

Basher Community Council
Baxter Elementary School
January 8, 2004

Meeting called to order at 7:08 p.m. by President Matt Moore.

Update from Campbell Airstrip Road Committee, Dave Keddington and Mary Norman:

- In December, Anchorage Assembly approved removing LRSAs from tax cap.
- Our LRSA has turned in a request for a .5 mil increase, to go on the ballot in April. If approved, this amount (\$30,000) will be used for dust control in the summer.
- \$240 allocated to help improve road. Bob Groeneweg reported that chip seal will come all the way to the top on the hill. \$70K will go for drainage in lower section.
- LRSA now has park road again
- LRSA will e-mail to let people know when meeting are.
- As for improvements within the immediate neighborhood, asphalt not an option as it is considered a capital improvement – which is not allowed through the use of LRSA funds.

Mr. Keddington urged the community to pass the LRSA mil levy increase so that we have control of our own roads. For the average home value (\$400,000), the increase will amount to a tax increase of \$38/month.

Announcements: considerations of motions

Dirk Sisson: Joe Henri has filed appeal to Assembly on proposed Antenna Farm rezone (Mr. Henri's proposed rezone to antenna farm was turned down by planning and zoning commission in December). Mr. Sisson urged the community members to contact assembly members to express their position on this matter. It is not clear when the assembly will take up the appeal, and the members were advised to pay attention to the assembly agenda as a hearing notice will not be mailed to the Basher Community as was the case with the P&Z hearing.

Dave Keddington thanked Dirk Sisson and Barbara Hood for their work on opposition to the antenna farm and their presentation before P&Z.

Report from Anchorage Assemblyman Brian Whittle.

- Right now, the April ballot parks bond does have money for improvements to lower road (\$300,000). However, this is not final and the assembly will sit down in the next month to determine what stays and what goes. He encourages community to express support for it and to actively support the bond issue before the April election.
- Regarding the proposed Fort Richardson fence in Muldoon: Assemblyman Whittle introduced the President of the Northeast Community Council. The NCC president indicated there is nothing official out yet, however, a recent conversation with Representative Fred Dyson indicates that he thinks the issue will go away as the base is likely to close. If so, several entities are in line to claim rights to the land, including the Eklutna Native Association, Cook Inlet Tribal Council and the municipality. The community was urged to pay close attention to this issue, as its development will affect us all.

In the interim, the Army will have engineering proposals coming forth soon on the proposed fence. It is expected to include a few options including moving it ten feet back and split rail. He reported that an environmental study has indicated the Striker brigade exercises will bring about fairly serious environmental, wildlife, wetlands and noise impacts.

- When asked about funding for a Hillside District Plans, Assemblyman Whittle responded that while he'd support it, it is unaffordable right now. He also said the Title 21 is scheduled to be completed this summer.
- RE: Antenna farm, Assemblyman Whittle indicated that he supports the Basher community council position.

Election for President and member-at-large:

Dave Keddington accepted a nomination for the at-large seat.

Matt Moore reluctantly accepted nomination for President

With a total of 31 Ballots returned, Matt Moore will serve a two-year term as President with 29 votes; Dave Keddington will serve a two-year term on the executive committee as a member-at-large with 25 votes.

Meeting adjourned at 8:15 pm