

## **Eagle River Valley Community Council Meeting Minutes Wednesday, March 18, 2009**

President Bill Holland opened the meeting at 7:05 p.m. Introductions were made.

President's Report: Bill Holland waived the president's report due to time considerations. Bill made three announcements: the annual general membership meeting May 6, Mayoral Candidates Forum April 26 and Shaun Peterson's citizen's petition regarding the proposed elimination of People Mover bus routes 77 & 78.

Approval of minutes: **Austin Zimiga moved to approve February 11, 2009 meeting minutes, Linda Kelly second, unanimously approved.**

Treasurer's Report: Sarah Wright absent, no report.

Assembly Update: No Assembly members present, no report.

### **INVITED GUESTS/SPECIAL PRESENTATIONS**

Eagle Crossing - Proposal to delay Eagle River Lane connection until 2011. Mr. Ric Davidge, CY Investments LLC. Mr. Davidge provided three reasons for requesting the delay:

1. The money to fund the project is not available due to poor home sales and the very bad market conditions.
2. Mr. Davidge observed that there are 'severe topographic conditions' and an abundance of ground water.
3. One of the section lines presents an easement problem (established prior to statehood).

By requesting an extension on the plat notes, Mr. Davidge is proposing to reduce the number of sidewalks (rather than on both sides of the road, there would be only one sidewalk). In addition the developer proposes to restore the informal 'historical' trail to Ravenwood. Not only is the steep grade an issue, proper drainage is a large concern. According to Mr. Davidge, the property was purchased from Mr. Spinelli, who had the planning done by aerial survey, not on the ground. Mr. Davidge has responded with signage, road blocking and trash removal requested by area residents. **Bill Hanaway made a motion to approve the delay of the Eagle River Lane connection until 2011, Fred Ripp second. Motion passed by a majority (two in opposition). Bill Holland made a motion to approve eliminating the two sidewalks that are planned for each side of Eagle River Lane, Eagle Crossing to Ptarmigan. Instead, Holland proposes just one separated sidewalk on the uphill side of Eagle River Lane and the developer is expected to improve the historical trail to Ravenwood Elementary, Scott Bailey second, unanimous approval.**

Mile 10.5 Eagle River Road Plat - Mr. Sean Purcell is requesting council support for an amendment that will reduce the number of lots in his 22 acre parcel from nine (9) to two (2) with variances for frontage and access. **Therese Voehl made a motion to support Mr. Purcell's request, Shaun Peterson second, unanimous approval.**

Proposition 9 presentation -Municipal Taxpayers League. Mr. Rod Timmons spoke about 'putting fiscal controls back in place' and reminded council members about changes made in 2003 that removed MESA payments from under the tax cap. For more information, visit [www.repairourtaxcap.com](http://www.repairourtaxcap.com)

Anchorage Fire Department bonds - Station 11 Senior Captain, Jeff Bayless, outlined some specifics about the bond:

- Replace cardiac monitors (current equipment old and expensive to repair)
- Renovate fire stations. State of Alaska has provided \$11 million, the bond is asking for \$1 million to finish the projects.
- Replace the ladder truck that was destroyed in a fire at Moosehorn earlier this year.

Captain Bayless observed that all AFD staff have just completed their wildfire refresher training and reminded council members to make sure their house is fire wise, practice exit drills, and don't forget those smoke detector batteries!

## **OLD BUSINESS**

Board members are needed for the annual meeting May 6. Council members are encouraged to step forward and/or recruit a neighbor.

President Holland removed item regarding a Fire Service Area.

## **NEW BUSINESS**

Eagle Crossing and mile 10.5 Eagle River Road were discussed during Guest Speakers/Presentations.

People Mover Bus routes 77 & 78. **Mr. Shaun Peterson made a motion requesting a resolution from ERVCC that endorses continuation of Anchorage People Mover routes 77 & 78 as currently scheduled. In addition, Mr. Peterson requested that this public transportation endorsement be sent to Mayor Clayman, MOA transportation and the Municipal Assembly. Linda Kelly second, unanimously approved.**

Mayoral Candidates Forum, April 26. This is a joint effort with three community councils participating. Each candidate will have two minutes to present themselves, then all candidates will answer yes/no questions (five from each

council). Then if time permits, questions from the audience will be presented to the candidates.

## **COMMITTEE REPORTS**

Education: Linda Kelly spoke briefly about the school bonds in the upcoming election and encouraged council members to visit the ASD website for more information. The school district budget has been sent to the assembly for approval. Linda reminded parents there are no parent-teacher conferences this spring, you can click to donate to ASD School-Business Partnership program when you file online for your PFD and ASD now has a face book page!

Emergency Preparedness: Lisa Andersen reported that a suspect has been identified in the rash of car break-ins near Gruening. With potholes and overflow the norm, call State of Alaska 338-1475 for main roads and Street Maintenance 343-6363 for side roads.

Parks & Recreation (P&R): Alternate Scott Bailey reported no news from Parks & Rec.

Road Board: Bill Holland reminded council members about the discussion and motions that were made earlier this evening about Eagle River Lane. **Bill Holland made a motion that if Planning & Zoning approves the delay of Eagle River Lane connectivity, then Eagle River Lane improvements should be taken off the CIP list for 2010, then added back to the 2011 CIP list. Mr. Hanaway second, unanimous approval.**

Zoning & Platting: Two items already covered under guest speakers: Eagle Crossing and Purcell Subdivision. Austin Zimiga reported that Coronado Park has a request for approval of a 42 month time extension. The park is in Eagle River, but not within ERVCC boundaries, so members choose not to take action.

Chugiak/Eagle River Consortium: No report.

Federation of Community Councils (FCC): Tom Freeman absent, no report.

Meeting formally adjourned at 9:05 pm.  
Minutes submitted by Therese Voehl.