

# **Eagle River Valley Community Council Meeting Minutes Wednesday, May 6, 2009**

Treasurer Sarah Wright opened the meeting at 7:02 p.m. Introductions were made.

Approval of minutes: Minutes from April 8, 2009 ERVCC meeting were distributed. **Bill Starr moved approval of minutes, Tom Freeman second. Unanimously approved.**

Treasurer's Report: submitted by Sarah Wright. The \$40,000 Heritage Estates Well Trust fund that was established when phase two of Heritage Estates subdivision was constructed will end in 2012. This means if there are no claims, the monies will be turned over to the Boy Scouts. Sarah mentioned she would like to 'get the Scouts involved in this transition'. Council members present responded positively to getting the Boy Scouts engaged in the process. Sarah reminded council members the well trust fund pays for the \$120.00 annual fee for ERVCC post office box and asked members to consider funding alternatives after 2012. The possibility of dues and accepting donations were discussed.

## **SPECIAL PRESENTATIONS**

Beach Lake Master Plan: Tanya Iden from Agnew Beck Consulting is working with Land Design North regarding the update of the 1973 plan. She will be the contact for community development. Community members are invited to get involved and submit their comments/requests especially since 170,050 acres has been added to Beach Lake Park with the addition of the Northwest quarter.. After meeting with all six area Community Councils this summer, she will present her finding to the Chugiak/Eagle River Parks & Rec Board August, 2009.

## **OLD BUSINESS**

Eagle River Lane: Bill Starr reported that developer Connie Yoshimura has asked for a work extension until 2011 that includes a secondary subdivision egress in a different location than ER Lane. Mr. Starr will be is meeting with a group of individuals including Anchorage School District Risk Management, and road representatives from the State, Municipality and local road board.

## **NEW BUSINESS**

2008-2009 Capitol Improvement Project (CIP) List: Council members discussed at length different items on the list. One item is currently in progress so it was removed from the list (#4 State Roadway, Old Glenn Highway Reconstruction - North ER exit to Peters Creek). Community resident, Brad Bowyer, requested a recreation center similar to Fairview & Spenard Centers in Anchorage. Group consensus was to add #3. Anchorage Parks & Recreation - Facilities: Multi-use facility for hardwood floor sports.

## **ASSEMBLY REPORT**

Assemblyman Bill Starr reported that the mil rate has increased, but taxpayers should see more money returning to them in the form of a tax credit or rebate. Mr. Starr observed that personnel costs make up 85% of the Municipality's budget. Bill praised members of Anchorage Fire Department (AFD) for rescinding their negotiated pay increase, a 3.5 million dollar saving! Chugiak resident Assemblywoman Debbie Ossiander has been elected Assembly chairperson. Eagle River resident John Steiner has been elected Anchorage School District Board chairman.

## **COMMITTEE REPORTS**

Education: Linda Kelly absent, no report.

Emergency Preparedness: Lisa Andersen reported that the Anchorage Police Department did not respond to her request for information relevant to ERVCC. The Hiland Wood Lot will open May 16, 2009. Burn permits are required, AFD is warning residents this is a very dangerous time (before 'green up'). Mary Sundt asked why open burning is only allowed in the afternoon, since there is less wind and higher humidity in the morning. AFD senior captain said she would ask State Forester, Sue Rodman.

Parks & Recreation: Sarah Wright and John Rodda reported that there is a problem with the floor in the MacDonald Center, won't know full extent of necessary repairs until work begins. Negotiations are underway for buying a corner lot across from the new Towne Center building for a BMX/Skateboard Park. John reported some severe damage to two fields at Loretta French Park when a man exercised two horses on the fields. Eagle River High School students were able to repair one field, the other field was destroyed. Oberg Soccer field has some 4 wheel truck activity, but didn't damage playing surfaces. John reminded members to help educate people about staying off the wet fields. The library closed May 2, it is unknown when it will open in the ER Towne Center though July 15 certificate of occupancy date.

ER Road Board: Bill Holland submitted the following written report. CBERRRSA has secured 30,000 tons of rotomil asphalt from the Glenn Highway project (from Hiland to Eklutna). The cost of the material is worth about \$20/ton and can be stored until needed. CBERRRSA is seeking input from councils regarding long range road direction in our community. Ideas suggested in other council areas include drainage projects, different service levels for snow removal, new roads connecting neighborhoods & businesses, more frequent striping and square curb profiles rather than rounded. Currently CBERRRSA has 115 miles of gravel, recycled asphalt and chip sealed roads. The Municipality of Anchorage (MOA) has a proposal to connect Brooks and Cross Drive near the old Saint Andrew's Church property, but it has not been planned or funded. Bill Starr said in September he is going to request a split mil rate for local roads, similar to what Parks & Rec has done out here. According to Mr. Starr, this could provide money for capitol improvement projects without having to bond for construction. During the winter MOA transit shovels 8 people mover stops in the Chugiak/ERiver area.

Chugiak/Eagle River Consortium: Doug Maxfield reported that he did not attend the

Consortium meeting this month, so he has no new information.

Zoning & Platting: Austin Zimiga reported that the developers request to delay action on Eagle River Lane until 2011 was approved by Planning & Zoning tonight. Austin reminded council members that at the September 9 ERVCC meeting, representatives from the State of Alaska will attend to discuss progress on Eagle River Road improvements, mile 5.5 to 12.

Federation of Community Councils: Tom Freeman reported that the FCC received a \$102,000 grant from MOA (\$6,000 cut from last year). The FCC will attempt to cut costs by reducing postal service mailings, using electronic mail instead. The FCC will also charge 2% to manage grants for other organizations. In 2011 the NUSA (Neighborhoods of the United States of America) Convention will be in Anchorage. Next FCC meeting is 7:00 pm, June 17 in the old United Way Building on Fireweed, near Spenard Road. All are welcome to attend.

### **ERVCC BOARD MEMBER ELECTIONS**

Three board member seats are listed on the ballot:

- Sarah Wright
- Patsy Gunn
- Bill Mendenhall

A call was made for any additional candidates including write in. Since no additional nominations were made, all present agreed that a written ballot was not necessary.

**Austin Zimiga moved that we accept the three candidates for the ERVCC board: Sarah Wright, Patsy Gunn, Bill Mendenhall. Tom Freeman second. Unanimously approved.**

**Tom Freeman moved to adjourn the meeting at 8:57 pm, Pete Panarese seconded. Unanimously approved,** meeting formally adjourned.

Minutes submitted by Therese Voehl.