

**Basher Community Council
Meeting Minutes
October, 8, 2009
Baxter Elementary**

Meeting called to order by President Dave Keddington at 7:04 pm.

Motion to approve minutes of April 27, 2009 made by Dirk Sisson, seconded by Eric.
Motion passes without opposition.

Dave updated members on status of items from previous meeting.

New mailboxes are to be installed starting week of October 12.

Having Campbell Airstrip Road designated as “shared use” within the Anchorage Bike Plan has been removed.

Discussion ensued regarding the [Chugach State Park Master Plan](#).

Dave reviewed history and current status. Park plan will take approximately 1.5 years to complete, and will be released in three phases: 1) trails; 2) access, and finally 3) overall management plan. Comments on phase 1: trails are due October 16, 2009 and is the focus of tonight’s meeting.

Bruce Talbot reviewed the language used in the [trail plan](#).

- The plan only covers primary trails that the state parks plan to actively manage
- “designated use” refers to the highest standard for which a trail is to be used. This will determine the ultimate width/grade quality of trail.
- “managed use” refers to how trails will be managed – and in most cases includes multiple uses.
- “design parameters” refers to such things as width, grade and materials that will be utilized to construct/upgrade trail to designed use.
- “Class” numbers refer to design parameters where higher class designation refers to more width/less grade etc (i.e.; higher class drives greater usage by more ability levels)

Dave reviewed the trail maps that are specific to Stuckagain Heights neighborhood (items on pages 4-15 and 4-16, and map 4.10 of [Draft Trail Plan](#)), specifically pointing to trail id #s 400a, 401a, 401d and 405b.

Many community members expressed dismay that the trail plan is being presented absent the access plan. The fear is that trails will be adopted without consideration of the impact on neighborhoods, an access issue to be addressed in phase 2. Particularly of concern is the proposed trail for Near Point knoll – aka trail # 401a. Many expressed the belief that the proposed Class 3 bike trail would drive development of a large parking lot in the middle of a neighborhood.

Others in the community expressed concern that the trail plan did not show in its maps existing trails that are not part of Chugach state park, but do currently provide access – such as the “Dome Trail”– in essence not providing full disclosure of current access to the Park.

Dave introduced a proposed resolution prepared by Barbara Hood and Dirk Sisson that essentially addresses access concerns about 401a by proposing downgrading that trail to a class 1 hiking trail while driving access to the existing Basher Trail Head parking lot by upgrading that trail (400a) to class 3.

A motion to adopt the resolution was made by ? and seconded by Rich Neubauer.

While many expressed the sentiment that the resolution was good, discussion ensued on whether or not the resolution should be stronger in directly address our neighborhood’s access concerns.

Scott Henderson moved and John Mitchell seconded an amendment that would eliminate ambiguity regarding access by essentially rescinding a 2008 resolution in support of the Nearpoint land transfer to Chugach State Park if a parking lot is proposed for the Nearpoint trail.

Barb Hood suggested the motion was procedurally out of order as she did not believe an amendment procedure could be used to rescind an earlier motion. Attempts to verify the procedure within Robert’s Rules of Order did not produce an answer within the meeting time frame. She further expressed the belief that this type of action is in bad faith and should not be approved. *(editor’s note: subsequent review of Robert’s Rules reveals that the attempt to rescind the 2008 resolution through amendment is not an allowable procedure. Rescinding a previous resolution must be accomplished by a main motion).*

When the amendment was not withdrawn, a hand vote resulted in the amendment failing 16 “aye”-25 “no”.

A call to question ended discussion on the resolution. Resolution passes unopposed.

Election of Officers

The positions of President, Vice President, Secretary and member at large are open for nominations. These are two year terms.

Dirk Sisson submitted his resignation for the position of Treasurer, necessitating the special election of a treasurer to fill the remaining year of his two year term.

President:

Dirk Sisson was nominated and accepted for the position of president. With no additional nominations, Dirk was elected Basher Community Council President for a two year term expiring October 2011.

Vice-President:

John BeeBee and Tina Boucher were nominated for the position of Vice-President. John BeeBee was elected by a vote of 20-16 for a two year term expiring October 2011.

Secretary:

Tina Boucher was nominated and accepted for the position of secretary. With no additional nominations, Tina was elected Secretary for a two year term expiring October 2011.

Member at large:

Tim Silva and John Mitchell were nominated for the position of member-at-large. Tim Silva was elected by a vote of 17-16 for a two year term expiring October 2011.

Treasurer:

Bruce Talbot was nominated and accepted for the position of Treasurer. With no addition nominations, Bruce was elected Treasurer to fulfill the two year term expiring October 2010.

Dave Keddington was thanked for his service as President over the past two years.

Meeting adjourned at 8:50 pm.