

Eagle River Valley Community Council
February 11 2004

The regular monthly meeting of the Eagle River Valley Community Council was held on Wednesday, February 11, 2004 and called to order by President Sara Wright at 7:15pm, with a quorum being present.

Additional Board Members present: – Arlene Voehl, Lee Cline, Dean Eisberg, Tom Freeman, John Steiner, and Bill Holland.

A presentation on the Eagle River Greenbelt Pathway Concept was made by Chuck Casper. One hundred thirty-nine trail segments were examined of one route to be built. In looking at public comments so far, most people support the project as long as the pathway doesn't degrade the character of the greenbelt. There are 3 alternatives plus the "No Build" alternative. Alternatives all extend between the Glenn Highway and the Eagle River Nature Center. The 3 alternatives include a proposed caretaker cabin, viewing area, parking, and using existing State Park facilities. The final alternative could still be variation or combination of those 3 alternatives, producing a decision by May. They will be taking comments until March 20th.

Website: www.alaskastateparks.org and navigate to "greenbelt"

John Steiner moved to support Alternative 1 as presented, but to defer sending comments until after the next public meeting to allow for reconsideration. Motion passed.

John Steiner moved to request that the 1st priority for construction be the section to be built between Briggs Bridge and North Fork Access. It allows for greater access by residents and probably more mileage for the money to be built. Motion passed.

The minutes were approved with the correction of adding the word "fees" to the Education section:

The By-Laws committee report was made by Scott Bailey.

Some discussion occurred on proposed wording on the section of the bylaws relating to the parliamentary rules to relax usage of Roberts Rules. No action was taken.

Federation of Community Councils report by Tom Freeman: – The Federation has enough to fund the federation for remainder of year. They will be able to use standard mailings through his fiscal year. Then communications will be only be conducted by email. For those people who may not have computers the suggestion is to use public library computers to access freeware email accounts.

Parks and Recreation report by Scott Bailey: The Beach Lake Chalet dispute with Eklutna is not settled. A new Request for Proposal is to be issued for Loretta French Park. The Municipal bond issue for Eagle River is asking for a .5 mil increase in Parks and Recreation assessment.

The observation made that our Parks and Recreation representative is unable to attend our ERVCC meetings.

CBERRRSA report by Lee Cline: – He made the reminder that snow pushed into the right-of-way can result in fines.

Education report: The school board approved the proposal for a pending bond sale for 27-30 million dollars for a district administrative building from the former K-Mart building, to be modified to suit requirements.

Announcement was made of the public meeting March 9th at CHS for boundary hearings for new high school.

Emergency Preparedness report by Susan Browne: She mentioned a Contingency Plan and the traffic tip of the week is a new emphasis, to be announced each week for enforcement.

The treasurer noted the need for an auditor of ERVCC treasurer accounts.

Susan Browne, Arlene Voehl, Bob ??? volunteered.

Adjourned 9:27pm

Respectfully submitted,
Linda Kelly