

Eagle River Valley Community Council Meeting Minutes

Wednesday, April 8, 2009

President Bill Holland opened the meeting and introductions were made.

Approval of minutes: Minutes from March 2009 membership meeting were distributed and discussed. The discussion included the proposal to delay Eagle River Lane connection. CY Investments, LLC had planned for the sidewalk to be on the downhill side NOT the uphill side. Council members voted for approval of a single sidewalk on the uphill side. Council reasoning was that the walkway needs to be on the uphill side for pedestrian safety. Mr. Davidge of CY Investments requested ERVCC amend the minutes, members choose not to make changes since they had agreed to a single walkway, but not on the downhill side of the road. The platting board will hear request for extension on May 6. Amendments/corrections to the minutes included correcting the spelling of Mr. Hanaway's name and indicate that Austin Zimiga was present at the last meeting (see Zoning & Platting report). **Austin Zimiga made a motion to approve minutes from March 18, 2009 ERVCC meeting as amended/corrected, Bill Holland second, unanimous approval.**

President's Report: Bill Holland reminded members that May 6 will be the last ERVCC meeting until Sept 9, 2009 and that it will be a general meeting with board elections. In May we will also be prioritizing our 2010 CIP list and hearing about the Beach Lake Master Plan.

Treasurer's Report: Sarah Wright is mailing the money for taxes for Heritage Estates well trust fund.

OLD BUSINESS

May 6, 2009 ERVCC meeting will be our annual general meeting with board elections. There are three board positions that are available. Both Nate Cassino and Patsy Gund have expressed interest to have their names on the ballot. Please contact Bill Holland or any board/committee member if you would like to be on the ballot or know someone who may be interested.

Linda Kelly and Shaun Peterson went to a meeting regarding the elimination of local bus routes. They are pleased to report that ERVCC support made a difference in acting Mayor Clayman's decision to restore the bus routes to Eagle River.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Education: Linda Kelly reported since both school bonds failed the Anchorage School District ASD) will have to find funds for the drainage project at Eagle River High School. One school board seat is too close to call - Costello vs. Mackey. School board members Crystal Kennedy and Jeff Friedman will return for another term. Crystal Kennedy and John Steiner traveled to Juneau to ask for funds from the federal economic stimulus package. Governor Palin is concerned that if we accept the stimulus funds, we will have new programs that we cannot maintain. Acting Mayor Clayman vetoed the cuts that the assembly made to the school district budget, so the ASD budget defaults to the original budget proposed and amended. Grad blast is coming. It helps keep high school seniors off the streets and in a chaperoned environment.

Emergency Preparedness: Lisa Andersen reported if you are going to burn brush you need to get a burn permit per Anchorage Fire Department Captain Kara. Also, if you are going to be in the back-country be aware of the increased avalanche danger in the spring.

Parks & Recreation: Sarah Wright reported next Parks and Recreation meeting will be Wednesday, April 15. At the last Parks and Recreation meeting there was a lot of discussion about the Mac Center expansion. The project is ready to go and Parks & Rec is pursuing stimulus money to finish the project. John Rhodda has done research for the project and he believes they are short about three million dollars.

Anchorage Waste Water Utility (AWWU) has agreed to include a surface for skiing and walking across Yosemite Drive to increase pedestrian safety. ASD has to put in the AWWU line to connect Eagle River High School to the neighboring property. Currently the project is in the planning stage. The location for the BMX Park may be on the corner of Business Blvd and Regency across from Block Buster. The price for the lot is unknown at this time.

Bear Aware Program - Please be careful and aware when you are outdoors since the bears are out of hibernation. Flyers are available regarding the program.

Road Board (CBERRRSA): Bill Holland reported that the road board approved a mil rate decrease to 1.9 mil (down from 2.1 mil). Bill recommended 1.85 mil, but this was not accepted since there are fewer funds from the state. We are looking for community members to provide input about our roads, please contact Bill Holland. Austin Zimiga is trying to have staff from State of Alaska, road construction/repairs come to the Sept 9 ERVCC meeting to discuss Eagle River Road Upgrade, mile 5.3 to 12.6. Sarah Wright requested sidewalks with right angle curbs so people won't park on the sidewalks.

Chugiak/Eagle River Consortium: Doug Maxfield reported that the consortium is still discussing Municipal Code Title 21 and the rewrite continues. Doug reminded members that if they don't want their community to look like Anchorage, provide input via the hotline 689-7788.

Zoning & Platting: Austin Zimiga reported regarding lots near McCrary Rd. & Upper Skyline Drive. Austin believes that the neighbors should decide if the three lots should be made into two lots (this is a request by private property owners). ERVCC choose not to comment.

Federation of Community Councils: No report.

SPECIAL PRESENTATIONS

Family and Friends CPR Anytime (non- certifying mini CPR class): Dave Wallace and Jennifer Henzler, Anchorage Fire Department. 80% of heart attacks occur in the home so people need to know how to respond properly and quickly.

Minutes taken by Lisa Andersen and submitted by Therese Voehl.