

Minutes

South Fork Community Council

March 2, 2017

1. **Joe Wright**, President, called the meeting to order at 7:02 p.m. in Room D107 of the Eagle River High School. **Karl Von Lührte**, VP, was also present.
2. Brief introductions were made around the room. (11) were present at the Call to Order, and (7) others arrived late. Three members of Fire Station 11 were present.
3. The Agenda was approved without amendment or addition.
4. Minutes from the previous meeting on February 2nd were approved without discussion.
5. Guest Speakers: **Mike “Murphy”** (spoke too softly), Fire Station 11, spoke briefly about Bond Propositions, Prop2 and Prop5 relating to the purchase of 2 new ambulances, a Fire Engine, and upgrades to the Fire Stations. Bond Propositions will be on the ballot April 4th. Fire Engines have a 20 year active life, and 5 years in a reserve capacity. The substation on Hiland Road, is used for vehicle storage and does not have a tanker ready to go. The South Fork had two wild fires last year that required State responders to douse the flames. Local fire crews responded to Riverview on May 27th to protect housing, but they are not equipped to combat wild fires. The VFW road is now available to use for access to Hiland Road subdivisions, and may improve times slightly, but not significantly.
6. Old Business: **Yosemite Drive Project Upgrade 13-36**. Ortho photo plan views of the new road improvements were passed around, with at least one option shown. The Trust Land Office (TLO) of the Mental Health Land Trust (MHLT) has agreed to allow line of sight easements for the north bound lane onto Yosemite. A bottle neck at the north bound incoming lane still appears with only one lane access. The cost of moving the light pole was estimated to be in excess of 1 million dollars and was deemed prohibitive. A meridian strip that divides the traffic is still included in both plans despite the objections of the local community. Sidewalk locations and public access to the State MHLT property still remain problematic. The project is expected to go out to bid by the end of March, beginning of April, with a construction start up of May 5th. Storm drains and the drainage catch basin are part of this project. The TLO says it may kick in additional funding if costs exceed 8.4-6(?) million.

South Fork Trailhead. **Joe Wright** sent a letter expressing our interest as a Council in coordinating with the Chugach State Park Board of Directors on the parking problem at the trailhead, and has received no response.

Local Crime Issues: Be on the look out !

7. New Business: **Elections on April 4th**.

8. Committee Reports:

(a) Road Board. **Jose Vicente**, President of CBERRRSA reports that the Budget is good for snow removal and we have plenty of sand. The Muni sites are reported to be full of snow and they are looking for new locations. CER is looking for a new site as well. A request to increase the mil rate is in the works, going from 1.83 to 2.09, just below the 2.1 allowed.

(b) Parks and Recreation. **Karl Von Lührte** reports that a small fenced dog park is being looked at between the tennis court and the Old Eagle River Road off Fire House Lane across from the old Fire House. Instead of having a large Regional dog park, smaller local dog parks are being promoted. Near the Mac Center there is a housing issue with the Heritage Land Bank (HLB) property. Higher densities are being proposed than shown on the land use map. The CER Advisory Board has weighed-in in favor of the local Councils who are protesting the proposed changes. Winter maintenance of the trail in front of ER High School by Parks and Rec. has again fallen off according to **Joe Wright**.

(c) Treasurer. **Randy Beilfuss** was absent.

10. Good of the Order Forum. No items were brought forward.

11. A motion to adjourn was passed at 7:57 p.m.

Andrew Brewer, Acting Secretary