

South Fork Community Council
April 6, 2006 Monthly Meeting Minutes

Call to Order

Meeting called to order by Bob Gill at 7:05 PM

Introductions

Bob Gill chaired meeting and officers were introduced.

Minutes

March 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
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*****	Road Board	Bob Gill	694-5413	spullen@mtonline.net
	Road Board Alternate	vacant		
*****	Chamber of Commerce	Bob Gill	694-2913	spullen@mtaonline.net

APD update by Sgt. Cindi Stanton

Sgt. Stanton reports there had been a car jacking at Fort Richardson and some break ins to cars at Calls Repair Shop—both about a month ago. She reminds members not to leave valuables in plain sight in your car at trailheads. Roger Van Ornum asks about stolen guns being turned into APD. Sgt. Stanton reports that APD detectives are recovering more guns. The guns are processed for fingerprints and APD will call if the owner's guns are found (if the serial numbers are in the APD database). Roger Van Ornum reports that Palmer police department and APD do not share serial numbers. Sgt. Stanton will check about pawn shops sharing serial number. Adrienne Lindholm reports there has been some illegal snow machine use in the upper Hiland Road area and APD has been involved. Ms Crail asks if information about break ins in our area can be given out by APD. Sgt. Stanton asks that SFCC members call or email her and she will find out and get back in touch with members. Her email is c.stanton@ci.anchorage.ak.us

Reports

Treasury: \$162.72 per John Cologgi and no expenditures.

Parks and Recreation: Andrew Brewer gave a report

Andrew Brewer spoke to Tom Crockett (state park ranger) and Bill Merchant about the ski trail through the greenbelt and there is no definitive trail. State Parks will groom the trail if we will buy the attachment for a snow machine. Adrienne L. asks how close the trail is to the river. Andrew says the trail is not close to the river but the river is visible from the trail. Andrew asks Joe Vicente how much Eagle Pointe residents will use the trail. Joe V. reports that some groups who use firewood would clear the trail for the wood. It would cost about \$5,500 to clear the trail in swampy areas per Joe Vicente. Andrew reports the trail would be ten feet wide and moving trees is a problem along with time. Americorps is one group who could help with the trail. Joe Vicente will email the name of a contractor who has hauled away fire wood to Andrew. Andrew reports the parking lot expansion for the back of the valley is still on tract. The chalet is open and there is a controversy with the Nordic Ski Club re: fees.

Chamber of Commerce: Bob Gill gave a report

Bob Gill gave an update from the last chamber meeting and the petroleum tax outline. Mary Ann Pease and Chuck Logston from the governor's office gave the presentation. There will be a special session to address

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the petroleum tax. Any questions contact Senator Bunde or Representative Mike Hawker. Information is also available at the state of Alaska website.

Road Board: report given by Bob Gill

Bob reports that glaciation has been a problem and he forwarded an email from Scott Schnell to SFCC members. Joe Vicente reports the public works department removed snow and thawed drains in Eagle Pointe, water was 1 ½ feet above the road and water was 20 feet from one garage door with no flooding. The catch basins were open but cannot handle all the water from the high school and Eagle Pointe. Joe V. hopes the city has the money to do improvements. Per Joe V., the City of Anchorage asked the Eagle River Homeowners Association on 1/26/06 for their priorities which were: extend the trail to the loop road, street lights for the trail and widening the road. Joe V. feels the drainage problems should take priority. The city contacted the president of the homeowners association and their #1 priority is widening the road instead of drainage. Public works awarded the contract to a firm to study drainage in the whole area. The study should be back in a few weeks. There will be \$600,000 to work with. Projected cost: no number for construction costs and \$1.3 million dollars in funds is what they are asking from the state of Alaska.

Roger V. comments that last fall, he asked Scott Schnell to mark and clean out all the culverts on Hiland Road. Someone needs to mark the driveways with culverts and cross culverts. These were never marked or done per Roger.

Andrew B. asks Joe V. about drainage with the high school and Eagle Pointe. Joe V. comments the drainage was not designed properly.

Bob Gill asks what the ultimate solution is. Joe V. wishes to review the report from the city and feels the area needs a new filtration system.

John Cologgi comments the SFCC should ask for a copy of the report.

Anna Fairclough reports there is pending litigation regarding this matter. She reports there are different engineers and homeowners all with different opinions.

