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**Call to Order**

Meeting called to order by Bob Gill at 7:00 PM

**Introductions**

Bob Gill chaired meeting. Officers and all present were introduced.

May meeting notes were reviewed and approved.

**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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*****	Parks & Rec Rep	Andrew Brewer	753-2757	Andrew.W.Brewer@pos02.usace. army.mil
*****	Chamber of Commerce	Bob Gill	694-2914	spullen@mtaonline.net
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**VOA presentation by Jerry Winchester:** Jerry Winchester, architect for VOA, gave a presentation on the expansion of the current VOA facility on Hiland Road. The new facility will have 24 beds and two and one half acres have been acquired for total of 5 acres --zoned R 6 -. The old building will be torn down when the new one is built. The new residential facility will be a single

story building with a less than 6 % slope. There will be off street parking, a retaining wall at the back of the site, and 10 foot high low impact lighting. All outside lighting will be off at night with motion sensors for lights at night. A new well will be drilled—a 200 foot, class A well. There will be one new well and one new septic system. The VOA is asking for a conditional use permit and will go before the Planning and Zoning Commission on July 16, 2007. The VOA will be asking to expand their facility by 8 beds.

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The platting will be done this fall. Concerns from the SFCC membership were voiced regarding the well & septic at the VOA facility. One SFCC member spoke regarding the VOA septic system overflowing onto his property several years ago. Many neighbors voiced concerns about the impact on their well systems by the expansion of the VOA facility. Bernie Stewart's community well is shutting down this year. The VOA engineer reported the expansion of the VOA facility will have no effect on the aquifer. An aquifer study was done in 2005, per the VOA engineer, and was 2 1/2 gallons per minute. The water needs for the expansion of the VOA facility will be 3,300 gallons/day and the facility will also have storage tanks. John Cologgi suggested that local neighbors check into filing for water rights. Issues regarding the VAO facility expansion as mentioned by the SFCC members are: 1) water and septic and 2) zoning. Several VOA staff members spoke to the need for expansion of the current VOA facility: kids from ages 12 to 18 are treated from all over the state of Alaska for alcohol and drug treatment and the current facility has staffing and space issues. Expansion of the current facility would allow more staff to be hired and kids could stay instate for treatment. **SFCC vote on proposed VOA expansion:** SFCC president, Bob Gill, asked members to vote on the VOA expansion. Results: 16 SFCC members in favor of VOA facility expansion and 6 SFCC members against. The Planning and Zoning meeting on the VOA expansion will be on July 16, 2007.

**Legislative Report:** Senator Bunde gave a presentation. His office number is 269-0181. Senator Bunde's office will forwarding his newsletter to members asking for their input. Kim from Anna Fairclough's office gave a presentation. Their office number is 694-8944. Anna Fairclough is working with Senator Hawker on funding for Yosemite Drive.

**Treasury report:** \$168.89 per John Cologgi.

**Parks and Rec:** Andrew Brewer gave a report

The current mill rate will be increased to 1.1 to take care of old bond debts. Andrew Brewer will gather more information on the bond increase.

**Chamber of Commerce:** Bob Gill gave a report.

The town center group is working to finalize a deal. The Chamber of Commerce golf tournament will be tomorrow at 0900. Colonel Novak is seeking funds--\$25,000--for a site for the Alaska Veterans Memorial Museum and Kulis AFB is potential site. Their website is

[www.akveteransmemorial.org](http://www.akveteransmemorial.org)

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**Road Board:** No report

**Other Business:**

There will be a legislative open house at Anna Fairclough's office on June 21, 2007 in Eagle River.

Ron Aksamit is ill and the SFCC will send a card wishing him a speedy recovery.

**Community Roundtable:**

**Motion for small hydroelectric plant on South Fork of Eagle River:**

A motion for a small hydroelectric power plant on the Janke property with a conditional use permit and the DEC will monitor water quality at the facility.

Motion read and presented by Bob Gill and seconded by Andrew Brewer.

Motion passed with no opposition by SFCC members.

Bob Gill will forward a copy of the motion to the Anchorage Assembly, MEA and to Mayor Mark Begich.

Mike Adams brought up issue of bicyclists on Hiland Road. Mike Adams proposes sending a letter or resolution to the Municipality of Anchorage regarding the dangers to both bicyclists and drivers on Hiland Road.

**Motion regarding bicyclists on Hiland Road:** SFCC members recommend sending a letter to the Municipality of Anchorage expressing concerns about the dangers to bicyclists and motorists (public endangerment) and due to the increasing volume of traffic and bicyclists on Hiland Road. Sections of Hiland Road are not up to collector road standards and a conditional use permit should be involved along with proper notification of the residents of Hiland Road.

Motion presented by Mike Adams and seconded by Bob Gill

Motion passed without opposition by SFCC members.

Concerns about bear sightings in the Hiland Road area were also expressed by SFCC members. Suggestions by neighbors were a neighborhood phone tree to report bear sightings and a neighborhood watch. Mailboxes on Birdsong Drive—Bob Gill reports these will be part of the STIP budget in 2008 for Hiland Road. John Cologgi will continue to speak to his neighbors. Neighbors reported that organic material is clogging the drains in the upper Hiland Road area and needs to be cleared out. Bob Gill will report the problem to Scott Schnell with Eagle River Road maintenance and asked the area be cleared out. Motion to adjourn meeting at 2055.

Respectfully submitted,

Sara Pullen  
Secretary SFCC

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