

South Fork Community Council Meeting Minutes
February 3, 2011

Call to Order: Andrew Brewer called meeting to order at 7:03 pm

All officers were present for meeting.

Andrew Brewer made introductions of officers. A round robin introduction of all persons present ensued.

January Meeting Minutes: The proposed January meeting minutes were reviewed by members. Motion made to accept January meeting minutes by Ron Aksamit and second by Karl Von Lührte. The January meeting minutes were accepted by the membership with no objections.

Old Business:

Federation of Community Councils: Discussion ensued pursuant to the separate MOA Title 21 amendment for Eagle River area. \$150k is supposedly left to spend by the consortium. Question was posted by chair if Sara Pullen would continue to represent the SFCC at the meetings. There was confusion as to whether previous board vote of “no confidence” applied to this position. Andrew explained it did not and asked Sara to continue in that capacity. She agreed to continue. Further discussion ensued alleging that Parks and Recreation Director said consortium should pay for meeting space. It is understood that one meeting per month was no charge and further meetings would be at \$40 per hour. Next Parks and Rec. meeting is on Monday the 7th and had been moved up a week.

Mental Health Land Trust re: Yosemite West: Meeting is this coming Monday the 7th of February. Several members plan to attend.

Notice to change by-laws. (Proposed) Read into Meeting Minutes: Copies of proposed changes to by-laws were handed out. A minimum of 30 day must pass before changes can be voted on between regular meetings. These proposed changes can potentially be voted on at the March meeting.

Proposed Amendments to the By-Laws

1. Access to Records

Article V – Function

(*Revise to read*) All written records pertaining to council business shall be kept and made accessible to the membership upon request.

2. Tenure limit for Office of President

Article X, Section 4 - Tenure

All officers are elected for a one year term. (*add*) The term of the President shall not exceed 3 consecutive years without at least one intervening year. No President shall exceed 6 years in office.

3. Change or Elections from November to October

Article X, Officers

Section 3 - Elections

Elections of officers will be held annually in October (*previously November*). All nominations will come from the floor, during the September (*previously October*) and October (*previously November*) meetings. Nominations will be accepted by the nominee prior to the vote. All votes cast must be by Council members present, as per procedures outlined in Article VIII.

NUSA Coming to Anchorage: Assembly and Mayor supposedly upset at the Federation of Community Councils scheduling the conference in Anchorage. It is unknown where funding may come from to help support the event. The FCC is looking for volunteers to help support the event.

New Business:

ID required for liquor sales at all retail establishments: There will be an advisory vote on the MOA ballot on whether to require Alaska Identification for all retail liquor store sales. Discussion ensued and members present agreed more information was needed.

Taxes: Marty McGee pointed out that Anchorage is 51st overall when it comes to taxes but is rated 15th when it comes to property taxes. Sales tax ideas were discussed and how do we spread the tax? Lots of discussion ensued. Idea was discussed about going back to a school tax. Council needed some form of a resolution to reference. Jessie Coultrain made motion defer until next meeting. Richard Dixon seconded. Motion passed.

Membership Lists: Andrew questioned the status of memberships list. Joe Wright elaborated that the records are kept and lists will only be used for official correspondence for the SFCC board, forwarding meeting minutes, agenda, etc.

Committee Reports:

Parks and Recreation: Lora Reinbold was the primary representative at the December meeting. Brief discussion about the Mac center expansion, how state and local money was used to pay for it. Appears to be a done deal and operating income is in question. The intent is for the center to be self supporting. Discussion about making two sheets of ice verses one ice sheet and one field. There appears to be a finite growth plan and Lora has asked for the future budget plans. Statement was made that tax dollars collected should be spent in the area collected.

Road Board: Bob Gill attended the most recent road board meeting. He introduced our area foreman, Mark Littlefield. Presently there is about \$1.6 million in account with \$345k encumbered and \$510k available for appropriation. There is a need for the reserve to maintain our bond rating. Need for EMS access to the entire community. The new mill rate is recommended to be 2.11 mills and he doubts it will go down. In 2010 the road maintenance contract was awarded to McKenna Brothers. 3 to 4 inches of snow is required for snow plowing. Strip paving verses wrapped paving was discussed. Jose Vicente proposed the upgrade to Yosemite should cost around \$900k. MOA believes it

will cost around \$3mil. Bob Gill made a very thorough presentation and briefly touched on a potential snow storage facility.

Community Roundtable: Sara Pullen requested the floor and made a motion to amend the SFCC boundaries and seconded by Jeremy Holloway. Motion as follows;

Whereas, the residents of Eagle Pointe subdivision live in a high density more urbanized neighborhood with smaller lots serviced by municipal sewer and water;

Whereas, the residents of the upper, middle and lower South Fork area who use Hiland Road as a collector road have individual wells and on-site septic systems;

Whereas, the residents of the upper, middle and lower South Fork area have rural zoning of R-6 and R-10 with large lots and low density housing;

Whereas, both parties' (Eagle Pointe Subdivision and Hiland Road subdivisions) interests are incompatible; thus leading to unnecessary conflicts that are rural versus urban in nature;

Therefore, be it resolved, there will be a boundary change with those lands **south** of the Eagle River Loop Road at the Hiland Road intersection up to the Briggs Bridge. This will be the new boundary line for the South Fork Community Council. All other boundaries enumerated in the South Fork Community Council bylaws remain the same. The Eagle Pointe subdivision residents would be free to join the Central Eagle River Council or the Eagle River Valley Council or form their own community council.

Sara Pullen further elaborated that "There is precedent for this motion because Powder Ridge Subdivision was to be included in the Birchwood Community Council area. This plan was changed for Powder Ridge Subdivision to be incorporated within the Eagle River Central Council boundaries because of a similar rural urban divide."

Motion was made by Jose Vicente and 2nd by Karl Von Lührte to table to the next meeting. Discussion ensued with members on both sides of the issue including that this was an amendment to the current by-laws and requires 30 day notice. It was brought up the Eagle Point has been part of the SFCC for the last 10 years. Vote was 11 yea and 20 nay. Chairman allowed further discussion and the motion to remain on the table. Bob Gill made motion to Call the Question and was 2nd by Roger Vanonnom. Vote was 22 yea and 9 nay. Question was called. Vote was 23 yea and 8 nay to the main motion, motion passed. Motion made by Jose Vicente to reconsider and 2nd by Richard Dixon, chair deferred to next meeting.

Motion made to remove and 160+ acre homestead from SFCC by Ron Askmete and 2nd by Ben Worley. Discussion ensued. Vote was 8 yea and 17 nay. Motion failed.

Motion to adjourn made by Karl Von Lührte and seconded by Ron Aksamit. Motion passed. Meeting adjourned at 8:47 pm.

Submitted by Joe Wright

Secretary SFCC

Approved 3 March 2011 at SFCC Meeting.