



Officers (*Term Expires EOY*)
Pres. – Morris Pickel Jr. (2024)
V. Pres. – Chuck Homan (2023)
Sec - Camilla Hussein-Scott (2024)
Treas. – Sharon Gibbons (2023)

Directors (*Term Expires EOY*)
Sean Murphy (2023)
Cliff Cook (2024)
Michelle Banfield (2023)

EAGLE RIVER COMMUNITY COUNCIL

12001 Business Blvd. #170
Eagle River, Alaska 99577

MINUTES

November 10, 2022
6:30 – 8:30 PM

Call to order – 6:30 PM

Establish Quorum – Established

Attendance:

Morris Pickel
Chuck Homan
Sean Murphy
Camilla Hussein-Scott
Michelle Banfield
Cliff Cook (excused absence)
Sharon Gibbons (absent)

Approval of Agenda – Approved

Approval of Meeting Minutes – Approved

Membership Introductions

Reports

- Treasurer Report: \$65
- Parks & Rec: Camilla Hussein-Scott
 - Nothing to report; the meeting is the following Monday, and we will report at next month's meeting.
- Road Board: Chuck Homan:
 - Meeting on October 17
 - Assemblyman Kevin Cross attended
 - There are several federal grants available for safety improvements, and encouraged the board to apply
 - Hillcrest and birchwood intersection is a candidate for that; it will take two years to get the funding.
 - The Starner Bridge project is still looking for funding after the Governor's veto
 - Chugiak Birchwood back route is on hold until the Starner Bridge issue is resolved
 - Aurora Borealis, Road Board Supervisor Mark Littlefield has verbal approval for a road easement from all homeowners except one.
 - Election of new officers: Joe Wright, Matt Cruikshank, Mark Littlefield
 - November 7 was a special meeting to discuss the cost estimate of the Starner Bridge; it was approved to

spend \$250 K out of the CI funds to pay an engineering firm to design a single-lane bridge; the board already spent 35K of the funds for survey work. Once numbers are available, they will go to the legislature to find funding. The community wants the road to open but cannot access the properties.

- If there is no funding, it will be a big hit for the meeting
- The next meeting is the last Monday before Christmas
- If there are any CI projects for the upcoming year, bring them to the next meeting
- The farm venue needs a sidewalk and is on the list for our council.
- Advisory Board: Sean Murphy
 - There was a meeting
 - Kevin Cross recommended meeting
 - Concern about the extension of the Building Safety Code Commission (BSCC), the geotechnical advisory commission was in attendance
 - Michael Foster, the former advisory representative, resolved not to extend the BSC to our community
 - Waiting for the Assembly to approve it; no straightforward procedure
- Federation Community Councils: Morris Pickel
 - Comprehensive information on the website: <https://www.communitycouncils.org/>
 - Eagle River website: <https://communitycouncils.org/servlet/content/11.html>

Guest Speakers

No guest speakers

Assembly/Legislative Updates

- MOA Assembly update (Kevin Cross, Jamie Allard)
 - Not in attendance
- Legislative update (Sen. Reinbold, Rep. McCarty, Rep. Merrick)
 - Not in attendance

Presentation

No presenter

Community Updates

- Anchorage School Board update (Carl Jacobs)
 - Not in attendance
- Eagle River Community Patrol update (Cliff Cook/John Rathert)
 - 19 hours and drove 176 miles in October
 - Petty crime with late night early morning car door checkers
 - A person stealing gas from gas tanks by drilling a hole in them was identified by neighbors.
 - Make sure to walk around the house before going to bed
 - Report any suspicious activity to APD
- Chugiak\Eagle River Library General Update (Nancy Clark)
 - Not in attendance
- JBER (Joy Boston)
 - Military exercise the following week, be aware of noises, and increase aerial activities.
 - November 25, the star on the mountain will be lit. This is the first time it will be lit remotely.
 - Aim high academy applications are still open for folks who know HS students 15-18 will remain open until the end of November
 - DOD has an office of community operations, which reports by state how the military interacts with the community. The FY 2021 report was just published.

Old Business:

- Request to draft a resolution for a bond proposition in April to receive funding for Girdwood, Anchorage, and Eagle River. There is no bond language, and the council supports the cemetery, but more information is needed.
 - The issue is tabled to another meeting, and it is suggested to invite experts to answer questions at the meeting in December.
- Letter from Assembly Chair Suzanne Lafrance RE the Mandatary Community Council Boundary Review. Every ten years, based on the census. Ongoing and is required.

New Business:

- **Advisory Board (Action Item):** Council elected Sean Murphy as an Advisory Board alternate in January and was upgraded to primary from an alternate. Camilla Hussein-Scott was elected as an alternate at today's meeting. Both candidates accepted, a motion was made, and it was approved.
- **Liquor License Approvals:**
 - Garcia's – No Objections
 - Jimmy's – No Objections
- **Creation Of Nomination Committee:**
 - Some officers' terms are expiring next year, and four open positions.

Comments from Eagle River Community Council Membership/Guests

- 3 Minutes each (time permitting)

Upcoming Events

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

Adjournment 7:20 pm

Important Dates (2022-2023)

- **October 13, 2022**
 - Monthly meeting
- **November 10, 2022**
 - Monthly meeting
- **December 8, 2022**
 - Monthly meeting
- **January 11, 2023**
 - Monthly meeting

