

**Eagle River Valley Community Council  
Regular Monthly Meeting, September 8, 2004**

The meeting was called to order at 7:00pm by president Bill Starr, with the secretary present.

Board members present: Bill Starr, Dean Eisberg, Bill Holland, Linda Kelly, Arlene Voehl, Tom Freeman, and Therese Voehl. Board members absent: Lee Cline.

**Approval of minutes:** Minutes from the previous meeting were not available.

**Report of the president,** Bill Starr: A reminder was given that discussion rules are informal, allowing a relaxation of debate decorum in Robert's Rules of Order.

Based on responses to emails this past summer, the president proposed adding a committee for "Youth Voice". The purpose of the committee is to focus on youth education and present information from the youth perspective. The vote for the motion carried, for the committee to be formed ad hoc for a period of one year through next September.

Notice regarding development in the council was given. A public hearing on platting is to be scheduled on the parcel between Heritage Estates East and Hylan Crest subdivisions. Steiner's subdivision is on the fast track application procedure and meetings for neighboring residents were conducted this past summer.

There was an open discussion on email policy, including how much to broadcast messages that have been sent to this community council, balancing what might be considered news or junk mail. It was suggested that public emails be sent through the Anchorage Federation of Community Council after going through the proper committee member. Tom mentioned the Federation has a bylaw regarding email.

A web site domain name for the council is registered this year at no cost. Hard copy mail is being phased out by the Federation to reduce mailing costs and other channels to distribute information need to be used.

**Treasurer's Report,** Bill Holland: There is no continuous source of income. We may look into grants to cover administrative costs. ERVCC has an account at First National Bank of Anchorage with \$601.31. There is a certificate of deposit of \$41,228.40 with a maturity date of 8/14/05, which is allocated for the Heritage Estate well trust fund.

It was suggested that ERVCC could develop a partnership with businesses for income or supplies, such as Wal\*Mart or P&M Gardens, or provide advertising on our web site.

**Guest Speaker,** Connie Yosimira, explained that Driftwood Bay LLC purchased the remaining acres of Eagle Crossing and is currently developing 88 lots. Driftwood Bay is required to have a bike path and side walks, but no curbing. They expect to improve the appearance with larger lots and more expensive homes, and adding a better mix of housing styles and range of values, compared to the duplexes and condos previously planned. There will be two access roads, parallel to the main road and an access road in back of one set of lots. Streets will be paved and built to municipal standards, and maintained by a homeowners association. The plat has been approved. Driftwood and Icefall are municipal roads and the access roads remain private.

Regarding issues on access to Eagle River Lane, school buses, recreational spaces, and lighting, an engineering firm is to be hired by the end of the month, and no answers will be available until then. ERVCC wants an engineer to call the council promptly for any plans for Eagle River Lane. It was requested that closure of the access from Eagle River Lane be moved closer to the existing street. Any changes to development phasing should be sent to ERVCC. The developer also wants to work with those who know of the Eagle River trail system. There is an approved trail plan available as published on the

state parks website. Randy Ricks, a member of the current homeowners association for Eagle Crossing, said there is a Master Association to come under one umbrella for the development.

**Planning & zoning report:** Don Poulton will be put on future agenda to speak about the Title 21 rewrite.

Members want to petition the road board to get a concrete pad for cluster mail box units to replace the 18 old style individual mail boxes at the intersection of Eagle River Road & Berry Hill. A motion was made to request that Lee Cline the road board representative present the petition to the road board to pursue funding and permit the approval. The motion carried.

**Parks & Recreation,** Janet Brand: With a new disc golf course at Schroader Park, vandalism has dropped from 200% to 10%. The Mayor formally transferred management of section 25 to the Eagle River Parks & Rec department. A complete development plan needs to be done since conflicting uses still remain, including gravel extraction and Alaska Railroad track improvements. These are to be resolved by 2005. The capital improvement projects list is to be looked at and finalized by Oct or Nov. Ideas are welcome; forward them to Janet or John Rodda. The motion was made and carried, that a council resolution be presented to AF & DOT to pursue negotiation for a development plan from State DOT and Eklutna.

**CBERRRSA** - design monies are available for Eagle River Road.

**Education,** Therese Voehl: The new Eagle River High School is 40% done. The principal Natalie Burnett is selecting staff department heads by the end of September. The school will offer all sports, most electives, an honors AP program and one resource officer. Seniors have the option to finish at Chugiak HS. Attendance boundaries, including students from Fort Richardson, are set, with zone exceptions to the new school allowed to go up to a 97% capacity. Go to the ASD web site to make nomination for names. The mascot and school colors will be selected by the students.

**Emergency Preparedness,** Susan Browne: AWARE training is available and coordination is occurring using the incident command system. Future preparedness events may be offered, jointly with Eagle River Community Council.

**Police, Fire & Safety:** Our designated officer was absent.

**Federation of Community Councils,** Tom Freeman: The federation is reviewing bylaws at this time. Vandalism has been reported, involving slashed tires and unscrewed security light bulbs. All are to be reminded that for the winter season, park off the street to allow for snow removal. Most councils follow FCC policy for emails.

**Youth Voice,** Conor Daugharty is a Chugiak High student, in student government. He is involved with a voter registration drive for students.

**Guest Speaker,** Mike Hawker: Provided information on the proposed MTA building in Lions Park and that the problem has been resolved by relocating the tower to a site near Gruening School.

**Other Business:** Dean Eisberg submitted his resignation from the board due to a military assignment.

The meeting was adjourned at 9:08pm.

Linda Kelly  
Secretary