

Eagle River Valley Community Council Meeting
Wednesday, November 13, 2019 6:30pm
REGULAR MEETING
Ravenwood Elementary School

MEETING MINUTES-Approved December 11, 2019

Call to order at 6:37pm by David W. Schade.
Quorum was established.

Introductions and Announcements: None

Meeting Minutes Approval:

- October 9, 2019 meeting minutes were reviewed. Motion by Tom Freeman to approve; Ruth Armstrong seconded. Approved by a vote of 11 yea, 0 nay and 0 abstain.

Treasurers Report: None

New Business:

ERVCC Board Elections

- Ruth Armstrong volunteered to become ERVCC Treasurer. Motion by Tom Freeman, seconded by Pete Panarese to approve. Approved by a vote of 11 yea, 0 nay, 0 abstain.
- 2 Seats remain open:
Vice President: Vacant
Education: Vacant

Old Business:

APD Officer Jared Rogers & Officer Joseph Giammalva

Community Officers assigned to Eagle River

Officer Rogers and Officer Giammalva are assigned to Eagle River and work the 'swing shift' from 3pm-1am.

Questions to the officers included:

- Does ER have its "fair share" of APD coverage? We are supposed to have 4 officers. Depending on staff available, we either have 3 or 4.
- Can you be pulled into Anchorage? We would only be pulled into Anchorage if there was a very major incident. Anchorage officers will provide support to Eagle River if we have need here.

Assembly Report – Crystal Kennedy – No report.

School Board – Elisa Vikalis – No report.

Eagle River Community Patrol – Cliff Cook

- Patrols were conducted for total of 42.2 hours, 417 miles last month.
- A few homeless camps were found and reported to APD. APD closed the camps and sites were cleaned up.
- Petty crime continues. Open garage doors are an opportunity. Be sure your garage door is closed at night.
- On 2nd and 3rd Avenues, theft has occurred from open work trucks.
- Residential areas are hit during the day. Beware of 'porch pirates' that follow delivery trucks and pick up packages. Arrange to have your packages delivered at UPS Store, Fred Meyer or Walgreens instead of home.
- Attended an APD coalition meeting. Homeless abatement has stopped for remainder of the year. Homeless individuals cannot be forced to move unless there is space available in local shelters. Eagle River has about 25 homeless individuals.
- Our community policing is working well in ER.
- Two very seasoned detectives have been assigned to ER. Their focus is on homicides.

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- If there is a 'problem house' in your neighborhood, recommend that you contact APD as a neighborhood (vs. calling APD as individuals). If a renter is the issue, the landlord can be charged. There is a problem house near ER Nature Center on Prudhoe Bay & Delores. Keep calling APD about it.
- Report all crimes/suspicious activities to APD so we can justify more patrol cars assigned to Eagle River area.

Eagle Exit

Mr. Panarese provided the following update:

- He has been attending meetings to learn about the plans.
- People seem well-intentioned but some things don't seem 'right.' Why would JBER and Bartlett High School area be included with Eagle River?
- There is a white paper that was produced. Some items are somewhat offensive (e.g. percentage of 'support' for Eagle Exit is high, but how was this survey taken?)

Committee Reports:

CBERRRSA (Road Board): James McCurtain

Mr. McCurtain provided the following update:

- The Capital Improvements List was provided for attendees to review.
- If any policy changes are desired, speak with James or David.
- A new bridge is being built. A new frontage road is also under construction near Domain Ln.

Questions raised to Mr. McCurtain included:

- Can you look into status of Eagle River Lane on Capital Improvements List (CIP)?
- Eagle River Road has a drainage issue at 6 Mile Rd. What is plan? Is DOT involved?

Chugiak/Eagle River Advisory Board - Steve Skipper – No report.

Education: No report.

Federation of Community Councils – Tom Freeman

Mr. Freeman provided the following update:

- FCC building was recently remodeled and repainted.
- Liability insurance for community council meetings will be purchased by municipality for 2020.
- Received a briefing from APD Chief and Deputy Chief. There is zero tolerance policy for conduct issues.
 - Concentrate on violent crimes. Working with US Dept. of Justice on violent crime.
- There was a school board meeting on 21st. School bond needed for earthquake damage to schools.
- [Dana Rose, Anchorage Parks Foundation](#), discussed maintenance plans for Anchorage parks.

Parks and Rec: Pete Panarese

Mr. Panarese provided the following update:

- Mac Center has recovered from uneven revenue stream issues. They are making budget with slight surplus.
- Experienced some vandalism to vehicles.
- Eagle River has its own Parks & Rec. Board. John Rata was long-time manager. Karen Richards is supervisor.

Platting and Zoning: Pete Panarese

Mr. Panarese provided the following update:

- No actions required lately for Eagle River.
- It's important to realize impact that public opinion can have on issues. About two years ago, high density development was planned near Carol Creek. Public engaged and Heritage Land Bank changed from 350 homes to ~150.

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Adjourned at 7:17pm.

Next meeting is on December 11, 6:30pm, at Ravenwood Elementary School Library.

ERVCC Board Members (Term Expiration) President: David Schade (2021); Vice President: Vacant; Treasurer: Ruth Armstrong (2022); Education: Vacant (2021); Parks & Rec: Pete Panarese (2021); CER Advisory Board: Steve Skipper (2023); Platting & Zoning: Pete Panarese (2021); Federation of Community Councils (FCC): Tom Freeman (2020); CBERRRSA Board: James McCurtain (2023)/Arlene Rasic – Alt (2023); Secretary: Joy Webb (2021)