

MEETING MINUTES

Thursday, April 15, 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 Taygan (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 Aspray (alternate, at large)..... Present Excused Absent
 - Harold Parker (alternate, at large)..... Present Excused Absent

3. **APPROVAL OF AGENDA**
 - Moved by [Tom Looney](#) Seconded by [Burke Wonnell](#)
Passed Unanimously

4. **APPROVAL OF MINUTES** – March 2021
 - Moved by [Burke Wonnell](#) Seconded by [Tom Looney](#)
Passed Unanimously

5. **UNFINISHED BUSINESS**
 - Chugiak – Eagle River Dog Park Study Update and the preferred location Peters Creek South. Maeve Nevins Lavtar Senior Park Planner ASLA
 - Monday April 19th public meeting to collect input from residents, virtual Teams meeting
 - Or Call to ask other questions.
 - Presented Dog Park Selection Study
 - About 7 dog parks are existing throughout Anchorage
 - Estimated approximately. \$300k to develop depending on engineering costs, this has been budgeted for summer 2021 construction (ER Parks and Rec budget) Capital Improvement funds.
 - Leslie Echols moved that we provide a resolution in support of the current proposed plan (seconded by Jake). Discussion to confirm that an alternate site was considered by this site was preferred. The motion was approved unanimously.
 - Dr. Lisa Rabinowitz, representing Public Health, with Dr. Jeff Demain immunologist presented information regarding COVID Vaccines, Science, Safety and what to expect.
 - Good discussion and presentation
 - Eklutna update on the gravel pit project - Laquita Dowl Engineers
 - Update on variance request
 - Provided history of site and variance request.
 - Jeffrey Knittle asked for a copy of tonight's presentation, Laquita said she could provide that.
 - Jamie Allard (Anchorage Assembly), spoke in support of the variance request
 - Tom Looney moved we pass a resolution supporting this revised Variance request, Burke Wonnell seconded. (this motion was tabled until May meeting)
 - Discussion included local residents who were still concerned, as well as supporters.
 - Mr. Jim Billman spoke in objection.

- Karen Kromrey spoke saying they said they have remaining concerns even the reduced scope of the variance. Is concerned that we are bypassing MOA process.
- Jamie Allard spoke to address the water wells and drainage. Said that the water coming down the mountain does not feed any water wells. The unique code was an unintended consequence and was not intended to limit development of the hard rock mine.
- Will Taygan, respect for Eklutna coming back with a reasonable proposal reducing the scope of the variance. Asked questions regarding will future conditional use permits and will they require study of watershed at that time.
- Tracy Rieker, speaking in reference in Jamie Allard's comments, said that without a watershed study it is not known what will happen to water on the site.
 - Jamie objected, and asked Laquita to support her
- Bruce Aspray Appreciates Eklutna Inc's effort to reduce the extent of the variance but would like to see we delay until next month to allow adjacent landowners to examine and understand the revised variance and comment.
- Mike Floyd asking who Jamie Allard was and what evidence she can give to assure residents that the ground water will not be impacted.
- Jim Billman stated that it is misconception that he is talking about well water, he is concerned about his surface water rights not just well water, he applied for and currently has surface water rights (acquired in approx. 1980).
- Rashae Johnson made a motion to table the standing motion until next month. Mike Floyd seconded. 59% yes, 41% no to table the vote until next month.
 - The original motion by Tom Looney will come to May meeting as a seconded motion.
- Gary Setten, asked why this was in the agenda regarding the Eklutna gravel pit not the Eklutna rock quarry.

6. UPDATES

- Chugiak Volunteer Fire Dept. – Fire Chief, Tim Benningfield
 - Update 108 members, 78 responses this month 258 this year.
 - New Tender Truck \$641K showed up this month.
 - Hill Station Fire Station 33, Improvement Project
 - Asking for CCC resolution in support for CVFD to seek funding for Design, construction costs \$2.5M
 - Rashae Johnson made a motion that the CCC provide a resolution supporting Bruce Aspray seconded. Motion passed unanimously.
- Legislative
 - Ken McCarty - Tiffany Lund
 - Update on legislative bills being pursued.
- Assembly
 - Crystal Kennedy:
 - Working on Code Amendments for CER Advisory Board to allow an alternate to be appointed from each community council.
 - American Relief Funds still early to determine allocation and what local project will be recipients.
 - Station 33 and Chugiak Senior center expansions are good candidates to receive this funding.
 - CCC should look at recommending or supporting other potential projects for our area.

- First quarter budget review next week it may indicate available left-over money that can be used, and updated mil rates.
- CBBERSA rate 1.29% will probably stay the same as 2020
- Run off election for Mayor is soon.
 - Last day to return ballot is May 11.

7. **GUEST PRESENTATIONS** (limited to 15Min)

- none

8. **NEW BUSINESS**

- Capital improvements project overview.
 - Ski road and Oberg pathways 9800 feet of pathway have been approved for summer 2021 construction.
 - CIP priority projects:
 - Blake Merrifield took notes and will submit summary next meeting.
 - Jake Horazdovsky made motion to approve CIP priorities as discussed Burke seconded, passed unanimously.
- Road Board Representative elections.
 - Burke nominated Blake Merrifield, Rashae Johnson seconded, Passed unanimously
 - Will Taygan nominated Rashae Johnson, Jake Horazdovsky seconded, Passed unanimously.

9. **REPORTS:** Rashae Johnson moved that we suspend reports for this meeting (it was getting late because of the review of the CIP project priorities) Leslie Echols seconded, passed unanimously.

- CBERRSA - Blake Merrifield
 - x
- CER Advisory board – Jake Horazdovsky
 - x
- Federation of Community Councils (FCC), Darryl Parks
 - x
- Financial – Burke Wonnell
 - Nothing changed since last month.
 - Balances:
 - Checking- \$2,519.40
 - Savings -\$12.78
- Parks and Recreation Board of Supervisors –Will Taygen
 - x
- CER Chamber of Commerce- Leslie Lance
 - x.
- Secretary – Tom Looney
 - x
- General Council Business – Jake Horazdovsky
 - x

10. OPEN FORUM

- Sean Murphy with short presentation on current status of Eagle Exit movement. Commented that many of the issues presented and discussed by the Chugiak Community Council this evening could have been simplified if we had local government as proposed by Eagle Exit.

11. NEXT MEETING DATE:

- The next scheduled meeting is Thursday, May 20th, 7:00 PM

12. ADJOURNMENT:

- Rashae Johnson moved to extend the meeting Leslie Echols seconded at 9:30 PM passed unanimously.
- Moved to Adjourn by Burke Wonnell seconded by Darryl Parks 10:25 PM passed unanimously.