

Minutes

South Fork Community Council

November 1, 2018

1. Call to Order at 7:00 p.m. by **Karl Von Lührte, Chair**, in room D107 of the Eagle River High School. There were (15) in attendance.
2. Brief introductions were made around the room: **Cliff Cook** from the Community Patrol, and **Joe Wright, Vice Chair** were present.
3. The Agenda was approved without amendment or addition.
4. Minutes from the previous meeting were provided by **Joe Wright**, and approved without amendment.
5. Guest Speakers:
 - a. State Legislature Representative(s): None.
 - b. Muni Assembly Representative(s): None.
 - c. Eagle River Community Patrol and Crime Update: **Cliff Cook** reports 29.5 hours of patrolling in our area over the last month. There were two thefts in Eagle Pointe on October 7 and 18, occurring between 4:00 and 5:00 a.m. This is the time frame that most thefts are occurring. Cars left running are at risk. There is some illegal use of State land on Hesterberg Road near the gated entrance. It has become a party spot. **Karl** will follow up.
6. Old Business:
 - a. Vet Village Concept & Follow up Action Discussion. **Andrew Brewer** reported speaking with **Ric Davidge**, Chairman/Founder of the project, who now prefers the former Eagle Glenn Golf Course near the JBER Post Road Gate to the location previously selected on JBER property near Hiland Road. He has not contacted **Karl Von Lührte**, who requests input from other community members in order to address the issue fully. A letter by **Karl** should be forthcoming at the December meeting.
 - b. Stream Setback Discussion Follow Up: No one attended the Muni Assembly meeting that included this item. **Joe Wright** and **Karl Von Lührte** reviewed the proposed changes to Title 21. Existing structures are grand fathered in. The riparian zone changes from 25 feet to 75 feet when moving from waters defined as “small” to “large”. The South Fork is considered “small” and Eagle River, “large”. [Contrary to what was asserted by **Jose Vicente**, there is Eklutna Property adjacent to Eagle River that is not in the Green Belt, close to the South Fork confluence.]
7. Committee Reports:
 - (a) Road Board. **Jose Vicente** reports that cars parking along the streets are a problem for snow removal. Election of Officers will occur at the next meeting on the 26th of November. He is termed out from his two year term as President. **Roger Van Ornum** has again expressed his interest as acting as the Road Board alternate.
 - (b) Parks and Recreation. **Joshua Ream** reports that the off leash dog park issue has been reduced to one possibility at the Peters Creek Park location. The services of a consultant are no longer needed. A new maintenance building is being considered that’s owned by the State of

Alaska, but it has some problems. There is a new trail at the Beach Lake Park. The Beach Lake Chalet needs a new roof; **Karl** asked for more specifics on that problem. A homeless family lived at a cabin near Beach Lake, and has since been moved to low-cost housing. The Budget margin is narrow with activities at the MacDonald Center being the critical issue. Discussions between the P&R Board and the Chugach State Park Board will take up access issues. **Joe Wright** reports that the Chugach National Forest Master Plan update is nearing completion. Public input is still being taken. The Eagle River Community Council is expected to weigh in on the Fire House Lane location for a Dog Park.

(c) Treasurer. **Randy Beilfuss** reports that we have at least \$201.50 in our account.

8. New Business: **John Watson** reports that driving problems (mostly speeding) continue to be a problem on Hiland. "Someone is going to be killed." Bird Song continues to be used as a short cut with drivers greatly exceeding the speed limit. Traffic calming devices, a gate at one end, and digital speed signs were suggested, as well as a cul-de-sac. **Josh Ream**, who lives on Bird Song, agrees that something must be done.

9. Good of the Order open forum: **Karl Von Lührte** mentioned the problem of parking along Yosemite Dr. with people accessing the Mental Health Trust land. He will look into getting some No Parking signs. A question was asked about wood burning regulations in the Muni as pertaining to air quality. No one has heard of any new regs.

11. The meeting was adjourned about 8:01 p.m.

Andrew Brewer, Secretary