

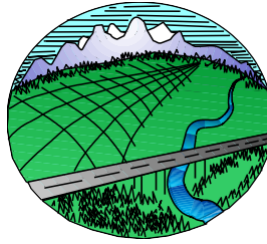
Officers *(Term Expires)*

Pres. – Morris Pickel Jr. (2024)

V. Pres. – Chuck Homan (2023)

Sec. – Camilla Hussein-Scott (2024)

Treas. – 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, February 10, 2022

6:30-7:30 pm

In-Person

Call to order – 630 PM

Establish Quorum: Quorum was established (5/7)

Morris Pickel Present

Chuck Homan Present

Sharon Gibbons Absent

Cliff Cook Present

Sean Murphy Present

Jason Hemphill Absent

Approval of Agenda: Approved

Approval of January Minutes: Approved

Membership Introductions

Reports

- **Treasurer Report:** \$65

- **Parks & Rec:** Camilla Hussein-Scott

AMATS nomination project. We are nominating four projects: Glenn Hwy bike path extension Birchwood to Eklutna, Multi-use trail along Birchwood Loop Road to tie in with Glenn Hwy bike path, Repair/Replace the bike path along Eagle River Road from Genora Street to Artillery Road, and MTP Project 418, extending Eagle River Road Pathway from Hillcrest Road to Mile High Road.

- **Road Board:** Chuck Homan

Starner Bridge Update: Contacted Mark Littlefield to find different sources to fund fixing the bridge. It is limited to 3 tons; Chugach FD is not crossing the bridge to reach neighborhoods. Birchwood CC requested that P & R take over maintenance of the Glenn Hwy. The State newly hired a new manager, maintenance is more efficient, complaints are reduced, so they are dropping the resolution.

Final approval passed through capital improvement projects (CIP), primarily associated with drainage issues.

Mill rate is kept the same, no increase. The assessed value of properties has increased by an average of \$30 K in the area, and this is why it was decided to keep the mill rate the same.

- **Advisory Board:** Sean Murphy

Meeting February 19, topics on the agenda are Alice's the Marijuana establishment, the Birchwood Airport transfer, and the apportionment maps.

The Birchwood Airport transfer was announced the night before the Community Council Meeting. Chief heard from Juneau a few minutes before the meeting, and it looks like the area is anticipating "another airport."

- **Federation Community Councils:** Morris Pickel
Issues with updated information on the FCC website.

Assembly/Legislative Updates

- MOA Assembly update (Crystal Kennedy, Jamie Allard)
Crystal Kennedy

Apportionment, the committee had a meeting, down to maps 6v2, 7v2, 8 & 10. As of the day before, several maps were eliminated; 1; there were problems according to others. She recommends that the community council come up with statements and resolutions. Assembly members need community members' feedback by March. Birchwood CC asked the committee to slow down the processing delay at least another two weeks to not make any decision before March 15. The committee is meeting again to present at least one recommendation before the Assembly as an item to be introduced the following Tuesday to the full agenda. There will be a special meeting following Tuesday, then March 1, the 2nd special meeting. By code plan has to be approved by May 3, so nobody needs to be rushed. No matter how everyone feels about the maps, Assembly members need to have the resolution to present the feedback to the entire Assembly.

State DOT came to the Muni/Mayor and said that they want local government to take over management of the local airports. Bill Star is making all the information to bring to the mayor's office. It is A FAA requires a 12-15 months process. The order came to the Assembly unless there were some real concerns; there are several partners to manage the airport. There is potential to track the funding going into Birchwood Airport. FAA still supports the airport, and the management will be given to the local authorities.

Cliff Cook mentioned that the Eagle River Valley passed a motion to draft a resolution to give the community more time and get more information on the reapportionment and wants the Eagle River Community Council to do the same. The motion was passed unanimously.

Morris Pickel asked regarding the maps submitted by Jamie Allard and Crystal Kennedy, and they were rejected because they didn't meet the deadline they were submitted late. Crystal Kennedy answered that Assembly members can send in s versions as amendments beyond the deadline and is concerned about map #8.

