

Minutes
South Fork Community Council
April 7, 2022

1. Call to Order at 7:01pm by **Joe Wright**, President, on Zoom. A total of 15 participants with several guest speakers (see below).
2. Agenda approved without additions or amendments.
3. Minutes approved
4. Guest Speakers:
 - a. **Mark Littlefield, CBERRSA** attended to provide an update on the avalanche. He gave a synopsis of the events of the avalanche and the mitigation efforts before clearing could begin. 70ft deep and 740ft long on Hiland. On April 4th Hiland opened. Parks & Rec had their snowmachines moving people through the temporary Birdsong to West River trail. At 3pm on April 7th, all roads are clear and open. 34,000 cubic yards of snow removed to date.
 - b. **State Legislature, Rep. Kelly Merrick** not in attendance.
 - c. **Senator Reinbold** called in from Juneau where she has been for 3 months without a break. She is currently on 5 committees; her bill was heard today which will require all recipients of federal funds to present and open their books. SB241 is a concern and a bill we should keep an eye on. She is working on an anti-Critical Race Theory in education bill. SJR21 is a bill she is sponsoring to improve travel through the Canadian border along the Alcan. SB156 is the COVID anti-discrimination bill to protect those who are vaccinated or not vaccinated from being discriminated against which has a lot of support and passed in the Senate and is going before the House.
 - d. **Jamie Allard, Assembly** reports that she and Crystal Kennedy are bringing a resolution to the Assembly recognizing the efforts of the community in the face of the avalanche. Congratulations to Kevin Cross is our new Assembly representative (taking Crystal Kennedy's seat as she is retiring). The Assembly now has a 12th member representing District 1. She is looking into bringing a 13th member so that they do not have future tie problems. Karl von Lührte asked about the marijuana store in Eagle River which is pursuing a variance to code. Jamie Allard does not think it is gaining traction or that the variance will be brought before the Assembly (it must be brought by either Jamie Allard or Kevin Cross and that isn't looking likely at this point).
 - e. **Nancy Clark, Eagle River Library** reports that a lot of programs are running at the library in person (check out their website for details). Until May 4th, you can get a special edition library card with Baby Yoda on it. FEMA money from the 2018 earthquake has finally come through and the library will be able to repair some cracks/damages. They are always looking for volunteers to help at the library.
 - f. **Joy Boston, JBER Community Rep** reports that the next unaccompanied veteran funeral service is April 27th at 2:30pm. The Last Frontier honor flight is

returning this spring with veterans on April 30th at 3pm at the Ted Stevens International Airport outside of security and encourages people to attend and give them a warm welcome home. May 30th Memorial event at Airstrip Park. 48th Annual Arctic Valley Run will be held June 4th at 10am; sign up if you would like to run.

- g. **Cliff Cook, Community Patrol:** 17 hours, 158 miles of patrol from the Community Patrol volunteers. Reports came in that someone has set up a tent near the old skatepark – the tent has been taken down and cleared out. Additionally, a drug house has been shut down in the community. Cliff encourages us to report what we see so officials can address issues.

5. Old Business –

- a. **Muktuk Marston Trail/Hunter Trail:** We have been contacted by a volunteer who is working to secure a grant with Rasmuson to improve drainage on the South Fork trail. Erik Fredeen reports that the Trails Committee has had 5 meetings with the Chugiak State Park, 2 options had been identified and now there is a 3rd option which is less desirable that seems to be preferred by the trail contractor. Another meeting is going to occur with the contractor in order to find a solution.
- b. **Assembly Election:** Looks like all of the bonds are going to pass.
- c. **Redistricting:** Is ongoing, they are trying to determine the best way to proceed. They are taking public testimony Friday and Saturday this week.

6. New Business –

- a. **CIP:** Community project priorities should be brought forward and ranked in the next month.
- b. Next meeting should be in person, more details will come out as they are determined.

7. Committee Reports

- a. Road Board: **Joe Wright** reports that the last meeting did not have a quorum, nothing to report.
- b. Parks and Recreation: Our representative was not in attendance.
- c. Treasurer: **Randy Beilfuss** is no longer a South Fork community member. Elections for this position will be held this fall.

8. Good of the Order:

- a. Treasurer: **Randy Beilfuss** is no longer a South Fork community member. Elections for this position will be held this fall.
- b. The meeting was adjourned at 7:53pm

Janelle Wight, Secretary