

South Fork Community Council September 7, 2006 Monthly Meeting Minutes

Call to Order

Meeting called to order by Bob Gill at 7:03 PM

Introductions

Bob Gill chaired meeting and officers were introduced.

Minutes

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

Reports

Treasury: \$169

Parks and Recreation: Andrew Brewer gave a report

Nordic Ski Club issue: John Rodda has mandated user fees—up to 30%---the Nordic Ski Club maintains the trails around Birchwood Chalet. The NSC does not wish to pay the fee----\$75 for season and \$75 for rental of the club per use and \$2 per person and there is a lot of resistance to the fees. The usual not for profits grants are coming in. There will be \$40,000 to distribute to non profits with a maximum of \$5,000 to each one. The budget has been set by John Rodda with ½ mil to maintenance (around \$1,000,000) and ½ mil to capital projects (around \$1,000,000). Question from Joe Vicente about cross country ski trail at high school. Per Andrew, Tom Crockett, thinks he can revive it. Coach Davis wants to use Mental Health Trust lands for the trail. Parks and Rec wants everyone to use Chugiak. Andrew has nothing more to report on the trail at this time.

Road Board: report given by Bob Gill

Bob presented a letter to the SFCC members showing the funding for groups such as the Chugiak Senior Center. Bob read a letter from Scott Schnell to Freddie Downs re: Fire Lake right of way issue (letter resends previous offers regarding right of way). Bob Gill also gave a summary of the road board budget. The next road board meeting is on September 19, 2006.

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Mr. Laird commented about the mail boxes on Birdsong Drive. One person who lives at the back of the valley was a victim of identity theft (credit card and check fraud). Some residents are in favor of the boxes and some are not. Mr. Laird has spoken to the Eagle River postmaster, Steve Reid. The postmaster has two banks of boxes which he will give to the Birdsong residents for free. Each set has 30 boxes (15 incoming and 15 outgoing). The ER road board supervisor and ER post master need to be involved. The best area is down on Birdsong---off the dangerous intersection---on the right hand side of the road. Upper Birdsong is not the best area per Mr. Laird. Bob Gill will obtain Scott Schnell' s support for the mail boxes and notify the ER post master, Steve Reid. Mr. Laird reports the first 30 residents do not have to pay for the mail boxes. Bob Gill will check his emails regarding the boxes. John Cologgi comments there is a mixture of mailboxes from Hiland Road and Birdsong at one end of Birdsong. Suggestion to have one section of 30 boxes on one end of Birdsong Drive and the other 30 boxes on the other end. Randy Beillfuss suggests spreading out the mail boxes---not all in one area. Laurie Lavigne suggests looking at certain sections of the road. Mr. Laird reports the mail boxes need to be 45 inches off the ground due to the chip seal and the road being raised. Bob Gill will notify Scott Schnell.

Update by Bobbi Wells, president of Birchwood Community Council on the septic rate increase before the Regulatory Commission of Alaska

Bobbi Wells gave a presentation about the proposed increase in septic rates for Chugiak/Eagle River and Matanuska Valley residents. Ms. Wells gave a history and statistical information about the proposed rate increase which has been submitted to the Alaska Regulatory Commission by the Anchorage Assembly.

Ms. Wells encourages SFCC members to provide consumer input and start a petition as the Birchwood Council is doing. Ms. Wells reports that AWWU is asking for another rate increase this fall before going to the Alaska Regulatory Commission.

Discussion: Mr. Laird encourages members to make public comment to the ARC and to their website. The septic haulers will pass on the increases to their customers. The last rate increase was in 2004 and the ARC granted AWWU permission to increase the rate 10.6 % per Ms. Wells. Per Ms. Wells there is no deadline for the petition but needs to be done ASAP. Only written comments will be accepted by the ARC by Ms. Wells.

Chamber of Commerce: no report

Community Roundtable

Rich Monroe commented on future inclement weather conditions such as last year's sudden snow storm on Johnson Hill and developing a communication system to inform neighbors. Randy Beillfuss reports he leaves early for work and will call Scott Schnell. Bob Gill provided phone number for Scott Schnell --694-3485---to Randy and SFCC members.

Joe Vicente wants SFCC to check on status of Yosemite Drive drainage issue since Eagle Pointe has had not information from municipality of Anchorage. He asks Bob Gill to check with Howard Holton with MOA.

Randy Beillfuss asks Bob Gill to check with Scott Schnell if rock will be put in the areas of Hiland Road where it has been scooped out. He also asks if they are going to dig out the areas where the mail boxes are on Riverview.

Joe Vicente commented on the Chugiak Eagle Rive Long Term Transportation Plan (new plan) that collector roads are required to have curbs and gutters. They are making an exception for ER/Chugiak.

JT Lindholm reports the access to Harp Mountain has changed. The old trail has been moved to state land.

Meeting adjourned at 8:19 PM

Respectfully submitted
Sara Pullen
Secretary, SFCC

Next SFCC meeting is October 5, 2006