

MEETING MINUTES
Thursday, February 18, 2021, 7:00 p.m.
Via Zoom

1. **CALL TO ORDER** (Quorum 5+ Elected Board Members) 7:00 PM

2. **INTRODUCTIONS** (Board Members / Presenters / Guests from outside the Chugiak Community Council area)
 - Jake Horazdovsky, President (at large)..... Present Excused Absent
 - Blake Merrifield, Vice President (E. Peters Creek/ Mirror Lake)..... Present Excused Absent
 - Tom Looney, Secretary (at large)..... Present Excused Absent
 - Burke Wonnell, Treasurer (Eklutna/Thunderbird)..... Present Excused Absent
 - Darryl Parks (Fire Lake) Present Excused Absent
 - Will Tagen (E. Peters Creek/Mirror Lake)..... Present Excused Absent
 - Leslie Echols (W. Peters Creek/Mirror Lake)..... Present Excused Absent
 - Rashae Johnson (W. Peters Creek/Mirror Lake)..... Present Excused Absent
 - Bruce Esprey (alternate, at large)..... Present Excused Absent
 - Harold Parker (alternate, at large)..... Present Excused Absent

3. **APPROVAL OF AGENDA**
 - Moved and Seconded, passed Unanimously.

4. **APPROVAL OF MINUTES** – January 2021
 - Deferred until March meeting.

6. **UNFINISHED BUISNESS**
 - AMATS Non Motorized Plan and Chugiak Eagle River Trails Plan Will Taygon & Aaron Jongenelen a Senior Planner with AMATS
 - Would like to see older proposed trails in our area included in this plan. Answer: this is the first effort, next phase will be to include more of existing and other trail and recreation plans.

 - Request for Design Variance from AMC 21.10.050.F.1 to Allow Natural Resource Extraction in the CE-R-10 District in Areas where slope is greater than ten percent. Eklutna Inc & MOA
 - Bruce Asprey moved that the CCC oppose the Variance application as written and send a statement to that effect to the MOA by the 26th of March. Motion was seconded by Mike Floyd, and passed by a majority vote of members present.
 - Yes: 26 , No: 4 Motion passed

7. **UPDATES**
 - Chugiak Volunteer Fire Dept. – Fire Chief, Tim Benningfield
 - No presentation

 - Legislative
 - Ken McCarty Tiffany Lund
 - 27th of February Legislative meet your Representatives Ken McCarty, Lora Rienbold, & Kelly Merrick at Lions Club

 - Assembly

- Crystal Kennedy:
 - Tours of election center being offered by MOA (Ship Creek) see how the vote by mail works. Sign up on MOA website
 - Collecting questions re: voting by mail from citizens. Crystal will then post the questions and answers.
 - Rent assistance is coming available, alaskahousingrelief.org sign up on website
 - Multiple boards and commissions positions are available. Go to Mayors webpage for more information and a list of openings

- ASD – Deena
 - All elementary students back as of Feb 8th, secondary students coming back after spring break (March 11th).
 - Virtual visit the schools going on now.
 - New kindergarten kids for 2021/2022 school year should sign up on ASD website ASAP.
 - Eagle River Elementary & Gruening will be open in August.

- 8. **GUEST PRESENTATIONS** (limited to 15 Min)
 - MAYOR CANDIDATES (Limited to 5 Min Each)
 - Albert Swank – rescheduled to March meeting.
 - George Martinez – presented and provided information (www.george2021.com - Text George to 33339 - 907-406-8907)
 - Bill Falsey – presented and provided information (bill@falseyformayor.com / falseyformayor.com / <https://www.facebook.com/BillFalseyforMayor/>)
 - Heather Herndon – presented and provided information (Heather Herndon 200 West 34th Ave 544 99503 hm_herndon@ic:oud.com HerndonForMayor.com)
 - Jeffrey Brown - presented
 - Forrest Dunbar presented
 - Joe Westfall – no show
 - Dave Bronson - presented

- 9. **NEW BUISNESS**
 - Jamie Allard – Online Posts to residents of Chugiak Eagle River
 - Discussed whether the CCC board should take up the topic and the informal decision was that it was overly political and not within the scope that should be addressed by the CCC board.
 - Ivan Hodes who was confronted by Jamie Allard spoke and relayed the discussion to the CCC, and asked for the CCC to ask Assemblyperson Allard to apologize to Mr. Hodes. With some discussion the CCC Board declined to participate in the demand for an apology, however encourage attendees to personally bring up the incident as Ms. Allard seeks re-election.

- 10. **REPORTS:**
 - CBERRSA - Blake Merrifield
 - Plowing Birchwood loop
 - Priority project list needs to be submitted by March, the CCC has already submitted their list.

 - CER Advisory board – Jake Horazdovsky
 - No report

 - Federation of Community Councils (FCC), Darryl Parks
 - No report

 - Financial – Burke Wonnell

- Balances:
 - Checking- \$2,519.15
 - Savings -\$12.78
- Parks and Recreation Board of Supervisors –Will Taygen
 - Interest in Pickle ball facilities is increasing in the community.
 - Dog park is moving forward
 - Bike park at Mirror Lake is moving forward
 - Blake asked about getting basketball courts built. Will said that the question is asked frequently whether that can happen at the Mac center, and that may produce more/better income for that facility.
- CER Chamber of Commerce- Leslie Lance
 - Excellence in Education March 23rd
 - Twice a month luncheons online
- Secretary – Tom Looney
 - No comments
- General Council Business – Jake Horazdovsky
 - None

11. OPEN FORUM

- Presented CER Cemetery report by the land use consultant hired by the Heritage land Bank (The Boutet Company) and had a good discussion. Jake moved that the CCC support the research and report seconded by Leslie Echols, passed unanimously. Tom Looney said that he would prepare a motion for the March meeting asking for the CCC to support the A-2 site (near Wildwood Correction Center and Eagle River High School).

12. NEXT MEETING DATE:

- The next scheduled meeting is Thursday, March 18th, 7:00 PM

13. ADJOURNMENT:

- At approximately 9:05 Burke moved to extend time to complete reports and Open forum items and Leslie Echols seconded, approved Unanimously.
- Moved Adjourn by **Blake Merrifield** seconded by **Burke Wonnell** 10:15 PM