, but it was thrown out because it was decided in a special session. The recent analysis was much more in-depth than the feasibility study of 2007.
 - b. The next step will be to talk with the Boundary Commission, which the Governor appoints. The Commission makes decisions about detachments, etc., across the state.
 - c. They will file the petition, notify the public of the process, analyze by LBC, public hearing, if approved, then just people living in the area will vote yea or nay.
 - d. If the community gives their approval, it will be a 3-year transition process.
 - e. Exits from municipality governments were anticipated when the state constitution was written and discussed how the process will unfold in Article X, section 7.

- f. Eaglelexit has booked the Lions Club for meetings in the next few months for public work sessions; the organization can have it done by spring.

Old Business

- NA

New Business:

- Joy Boston from JBER announced that JBER has an open house in July. She is hoping to see everyone out there. Thunderbirds will be there; the army is going to be demonstrating. There will be opportunities for sponsorships for booths, flyers, etc.
- Elections for 3 Executive Board positions, MC'd by ERCC Executive Board Vice-President, Chuck Homan.
 - Cliff Cook, Morris Pickel, and Camila Hussein-Scott were nominated and elected and confirmed to be members of the ERCC Executive Board.
- . The Executive Board elected the following New Officers, President, Vice President, Secretary, Treasurer
 - Morris Pickel nominated, voted in, and ratified for President.
 - Chuck Homan was nominated, voted in, and ratified for Vice President.
 - Camilla Hussein-Scott was nominated, voted in, and ratified for Secretary.
 - Sharon Gibbons was nominated, voted in, and ratified for Treasurer.

Comments from Eagle River Community Council Membership/Guests

- NA

Upcoming Events

- ***CBERRRSA Board of Supervisors*** monthly meeting:
- ***Parks and Rec Board of Supervisors*** monthly meeting:
- ***FCC meeting: TBD***

Adjournment

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Important Dates (2021-2022)

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| <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • February 10, 2022 <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Monthly meeting • March 10, 2022 <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Monthly meeting • April 14, 2022 <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Monthly meeting • May 12, 2022 <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Monthly meeting • June 9, 2022 <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Monthly meeting • July 14, 2022 <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Monthly meeting • August 11, 2022 <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Monthly meeting | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • September 8, 2022 <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Monthly meeting • October 13, 2022 <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Monthly meeting • November 10, 2022 <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Monthly meeting • December 8, 2022 <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Monthly meeting • January 12, 2023 <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Monthly meeting |
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