

**Eagle River Valley Community Council Minutes
Regular Monthly Meeting, December 13, 2006
Gruening Middle School Multi-Purpose Room**

The meeting was called to order at 7:05pm by President Bill Starr, with the secretary present.

Board members present: Bill Starr, Linda Kelly, Bill Holland, Bill Mendenhall, Tom Freeman, Ron Goughnour, Arlene Voehl, and Sarah Wright.

Janet Brand was honored with the council's appreciation and recognition of her years of service to the community with a plaque presented by Linda Viznor of Parks & Recreation.

Report of the president, Bill Starr: The council meeting has an education theme tonight.

Approval of minutes: The minutes of the November meeting were approved as corrected. The phrase "comprehensive draft plan" was added to clarify the referenced pages in the planning and zoning motion.

Report of the Treasurer, Sarah Wright. The council is working on signature changes for financial accounts and trust documents. A suggestion was made to consider acquisition of a bookkeeping program.

Guest Speakers: The status of the development of Eagle Crossing was presented. Platting action is scheduled for Jan 3rd. Driftwood Bay LLC has a subdivision agreement with the municipality to finish Eagle River Lane at Ptarmagin in 2008 or possibly 2007. No new development will be proposed for this year; they will complete this year's schedule as previously lined out. Questions were raised about plans for children's safety, a traffic impact analysis, and a lighted intersection. The grade up Eagle River Lane from that intersection is 13% with a main water line under the road. It would take more than what this development has responsibility for, to do any large scale changes to address this issue. Previous traffic studies didn't justify doing any road upgrades. The possibility of a crosswalk was explored, but it didn't meet qualifications. The developer will make the grade through intersection as flat as possible and light it. Any more work would be difficult, but the developer is open to ideas. It is desirable for there to be a meeting of representatives of Ravenwood School, Eaglewood Homeowners Association, the developer, AWWU, local road service, and the council to meet to discuss crossing safety, aiming for a January-February timeframe. The nuisance attraction of the AWWU site has not yet been resolved.

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

Education, chair vacant. A round table forum included the principals of Ravenwood, Gruening, Chugiak High School with opportunities for answering questions from the audience. The president presented certificates of excellence to our principals.

Zoning & Platting, chair Bill Mendenhall: Present, with no report.

Parks & Recreation Board, representative Janet Brand. Winter shut down activities are done. The board is ready to go forward with the budget and capital improvement project list. Firelake dam is 80%. Agreement is progressing on the Yosemite road design. Eklutna has chosen 20 acres to be appraised for the Mt. Baldy access exchange. Hickel has agreed to negotiate for Valley River Mall use as our town center. Parks & Recreation is taking on some of the role of the former community schools' program through partnerships.

Municipal Assembly report, Anna Fairclough: Underlying gravel rights have been resolved for the NW quarter Section 25. There is 2 years for removal. The Assembly passed an ethics code. The comprehensive plan went through. Density was reduced on the urban side. Our Assembly representatives are opposing the ambulance fee charged for services of the volunteer Chugiak response team.

Emergency Preparedness, Fire and Safety, chair Susan Browne. No report.

Youth Voice: vacant, no report.

CBERRRSA (Road Board), representative Ron Goughnour: Present, no report.

Federation of Community Councils, representative Tom Freeman: Present, no report.

Police, Fire, and Safety: No report.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:50 pm.

Linda Kelly, Secretary