- Legislative update (Sen. Reinbold, Rep. McCarty, Rep. Merrick)
Not present

Community Updates

- Anchorage School Board update (Pat Higgins)
Not Present

- Eagle River Community Patrol update (Cliff Cook/John Rathert)

18 hours, 180 miles. APD leadership changes, he is making internal changes, liaison lining up with APD to help the patrol, still assigned to the community. A beat officer is assigned to each district; ER is 14, and Chugiak is 15.

Vehicle theft is increasing, colder weather, people leave the keys inside the vehicles. Many smash and grab incidents.

A concerned citizen made a call regarding a homeless person in a tunnel, and the patrol called 311 to check on the homeless person's health.

When something looks suspicious, call APD non-emergency number or 311. It also recommends not putting any imagery on social media regarding individuals passed out on the road. Never approach a tent alone, and call APD or 311 about it.

Garage doors open, and porch pirates still take items off people's private properties. There is a crime map that APD responds to, so it is essential to report any crime. "Anchorage Crime Map."

- Chugiak\Eagle River Library General Update (Nancy Clark)
No representative at the meeting. The library is open.

Presentations

Dr. McNally was scheduled to attend but canceled due to the subject matter.

Old Business

- Resolution: draft a resolution for more time to look at the reapportionment maps and gather more info. It was motioned by Cliff Cook, 2nd by Sean Murphy. Motion passed unanimously by the executive board, and the resolution will be drafted within two weeks.
- Resolution discussion about Marijuana Retail shop in Eagle River:
The council drafted a resolution that covers our position, and the council is required to reply opposing or accepting the License award to the owners. Also received an application for the State that says that the business needs to send a written notice to the community council or any other nonprofit organization within 30 days of the submittal of the application.
The Alaska Marijuana Control Board is deciding the License at the April 13 and 14, 2022 meeting. Sean Murphy read resolution 2022-1 to the people in attendance.
Discussion by the audience on variances and when it applies.
Putting in a business in an area and zoning it is at issue. Chugiak and Eagle River zoning requirements are different than in Anchorage. Specifically, in B3 zones, which does not allow Marijuana establishment. Step 2 is the variance, the attorney representing Alice didn't look at the requirement that prohibits the establishment of a Marijuana shop in Chugiak Eagle River in B3 zones. The resolution will be sent to the applicants and the State.
Sean Murphy moved to pass the resolution 2nd by Cliff Cook.
The resolution was passed unanimously.

New Business:

Eagle River Ale House license adding a dispensary license because they are expanding. There are no objections against issuing the License.

Comments from Eagle River Community Council Membership/Guests

- **3 Minutes each (time permitting)**

Sean Murphy: Eagle River Update

Dan Sadler: State House District 24

Donna Mears: Running for Senate District K

Kevin Cross: Running for Assembly, Crystal Kennedy's seat

Trustworthy Hardware: Report on prices and shortages of building supplies

Upcoming Events

- **CBERRRSA Board of Supervisors monthly meeting:**
- **Parks and Rec Board of Supervisors monthly meeting:** Every 2nd Monday of the Month
- **FCC meeting:** TBD

Adjournment: The meeting was adjourned at 7:30

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Important Dates (2022-2023)

- **January 13, 2022**
 - Monthly meeting
- **February 10, 2022**
 - Monthly meeting
- **March 10, 2022**
 - Monthly meeting
- **April 14, 2022**
 - Monthly meeting
- **May 12, 2022**
 - Monthly meeting
- **June 9, 2022**
 - Monthly meeting
- **July 14, 2022**
 - Monthly meeting
- **August 11, 2022**
 - Monthly meeting
- **September 8, 2022**
 - Monthly meeting
- **October 13, 2022**
 - Monthly meeting
- **November 10, 2022**
 - Monthly meeting
- **December 8, 2022**
 - Monthly meeting
- **January 12, 2023**
 - Monthly meeting

