

South Fork Community Council
March 2, 2006 Monthly Meeting Minutes

Call to Order

Meeting called to order by Bob Gill at 7:07 PM

Introductions

Bob Gill chaired meeting and officers were introduced.

Minutes

February minutes approved and seconded.

For the Record

Officers and Committee Members

Present	Position	Name	Phone	E-Mail address
*****	President	Bob Gill	694-2913	spullen@mtaonline.net
*****	1 st Vice President	Mike Adams	622-1222	mpladams@aol.com
*****	2 nd Vice President	Andrew Brewer	753-2757	Andrew.W.Brewer.@poa02.usace.army.mil
*****	Secretary	Sara Pullen	694-2913	spullen@mtaonline.net
*****	Treasurer	John Cologgi	694-4423	cologgi@gci.net
	Officer at Large	Ken Butters	696-6916	northkuvasz@yahoo.com
	Officer at Large	Guy Fulton	696-5051	gfulton@arctic.net
*****	Parks & Recreation	Andrew Brewer	753-2757	Andrew.W.Brewer.@poa02.usace.army.mil
	Parks & Rec alternate	Adrienne Lindholm	694-2102	threebowls@hotmail.com
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Presentation by Matt Edge with Anchorage Tomorrow

Matt Edge with Anchorage Tomorrow gave a presentation about the transportation and parks bonds which will be on the April ballot. He gave hand outs and maps. He encouraged all SFCC members to vote Yes on all the propositions.

Reports

Treasury: same

Parks and Recreation: Andrew Brewer gave a report

Andrew Brewer gave an update about the ski trail by the new Eagle River High School. Andrew reports the ski trail proposal is being treated coolly by the Parks and Rec department and their board of supervisors. Andrew says the major hurdle for this ski trail will be the approval by Parks and Rec board. The upgrades for Spirit Park have not been completed yet.

Resolution presented by Andrew Brewer:

Andrew Brewer presented the following resolution for the ski trail:

Whereas a groomed Eagle River High School Ski Trail is part of a parcel of a high school athletic program, and,

Whereas the land and right of ways are available for such a trail system, and further

Whereas said ski trail system would serve the recreational needs of the entire community as such;

Therefore, be resolved that the South Fork Community Council full supports the construction and maintenance of a groomed ski trail system centered at the Eagle River High School.

Andrew Brewer reports the proposed ski trail has the support of Joe Vicente.

After discussion, the resolution passed with no opposition by SFCC members.

Bob Gill will forward this resolution in a letter to the City of Anchorage and CC a copy to John Rodda with the department of Parks and Rec.

Road Board

No report. Bob Gill will be appointed to the board by the Assembly on March 14, 2006.

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Chamber of Commerce: report given by Bob Gill

Bob gave an update on the school bonds which will be on the April, 2006 ballot. Bob reports the information is also on the Anchorage School District website. There will also be a 3% sales tax proposal on the April ballot.

CAC meeting update: report given by Andrew Brewer

March 8 th was the last meeting. This will be the comprehensive plan update for our area, regarding land use and rezoning. The implementation section is weak per Andrew. The CAC has recommended a separate chapter with separate zoning per Andrew.

Bob Gill commented on the overlay district in downtown Eagle River due to greater density there. Design North has been hired by the Eagle River Chamber of Commerce to create a density plan for downtown Eagle River. A thousand people are expected to move into Eagle River each year for the next twenty years. Mike Adams commented that community councils are participating in the transportation and comprehensive plans.

Andrew Brewer comments that open space is an issue with Title 21. The draft for public comment will be available in April-May, 2006.

Hiland Road Committee Update: Mike Adams gave an update.

Mike reports that Hiland Road is high on the list but no funding is available. The committee decided to prioritize and break up the recommendations into sections with a better chance for funding and ranking. The committee will drive Hiland Road, take digital photos and go over aerial photos of the area. They will then recommend and reprioritize the sections. Safety will be a major factor. The committee will then write a draft and try to have it available at the next meeting. Debbie Ossiander and Greg Lyons with AMATs have agreed to help with ranking. The committee is hopeful to get some of the recommendations done this summer or early next year. Lighting on Hiland Road will be a separate issue. Anna Fairclough has been willing to help. Mike reports he does not know if the design has to be completed before the ranking, this is all part of the learning process.

Community Roundtable

Alan Miller presented a letter to the SFCC and asked for the SFCC's support in regard to obtaining a variance for his property on West River Drive. The SFCC took a brief break while several members assisted with writing a resolution:

Alan then read and presented the following resolution to the SFCC:

Whereas the area between 25 feet and 100 feet is unusable under the current and proposed regulations and *whereas*, this designated area can be used without detriment to the body of water, and *whereas*, the use is of significant benefit to the land owner; *therefore*, be it resolved that the South Fork Community Council endorses constructive changes to **Title 21** that allow non-dwelling type construction within the zone from 25 feet to 100 feet from the body of water, i.e. South Fork of the Eagle River.

Resolution seconded by Andrew Brewer.

The resolution passed without opposition by the SFCC. Bob Gill will forward a copy of the resolution to Debbie Ossiander with the Anchorage Assembly.

Meeting adjourned at 0845 PM

Respectfully submitted

Sara Pullen
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Next SFCC meeting is April 6, 2006.

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