

Minutes  
South Fork Community Council  
March 3, 2022

1. Call to Order at 7:06pm by **Joe Wright**, President, on Zoom. A total of 11 participants with several guest speakers (see below). Introductions made.
2. Agenda approved without additions or amendments.
3. Minutes deferred for next month's meeting to give everyone time to review.
4. Guest Speakers:
  - a. **State Legislature, Rep. Kelly Merrick** is in Juneau in the thick of budget work with the finance committee. Public Testimony on the operating budget will be Friday, March 4 from 1:30-3:30 and Saturday, March 5 from 11-2. 907-563-9085 or email written testimony to [house.finance@akleg.gov](mailto:house.finance@akleg.gov). Muktuk Marston Trail is on the docket. An energy relief of \$1,300 will be sent out to everyone who receives a PFD, most likely it will be paid out with the PFD. The sidewalk where Eagle River Loop Road curves is on their radar for repair. Cliff Cook asks where the energy relief funds are coming from; it is likely coming out of the general fund. Once they receive the Spring Revenue Forecast, they will know how much money is available and will prioritize how those dollars will be spent. She encourages us to share our thoughts on the PFD and other budget issues with the House Finance Committee at [house.finance@akleg.gov](mailto:house.finance@akleg.gov). There is support in the House to divest from the Russian PFD Investments and representatives have contacted the PFD Investment Group to that end. The House stands with Ukraine. If there is more that can be done by constituents, she will let us know.
  - b. **Crystal Kennedy, Assembly** reports that the Assembly is still in the middle of apportionment. There will be another public hearing before decisions are made. Map 11 Version 2 is the current front runner. If we have any comments or concerns about that Map, please send them to her. [www.reapportionanc.org](http://www.reapportionanc.org) has the maps. Seat A (her seat) is up for re-election. Ballots will start going out at the end of this month. Feel free to contact her if we have any questions about our ballot. The marijuana store in Eagle River is not moving forward because it is currently not allowable by law.
  - c. **Jamie Allard, Assembly** will be adding amendments to Map 11 to make it more equal throughout the Municipality. Kevin Cross is running for Ms. Kennedy's seat (Seat A) on the Assembly in the upcoming election.
  - d. **Joy Boston, JBER Community Rep** reports that JBER is now following the CDC recommendations for masking. A few exercises are going on right now through March 17<sup>th</sup>; another March 28<sup>th</sup>-April 8<sup>th</sup>. Expect some additional noise/air traffic. Great Alaska Sportsman Show will have two JBER tables. Every month on the last Wednesday, at the national cemetery on base they host a service for unaccompanied veterans (no next of kin). The air show, Arctic Thunder Open House, is being planned for July 30<sup>th</sup> and 31<sup>st</sup>.

- e. **Gretchen Wehmhoff, Assembly Candidate:** She is running for Seat A on the Assembly. She taught at Chugiak High School and is active in the Birchwood Community Council. She is willing to listen and to stand up for our community and hopes to get our vote. [www.teamgretchen.com](http://www.teamgretchen.com)
  - f. **Lonn Goldbeck, Marijuana Shop Petitioner:** He is giving a presentation at the Eagle River CC on March 10<sup>th</sup> – they are still trying to move forward with an amendment.
  - g. **Kevin Cross, Assembly Candidate:** Born and raised in Alaska and lives up Eagle River valley. He lost two businesses in the last two years. Two kids in the school system out here. He is Chair of the Anchorage Platting Board. Chugiak-Eagle River is the future of real estate development for Anchorage. He sees a lot of work that needs to be done and feels that he is a good candidate for the job. [Crossforak.com](http://Crossforak.com)
  - h. **Megan Moffitt, Anchorage Equal Rights Commission:** She provided a presentation on the basics of the AERC, a Municipal law enforcement agency located in City Hall with the goal of preventing discrimination in the MOA. They encourage people to reach out if they feel they have been the victims of discrimination. Please feel welcome to contact [Megan.Moffitt@anchorageak.gov](mailto:Megan.Moffitt@anchorageak.gov) or 907-343-4342 for any additional questions about the AERC.
  - i. **Cliff Cook, Community Patrol:** Volunteers since 2018 have volunteered over 2,200 hours on patrol. Reminder of porch pirates and thieves; lock your doors and close your garage doors. Some roads are really rough right now so drive carefully.
5. Old Business –
- a. **Officer Elections: Jessica will be our nominee for Parks & Rec.** Still have vacancies for the Federation of Community Councils Representative.
  - b. **Muktuk Marston Trail/Hunter Trail: Erik Fredeen** reports that they have had 4 meetings with Superintendent Corwin and there are options they are discussing and working through. They are aiming to have a preferred option by April and to present a resolution for the community council. **Lisa Petrescu** concurs that the meetings have yielded good discussion.
  - c. **Assembly Election:** April 5<sup>th</sup>, before the next SoFCC meeting. Jamie Allard would like to encourage everyone to vote in advance. The ballots are sent out March 15<sup>th</sup>; please fill them out and send them in as soon as possible.
  - d. **Redistricting:** Should the Community Council take any action or should we leave it to individuals to send their comments to the Assembly?
6. New Business –
- a. **Assembly Election:** Coming up this spring. Keep an eye out for upcoming Bond Propositions.
7. Committee Reports
- a. Road Board: **Joe Wright** reports that the mil rate is going to stay at 1.9. 2-3 million for the bridge replacement is currently being discussed. It is an ongoing discussion and problem.

- b. Parks and Recreation: **We should have a report next month from our new representative.**
  - c. Treasurer: **Randy Beilfuss** not in attendance.
- 8. Good of the Order:
  - a. Lonn is not on the Eagle River agenda – a note for him to follow up.
  - b. Marijuana establishment is continuing to attempt to receive an exemption so make sure you stay informed and provide your feedback to our Assembly representatives.
- 9. The meeting was adjourned at 8:17pm.

Janelle Wight, Secretary