

**South Fork Community Council
June 1, 2006 Monthly Meeting Minutes**

Call to Order

Meeting called to order by Bob Gill at 7:02 PM

Introductions

Bob Gill chaired meeting and officers were introduced.

Minutes

May 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
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*****	Parks & Rec alternate	Adrienne Lindholm	694-2102	threebowls@hotmail.com
*****	Road Board	Bob Gill	694-5413	spullen@mtonline.net
	Road Board Alternate	vacant		
*****	Chamber of Commerce	Bob Gill	694-2913	spullen@mtaonline.net

Presentation on Birdsong Subdivision

Mike Travis with Quest Engineering and Tim Lyons, the developer of the new subdivision, gave a presentation of the planned 38 new homes on Birdsong Drive. Mike Travis gave a history of the project and showed a map of the new subdivision. Access will off Birdsong and off West River Drive. Parcels 6 and 8 will be used for access. Mike Travis suggested if SFCC members have any concerns about the new subdivision; to put all ideas in writing and send them to Planning Department at the Municipality of Anchorage.

Mark Schwartz, homeowner on Birdsong Drive, expressed some concerns about access to Chugach State Park for runners and hikers. Mark Schwartz also expressed concerns about no parking areas and that area is busy on weekends per neighbors with others accessing Chugach State Park.

Another concern from SFCC members was avalanches and avalanche run-out and street lighting.

Mike Travis reported Hiland Road has 3 avalanche wash out zones. He also commented MOA will be looking at two road connections, the utilities will be buried, and there are no street lights required but they will be looking at low wattage lights.

Bob Gill commented that street lights are needed at school bus stops.

Mike Adams asked if there would be any potential problems with septic and any impact on the river?

Mike Travis reported the Corps of Engineers will recommend and oversee which lots get regular septic versus mound systems. There is also a conservation tract (non disturb-able tract) along the river. The MOA recommendations depend on the size of the tract with a 100 foot setback on both sides per Mr. Travis. Another concern from SFCC members was to create a subdivision that fits with the upper Hiland Road valley. Some members suggested that Mike Lyons look at lot sizes and mentioned there will be more traffic on Hiland Road.

Adrienne Lindholm commented the visual impact is important and suggested a view from an airplane would be important.

Report from Senator Bunde

Senator Bunde reported a special committee (resources and finance) was formed and he expects work to move forward over the weekend. Regarding the TPT gas tax: the House is to work on this issue over the weekend and work on a compromise—20/20 or 25/20.

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Senator Bunde reported the next step is for the legislature to pass 3 bills including the Stranded Gas Act. Per Senator Bunde, there will be public comment session on 6/3/06 @ 0900 on the pipeline contract. Senator Bunde reports that public comment ends June 30, 2006. The end of July, 2006 there will be another special session to approve or disapprove the contract, so send your comments to your representatives. Senator Bunde reports they are making reasonable progress with a variety of opinions. Senator Bunde comments there is no requirement for the gas pipeline to be built.

Presentation by Leroy Alderman

Leroy Alderman gave a presentation about his ten acre parcel off Elnora Drive. Per Mr. Alderman, when developed last year for a well, a stream came out about one and a half feet wide. There was a stop order issued per Mr. Alderman. Mr. Alderman reported about the problems with the stream, Corps of Engineers and MOA. He is working to get a variance for R-10 lots to work within 25 feet of the stream. Mr. Alderman reports this is a 7 lot subdivision with rock and vegetation to keep the lot the way it is and the wetlands will remain the same. Mr. Alderman's engineer is checking the water flow in the stream and it never got more than 1-11/2 feet wide.

Joe Vicente comments this is seasonal flow and culverts are a good solution.

Reports

Treasury: \$169 and no expenditures.

Parks and Recreation: Andrew Brewer gave a report

Andrew Brewer reports there is \$780,000 for capital projects and \$1.2 million in capital improvements. Andrew reports John Rodda refuses to clean trails. Andrew asks if new subdivision road will need to be paved.

Andrew will prepare a letter to the Arctic Bicycle Club regarding the racers and safety issues on Hiland Road. Andrew will check regarding their permit from MOA and if Hiland Road is a public road or not.

Presentation by JoEller Hall re: Smoke Free Environment

JoEller Hall gave a presentation on the Smoke Free Environment ordinance which was presented to the Assembly last Tuesday evening. This ordinance will be presented to the Assembly on July 11, 2006. She encouraged all SFCC members to send comments on the issue to their Assembly representatives. Their website is American Lung Association of Alaska.

Presentation by Sgt. Stanton and Terrie Albrecht with the Mayor's Office

Terrie Albrecht reports Alan Tesche is doing better. All MOA departments and projects are listed on the city's website (muni.org). The city is working on the watershed for all ponds in town and trying to increase the capability to do more meetings during the summer.

Sgt. Stanton reported on speeding on Hiland Road. She will start on day shift patrol on 6/14/06; use email or call her for issues on Hiland Road and Yosemite Drive. Sgt. Stanton is not sure if she will be returning as community council liaison in the fall or not, she will let us know.

Bob Gill and SFCC members thanked Sgt. Stanton for her work with the council.

Chamber of Commerce: Bob Gill gave a report

Bob Gill gave an update and the results of the survey taken at Carrs. Per Bob Gill, Mike Hawker has appropriated \$150,000 for Eagle River/Chugiak to write a separate chapter of Title 21 and work with the state regarding the process. Andrew Brewer comments trying to eliminate re-zoning with separate chapter and want to keep small town feel.

Road Board: report given by Bob Gill

Bob Gill reports Road Board granted \$2 million dollars, state grant with no strings attached, to solve Yosemite Drive problem. Eagle Pointe residents attended meeting. The plan is to move drainage east to the Heritage Land Bank land and get out of the Eagle Pointe area. Cost is \$2million dollars to fix problem and MOA did not have funds to solve problem and in litigation.

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Joe Vicente and all Eagle Pointe residents signed letter to Mayor Begich (with over 100 signatures) regarding the drainage problem.

Ron Aksamit submitted a list of improvements to the Road Board re: suggested improvements to the municipally portion of Hiland Road (beyond Riverview).

Bob Gill will submit a copy of these improvements to Scott Schnell, the Road Board and Gail Dial.

Meeting adjourned at 9:06 pm

Respectfully submitted

Sara Pullen

Secretary, SFCC

Next meeting September 7, 2006