

GLEN ALPS COMMUNITY COUNCIL
MEETING MINUTES

1/29/25 6-8pm

Attendees

Sen. Cathy Giessel
Marc June
Judy Caminer
Katie Kuijper
Rob Brown
Greg Kuijper
Bonnie Tinsley

ACTION ITEMS

Owner	Action Item
Rob	Contact Anchorage Fire Department Stephanie Dufect (wildfire urban interface coordinator) and Chugach power to schedule a meeting with all present to discuss emergency preparedness.
Rob	Determine what does an Evacuation Plan and emergency preparedness practice for the established plan look like? What recurring interactions and lessons learned sharing platforms are used to continuously share information at a regularly-scheduled recurring interval?

1. Welcome & Call to Order; Introductions; Review/announce Membership & Voting requirements:
 - a. Age & Location Requirement – 18 or older whose primary place of abode is within the Council’s geographic boundaries is eligible. Residents, non-resident property owners, business owners & non-profits with a physical premise located with the boundaries are eligible
 - b. Membership – Reminder to sign attendance sheet
 - c. Voting Requirement – Must attend one Council Meeting in the preceding 12 months.
2. Establish Quorum – one officer and three members
3. Agenda
 - a. Requests for any additions or changes;
 - b. Approval by the President.

4. Review/Approval of Prior Meeting Minutes
5. Legislator Presentation (if any)
6. District Assembly Presentation (if any)
7. Treasurer’s Report - we don’t have a treasury.
8. Old Business –
 - a. Community Council Boundary Review: Update from Rob Brown.

Reference: [Appendix C: 10-Year Review of Community Council Boundaries Boundary Study Area Maps](#) dated October 2024
 - b. Letter supporting Singletrack Advocates’ Section 36 Trails Plan to construct mountain bike trails in Section 36 submitted. Authorities concerned over high potential for brown bear encounters.
 - c. Update on mailbox status: Installed. No issues. All currently in use. New residents will have to find an alternate solution.
 - d. Secure Trash Regulation Zone: Update from Rob Brown. We should have the opportunity to comment soon. If opportunity for public testimony, Rob will make a 5-minute presentation.
9. New Business –
 - a. Chugach Electric Powerline Update: No update from Joe Connolly.

Recent power outage which effected Glen Alps was power coming over from Bear Valley across Rabbit Creek and back to upper Glen Alps. The top of a power pole broke, resulting in placement of an extender atop the broken pole. Failure of this temporary fix resulted in repeated power failure. Awaiting opportunity to speak with Chugach Electric and better understand protocols for when to shutoff power during high wind events.

There were two pole fires during a recent major wind event.

Transformer at Hillside and Upper De Armoun also failed. This was a separate issue.
 - b. Emergency Preparedness:
 - Real-Time Communication During Fire Prevention/Emergency Situations: Potential joint meeting between Glen Alps Community Council and Hillside Community Council to focus on fire prevention. Best method by which to send group texts in the event of an emergency (like fire). Rave hyper-local alert. Text “Anchorage” to 67283 to setup a profile for

smart911.com and sign up for updates.

Upper Glen Alps has dangerous vegetation more prone to spread of wildfires. Greg working with Jen to schedule an emergency preparedness evacuation plan.

Goals:

1. Improve communication within community – need communication methods beyond Facebook. Need emergency communication device to send broadcast text message. Need line of communication with Chugach and Anchorage Fire Department.
 2. Involve everyone in development and practice of an evacuation plan.
 3. Anticipate a special meeting (possibly in February) to discuss resiliency.
- Discussion of public ROW access on Jeanne Road during evacuation events. Further discussion of need to brush and maintain Jeanne Road.
10. Open Forum - Discuss community concerns and/or suggestions for the next meeting. Go hiking with new neighbors on Saturday at 10am, meet at the creek trail on Echo Canyon.

Update from Senator Cathy Giessel: Budget has \$1.5B in deficit spending. Supplemental is \$250M, possibly closer to \$300M in addition to the budget shortfall. Budget for road improvements is very unlikely. Canyon Road is in pretty rough shape near where the road crosses the park to where it enters the park. She is working with Parks Division and municipality to develop a bill to allow the Park to give the portion of land with the road upon it to the municipality to allow the city to maintain that portion of the road.

Discussion of road improvements and new road and parking lot funded by CASA bond which will begin in 2027.

Judy Caminer: Assembly met last Tuesday. May be able to push municipality to accelerated planning and improvements to park improvements at terminus of upper Canyon Road at the Chugach State Park, which may help accelerate Upper De Armoun permanent improvements.

Resurfacing of Upper De Armoun planned with remaining CASA bond money. In the immediate term, Snowline is preparing to repair potholes as soon as temperatures increase a little bit.

11. Adjourn

Important Date Reminders: Next regular meeting is April 24, 2025 unless we may need to schedule special meeting. At that time, we will have our annual election of officers.

Meeting will include in-person and zoom participation options.

Anticipate a special meeting soon to discuss fire safety.

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