

Minutes

Wednesday, October 10, 2018, 7-9 PM
Beach Lake Lodge, 20100 Beach Lake Road

1. Call to Order 7.05

2. Approval of September 2018 Minutes (available at the meeting) approved

3. Announcements

- a) The Municipality is working on a Climate Action Plan. Handout sent with agenda.
- b) Ted Stevens airport runway work done for this season; will resume in April 2019.

4. Reports

- a) FCC Report: Matt Cruickshank
September FCC meeting items: The Marijuana control board has submitted a draft rule for consumption on premises. The Muni has a new Chief Financial Officer, and also a new strategic action plan to tackle homelessness. There are R-2 zoning changes that could have an indirect effect on us; Matt will check. Muni has been giving community councils very short notice on development projects; they have sent a resolution sent for our consideration. APD is looking to move to into the empty building that was formerly the LIO. They are very short of space, as staffing levels have risen. Also, Overtime will be reduced due to better staffing. Homeless camp removal notice dropped from 15 to 10 days. The Muni is working on handing out more fines for putting garbage out early. Muni continuing to have problems with the SAP software; and there may be an \$11 million deficit this year.
- b) CBERRSA Road Board Report [no report](#)
- c) Parks and Recreation Report: <http://www.muni.org/Departments/ERparks/>
The MacDonald Center has continued to make its budget, which is good news. The single track trail additions in Mirror Lake Park are almost done. The budget for next year is not yet set, but will be lower than this year's. An ordinance is being introduced that would give us flexibility on how to split the 1 mill approved by the voters in separate voted for operating and capital expenditures. Next year, we'd anticipate about 0.87 mills for operating, and only about 0.13 mills for capital. The board is continuing to work towards developing dog parks; the sites currently under consideration are next to the tennis courts by Firehouse Lane, and in a little-used portion of Peters Creek Park. Residents near the Firehouse Lane site continue to be concerned, and discussed their worries about traffic in the area. We need to re-appoint our Parks and Rec representatives (see new business).
- d) Chugiak Eagle River Advisory Board: There was only one potential item for their consideration this month, an application by Eagle Point for a time extension to expand, and some relaxation of rules towards Stuart Drive. No CERAB action was required.
- e) Treasurer's report We have \$128!!! She has been looking at requirements for a bank account and will report back.
- f) Tim Benningfield – CVFD – no report.
- g) Birchwood Patrol Report – recent crime activity – Jeff Hartley reports that stolen vehicles are up; and APD has info on a suspect. APD conducted a sting operation at Fred Meyers and made multiple arrests.

2017-2018 board: Kevin McNamara, Chair; Debbie Ossiander, Vice Chair & CERAB rep Tony Vita, Road Board; Lexi Hill, Secretary & Parks and Rec rep; Matt Cruickshank, Secretary for Publicity; Barbara Trost, Member at large

Birchwood Community Council

5. Appearances:

- a) AWWU water line update: The Muni is still in conversations with Eklutna, with no progress. We re-establish what we'll do if motion resumes – review the various possible permutations of the route; review the questions and answers. Debbie suggests that the info we have needs to go up on the website.

6. Old Business

- a) MEA –will be here next month to talk about their plans in our area. Kevin recaps the issues and MEA's siting challenges. He believes that MEA will build the substation at the originally proposed location (next to his property) in the end.
- b) Elections: Chair, Vice Chair, Rep at Large (currently combined with Treasurer) up for election; Secretary, Secretary for Publicity, FCC rep, to continue in their two year terms.

Results:

Debbie Ossiander – Chair;

Gretchen Wehmhoff – Vice Chair;

Patty Friend: Member at Large

7. New Business

- a) Parks and Rec board appointments 2018 – 2020: Both Lexi and Barbara's appointments end Oct 2018; we need to appoint / re-appoint for both Parks and Rec representative and alternate. Lexi and Barbara are both willing to serve; no one else expressed interest. We will vote on this in November.
- b) We've received a proposed resolution asking the Muni departments to review and revise as needed their timelines for getting information to community councils, in order to allow time for councils to receive, discuss and provide feedback on muni decisions. Several people think this is a good idea as we, as well as other councils, have had difficulty providing comments due to short notice. We will vote on this resolution in November.
- c) Rogers Park Community Council resolution on homelessness. Kevin speaks to the issue; Barbara suggests that we wait and see what the Muni task force comes up with.

8. Open Forum-floor opened to public, any issue

Matt: It would be nice to have a community event. We decide to continue the discussion and do something during this coming year.

9. Adjournment-9pm