No report from Senator Bunde due to technical difficulties

John Cologgi asks that SFCC send a letter to the City of Anchorage to get a copy of the report when available.

CAC update: Andrew Brewer gave a report

Per Andrew B. the first copies of the CAC report were given out at a meeting on 4/5/06 and will be online on Monday, April 13, 2006. On 3/28/06 the Assembly passed a placeholder for separate chapter. A consortium of community councils will be lobbying with Representative Hawker for funding. There will be three separate public meetings on the CAC: Mirror Lake, Chugiak and the Lyons Club.....Dates to be announced.

Bob Gill passed out copies of transportation updates to members.

Motion from John Cologgi

Be it moved that the South Fork Community Council send a letter to Howard Holton requesting the right to review and comment on the HDRs expected report concerning drainage in and around the new Eagle High School and Eagle Pointe subdivision.

Motion seconded by Roger Van Ornum.

Motion passed without opposition by SFCC members.

John asks that a copy of the motion be sent to Mike Abbott, municipal manger and to Howard Holton, city engineer.

Anna Fairclough recommends checking with Senator Dyson and other representatives from our area to help with funding. Senator Dyson was able to get \$500,000 for the area last year per Ms. Fairclough.

Recommendation of Ms. Fairclough is for the SFCC to ask Senator Dyson to help with another \$500,000 for funding.

Bob Gill will email Senator Dyson asking for \$ 650,000 for funding. (Total of \$1.5 million in funding)

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Hiland Road Subcommittee: Bob Gill gave a report

Bob Gill reports the subcommittee has narrowed the priorities down from 25 to a total of 3: #1. Guard rails from mile 3.6 to Bernard Stewart's house. Bob G. has spoken to Scott Schnell about the guard rails.

#2. Street Lights—there are two hazardous areas for school kids and should be on the ballot in 2007 and

#3. Widening of Hiland Road.

Joe Vicente asks if SFCC could join the street light district. Joe V. did not join the Eagle River street light district because they charge .5 mill.(the charge is now .3 mill for street lights). Eagle Pointe is paying their own electricity for street lights.

Comment from SFCC members that the street light at Birdsong and Hiland Road. The owner (local homeowner who owns the light) did not pay for the light this year.

Roger Van Ornum comments that when developers put in new subdivisions they should be required to put in street lights and pull outs.

Joe Vicente reports that is a part of subdivision planning and is very difficult to predict. Title 21, R60 rural areas does not require street lights and pull outs.

Community Roundtable

Anna Fairclough gave an Assembly update. North Land agreement: the future of the land fill which extends to 2043 and they are looking for ways to extend the land fill. The northwest quarter of section 45, the best offer is from the state—awaiting the best offer from the state of Alaska, if we can get the gravel out, it will decrease the cost of roads and decrease the impact on homeowners. Assembly working on plans and unable to give out details at this time.

On 4/11/06 the Assembly will take up the park plan (the coastal extension will probably be removed). The Assembly should go on the bluff side per Ms Fairclough. Lloyd Fanter asks if part of the area is open to hunting. Ms. Fairclough will check on the area and its use and report back.

The Assisted Living issue (part of fair housing in residential areas) is coming to the Assembly. Ms. Fairclough and Debbie Ossiander are still negotiating on Assisted Living—trying to keep up standards if these homes have more than five residents. Amendments are needed. Need to have criteria which are fair and safe. Only two homes in Anchorage have more than five residents.

The sign code is coming up. Amendments going forward for some signs to be grandfathered in If a business changes ownership, they must come into compliance with the code.

The placeholders for Title 21 passed. Fire Lake residents solved a \$250,000 problem by themselves; they bought the lot for the problem with the lake level.

Anna Fairclough has put her name on the ballot for state house and will be passing the torch for Assembly Chairperson.

Re: school bonds: John Cologgi comments maintenance bonds for ASD raise the tax cap to pay for O&M for current problems.

Comment from Lloyd Fanter: no more taxes and no more bonds.

Senator Bunde proposed and passed SB 218 which would double the sentence on sex offenders and once released, they would have to take polygraph.

Meeting adjourned at 0859 PM

Respectfully submitted

Sara Pullen
Secretary, SFCC

Next SFCC meeting is May 4, 2006.

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