

Basher Community Council Meeting
July 14, 2008
Held at Jill and Greg Booth's residence
9990 Middlerock Road

Meeting called to order by Barbara Luiten at approximately 7:10pm

No previous minutes were reviewed or approved.

Members Present: We did not have a sign-in roster – but there were approximately 20 attendees.

Guest(s) Present: Brad Meiklejohn with The Conservation Fund, Lisa Eyler Executive Director of Great Land Trust and Brian Richardson (Republican Candidate for House District 32)

Old Business

Because this was an informational meeting only, there was no Old Business to discuss.

New Business

The purpose of this meeting was to acquire information regarding the possibility of The Conservation Fund purchasing acreage from Joe Henri.

Brad Meiklejohn (Alaska Representative) of The Conservation Fund spoke to the attendees. He gave a short synopsis on the background of The Conservation Fund and the different projects that they have participated in; the most recent being in the Rabbit Creek Valley.

As far as the Henri project is concerned, The Conservation Fund is currently considering purchasing approximately 149 acres from Joe Henri, with a purchase price of 1.5 million. After one year, the Chugach State Park may purchase the land. The Conservation Fund attempts to work with the community to hear their concerns and ideas to make any project move smoothly. They would like to build a public access point. It has yet to be determined the location or parking capacity of a proposed access point.

Lisa Eyler Executive Director of Great Land Trust spoke to the attendees also. She stated that their company works hand in hand with The Conservation Fund to help conserve Southcentral Alaska's lands and waterways.

Comments were then taken from the attendees. The main concerns and/or ideas were:

- Increased traffic. Our roads were not designed to accommodate a lot of traffic, especially if there is a large parking area by the access point.

- Access to the Park. Some people were against access of any kind to the park. Others desire to leave the access the way it is. Discussion on exactly where the access would be (closer to the existing subdivision or make a road farther into the park access).
- Vandalism.
- Police or Ranger involvement. It was discussed that the area may need to be patrolled by either the Police or a Chugach State Park Ranger.
- Parking. Most people thought if there has to be parking, make it as small as practical.
- Emergency Accessibility: If there is a parking area, it would need to be big enough for any emergency vehicles, etc. to park and turn around.
- Antenna Farm. Even though the Antenna farm was shut down, it may still come back into consideration. By allowing The Conservation Fund to purchase the land, this would prevent the Antenna farm to come to fruition.

If there were any questions or concerns that come up after the meeting, the attendees were directed to e-mail Dave Keddington.

The attendees were informed that we would have another meeting in August, where we would need to make a resolution regarding this proposal.

Meeting adjourned 8:40 pm.