

Minutes

South Fork Community Council

January 10, 2019

1. Call to Order at 7:04 p.m. by **Karl Von Lührte, Chair**, in room D107 of the Eagle River High School. There were (8) in attendance.
2. Brief introductions were made around the room: **Joe Wright, Vice Chair**, and **John Watson** were present.
3. The Agenda was approved without amendment or addition.
4. Minutes from the previous meeting were approved, and later amended under Parks and Recreation.
5. Guest Speakers:
 - a. State Legislature Representative(s): None.
 - b. Muni Assembly Representative(s): **Gretchen Wehmhoff**, who took over Amy Demboski's spot on the Assembly by appointment, spoke to several issues: There is a voting loophole that needs to be closed between the Muni Charter and the State Law, pertaining to the mailout ballots. The Board of Equalization, which evaluates property values, needs more board members, they currently have (12) and need (15). (Applications for the Board can be made online thru the Muni portal.) Property damage from the November 30 earthquake is expected to cause an increase in adjustments. The Anchorage School District is asking for an additional 4 million in Bonds related to earthquake damage. **Karl** asked about making an amendment that would nullify the additional bonding if FEMA money was to cover the damage. There is a Resolution pending before the Assembly concerning infra-structure developments in our area. Some controversy surrounds the use of 3rd party inspectors vs. using the Dept. of Building Safety, which is seeking to encroach into our area. More information is needed on the scope and intent of this Resolution. Some discussion also ensued over using money generated from the landfill transfer site to buy an electric bus for the city.
 - c. Eagle River Community Patrol and Crime Update: **Cliff Cook** texted **Karl** that community patrols put in 1,097 hours for the year past, and slightly over 10,000 miles. This is an unfunded volunteer effort that is much appreciated by our community.
6. Old Business:
 - a. Vet Village Concept & Follow up Action Discussion. No new activity was reported.
7. Committee Reports:
 - (a) Road Board. **Jose Vicente** requested thru **Karl** that an alternate be found for the Road Board position. **Joe Wright** volunteered to stand in for the short term. Mayoral approval is required. Snow is not being removed from Eagle Pointe after plowing; berms are being left between the roadway and the sidewalks. The pullouts being used to access the Mental Health Trust land have been blocked by snow, taking care of the No Parking signs for the time being.
 - (b) Parks and Recreation. **Joshua Ream** reports that there was no meeting in December. The off leash dog park is wanted and Chugiak is looking at Peters Creek Park and Loretta French Park. The Fire House Lane option has been eliminated. The Beach Lake Lodge needs a new roof; it's over thirty years old and it's time. **Karl** asked about funding for the roof. Two thousand people

attended a Halloween event at Beach Lake in October. Cemetery planning is needed for our area. A single track bike event will be held at Mirror Lake. Pay parking will be instituted at the Upper Trailhead parking lot by Chugach State Park with credit card access. Seasonal passes will not be affected. Thirty more parking spaces will be created at the Nature Center at the end of the Old Eagle River Road.

(c) Treasurer. **Randy Beilfuss** reported by phone prior to the meeting that we have \$201.56 in our account.

8. New Business: none

9. Good of the Order open forum: **Joshua Ream** says that the Bird Song street residents are organizing a petition drive and hopes to present that petition at the next Community Council meeting, pertaining to the traffic problem along that road. It is a shortcut being used, recklessly at times, by drivers using Hiland Road. A remedy is required. **Andrew Brewer** mentioned his concern about the State House deadlock, or tie in numbers, that has not produced a majority to date. If Sharon Jackson D13, the Governor's appointee is seated, the Republicans will have the majority with 20, the Democrats with 19, and Gary Knopp of District 30 holding out as an Independent.

11. The meeting was adjourned about 8:17 p.m.

Andrew Brewer, Secretary