

Minutes

South Fork Community Council

Oct 3, 2019

1. Call to Order at 7:05 p.m. by **Karl von Lurhte**, Chair, in room D107 of the Eagle River High School. The number present would eventually reach (14) total.

2. Brief introductions were made around the room: **Cliff Cook**, Community Patrol, and **Josh Ream**, our Parks and Rec. representative were in attendance.

3. The Agenda was approved without addition or amendment.

4. Minutes from the September 5th meeting were approved without correction.

5. Guest Speakers:

d. **Cliff Cook** was commended for his voluntary community patrol service. He logged 36 hours and 360 miles over the last month. He says vehicle theft has seen a recent “uptick” and a Muni vehicle was stolen where it was parked behind Garcia’s restaurant. He has seen some homeless people in Eagle River, and he reports homeless camps when he discovers one. He investigated the homeless camp at Mile 0.2 of Hiland, reported it, and is glad to report that it has been completely cleaned up. He doesn’t know who did the clean up, and is not sure who’s property it was actually on. No actual crimes were spotted on his watch.

6. Old Business:

a. Eaglexit Update. An Eaglexit presentation was being made at Lion’s Park at the same time as our CC meeting. **Karl** notes that the main reason Eaglexit is being pursued is to preserve the character of our Community. Our two Assembly representatives are often at odds with the rest of the Assembly over issues.

7. Committee Reports:

(a) Road Board. **Joe Wright** presented a MEMORANDUM FOR THE RECORD pertaining to Fire Station 13 in the upper South Fork Valley. Apparently the Anchorage Fire Dept. wants to sell the two lots which hold the former volunteer fire department building. It does not currently have an active function within the Fire Dept. **Joe** proposes that CBERRRSA take over the station which it can use for the benefit of the Community, which does not want to relinquish this building. He believes this asset should simply be transferred to another Dept within the Municipality. The Community Council used to meet in this building when it was actively maintained to fight fires, and so it has also functioned as a Community Center in the past.

(b) Parks and Recreation. **Joshua Ream** reports that he attended all the Parks and Rec. meetings over the summer. John Rodda, the head of Parks and Rec for the Municipality is retiring. The McDonald Center has had a very successful summer with all programs full. An equipment trailer was stolen, and later found in Anchorage. There is a need for more equipment storage space, and another location is being sought. There was unauthorized activity in Loretta French Park by a local archery club, which now requires remediation. The Beach Lake dog mushers have been active in that area, and the Beach Lake boat dock needs repairs, which may cost \$200-300 thousand. No increase in the mil-rate is expected. The NW quarter next to JBER in the Beach Lake Park vicinity has come to the attention of a national organization that wants to keep development low because of its proximity to the Base. The Municipality will take on this issue.

(c) Treasurer. **Randy Beilfuss** reports \$201.67 in our account. There was a question about how this account was set up.

8. New Business: Annual Elections (including the CER Advisory Board reps)

President/Chair. **Karl von Lührte**

Vice President. **Joe Wright**

2nd Vice President. **Andrew Brewer**

Secretary. **Janelle Wight**

Treasurer. **Randy Beilfuss**

1st Officer at Large. Vacant

2nd Officer at Large. Vacant

C-ER Advisory Board

Main. **Karl von Lührte**

Alternate. **Andrew Brewer**

Alternate. **Joe Wright**

9. Good of the Order open forum: **Karl** asked **Cliff Cook** to recount his report on the Hiland homeless camp for the late comers. **Karl** reports that Cook Inlet Housing will be constructing affordable housing on Cordova St. in downtown Eagle River near Chepo's restaurant. **Kelly Merrick's staffer** reports that the Permanent Fund working group will be meeting at the Anchorage LIO on Monday, October 7. She understands that a protest is planned.

Crystal Kennedy says that Chugiak-Eagle River, Girdwood and Hope will be exempted from the new Storm Water Utility that will assess property with a new tax related to storm water drainage. **Karl** wonders why a new Dept is required since AWWU is already in existence.

10. The meeting was adjourned at 8:02 p.m.; the next meeting on November 7th at 7:00 p.m.

Andrew Brewer, Secretary