

**South Fork Community Council
October 4, 2007 Monthly Meeting Minutes**

Call to Order

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

Introductions

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

September meeting notes reviewed and approved with revisions.

For the record

Officers and Committee Members

Present	Position	Name	Phone	E-mail address
*****	President	Bob Gill	694-2913	spullen@mtaonline.net
	1 st V.P.	Andrew Brewer	753-2757	Andrew.W.Brewer@pos02.usace.army.mil
*****	2 nd V.P.	Mike Adams	622-1222	mpladams@aol.com
*****	Secretary	Sara Pullen	694-2913	spullen@mtaonline.net
*****	Treasurer	John Cologgi	694-4423	cologgi@mtaonline.net
	Officer at Large	Ken Butters	696-6916	
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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
*****	Road Board	Bob Gill	694-2913	spullen@mtaonline.net
*****	Parks & Rec alt	Adrienne Lindholm		

Committee Reports

Treasury: \$169.77

Parks & Recreation: John Rodda will give update later in meeting.

Road Board: no meeting in September

Chamber of Commerce: Bob Gill gave an update. Mayor Begich spoke at the last chamber meeting and the city is still in negotiations regarding the town center at the Valley River Center.

Presentation by AFD Fire Fighters: Captain Steve Arrapadi from the Eagle River Fire Department gave a presentation. He answered questions from the SFCC membership and recommended Yosemite members can contact Sue Rodman, forester with AFD, for questions about wild fire prevention. The non-emergency phone number for the Eagle River Fire department is **694-2675** for questions.

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Presentation by Elaine Dahlgren with ARCH: Elaine Dahlgren reports the walls are up on the west end of the new building. There will be a 20,000 gallon water tank in the basement in case of fire. She also says she will be glad to speak to the Eagle River Fire department about using the water tank in case of emergencies. The well drilled for the new facility is producing 12-15 gallons per minute. They have met all their planning & zoning conditions. They have moved the line of the well from the Stewart property so that all the neighbors can have water. The facility is still using the old septic system. There will be a new septic field. Their projected date of opening will be July, 2008. The garage will stay and they will ask for a greenhouse if someone will build it for them. Her phone number is **269-9650** for questions. The ARCH kids are going through the new building and the workers are interesting the kids in the building trades. Bob Gill also read a letter from Bruce Geargthy with the state of Alaska which apologized to the membership. Bob Gill passed the letter around for the members to read.

Update from Kim Skipper with Anna Fairclough's office: The DOT update was done on 9/7/07. Members can contact Anna Fairclough's office if they want a copy. The special session is ready to start up. Their staff will be leaving on 10/17/07 for a special session on the PPT. The PPT bill is out and is online and can be printed out. They are expecting a 30 day session. There will be an oil and gas meeting on 10/11/07 on all aspects of the issues.

Parks & Rec update by John Rodda: update by John Rodda

- 1) they are putting up new signs at Beach Lake
- 2) Mount Baldy access is open—their staff replaced signs today at the top of Golden Eagle Drive. There will be 3 zones of parking.
- 3) The section of the northwest corridor 25 : they are working on the transfer of land & a 125 additional acres. They have approved a dedicated parking lot. There are no conditional use permits with planning and zoning. The total land will be 1730 acres.
- 4) They have completed work on Mirror Lake for new courts and Parking.
- 5) Schroder Park: new sand area for volleyball
- 6) Palisades Park: new retaining wall & basketball court
- 7) Towne Park: new access by Credit Union 1 & the lighting is in
- 8) Oldeburg Ball fields: will be completed by the weekend with a Scoreboard, new configuration, netting and 3 scorekeepers' shacks
- 9) Spirit Park: will finish some work & complete work next spring
- 10) Loretta French Park: ball fields are getting finished—part of an 8 year project—will finish with seeding next spring—there will be 5 fields, parking, sledding hills, picnic areas, and open access areas—the scoreboards are up. Will be 34 acres total.

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Parks & Rec has been working with the Road Board, Scott Schnell, for a snow storage area near Hiland Road. Scott Schnell has worked well with Parks & Rec per John Rodda.

Regarding the South Fork Confluence Foot Bridge project: they have not had a chance to check the placement of the bridge. Mike Adams reports the site was about 100 yards up river. With old bond money, there will be enough money to build the foot bridge. State Parks, Andrew Brewer and Parks & Rec to site the foot bridge.

There is a plan for a trail from the Alpenglow ski area up and over Hunter pass to the South Fork area. They will apply for monies for the trails.

Adrienne & JT Lindholm pointed out that funds are needed to improve the Hunter Pass trail which is muddy and has parking issues. Adrienne also commented there are deferred maintenance issues and the state of Alaska has a \$43 million parks budget but no monies for deferred maintenance. John Rodda also answered questions about Ram Valley which is 9 miles behind the Eagle River Nature Center. There are two property owners who have said no to people parking in the area. John Rodda has spoken to property owners but still no signed agreement. There is no trail head as yet and no connection. There have been problems with ATVs and snow machines in the area: illegal parking and noise, etc.

Community Roundtable

Bob Gill reminded members of nominations for officers for the SFCC. To be nominated, members must have attended 3 meetings in the last 12 months. Nominations and elections will take place at the November 1st meeting.

Motion to adjourn meeting at 2030.

Respectfully submitted,

Sara Pullen
Secretary SFCC