

**CHUGIAK COMMUNITY COUNCIL
MEETING MINUTES**

Thursday, February 17, 2022, 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)
 - Burke Wonnell, Treasurer (Seat 1, Eklutna/Thunderbird) Present Excused Absent
 - Leslie Echols (Seat 2, W. Peters Creek/Mirror Lake) Present Excused Absent
 - Rashae Johnson (Seat 3, W. Peters Creek/Mirror Lake) Present Excused Absent
 - Will Taygan (Seat 4, E. Peters Creek/Mirror Lake) Present Excused Absent
 - Blake Merrifield, Vice President (Seat 5, E. Peters Creek/ Mirror Lake) Present Excused Absent
 - Darryl Parks (Seat 6, Fire Lake) Present Excused Absent
 - Tom Looney, Secretary (Seat 7, at large) Present Excused Absent
 - Jake Horazdovsky, President (Seat 8, at large) Present Excused Absent
 - Bruce Aspray (Seat A, alternate, at large) Present Excused Absent
 - Harold Parker (Seat B, alternate, at large) Present Excused Absent

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

4. **APPROVAL OF MINUTES** – January 2022
 - Moved by [Burke Wonnell](#) Seconded by [Tom Looney](#)
 - Passed Unanimously

5. **UNFINISHED BUISNESS**
 - Upgrade Mountain Road Hicking Circle to Sleeping Circle – Todd Russel Area Resident
 - Item is resolved, Blake will bring to road board to discuss funding and action at next meeting.
 - Birchwood Airport Master Plan update – DOT in discussion with MOA to take over airport
 - Dan Saddler – Every 10 years or so the FAA requires the airport update and file their master plan and transferring to DOT may be part of the master plan. The MOA recently announced that it would like to take over management of the airport, which would include creation of a new "Department of Airports" to manage not only the Birchwood Airport.
 - Eugene with Rep McCarty's office presented a Survey being circulated that allows people to provide input on the potential changes.

6. **UPDATES**
 - Chugiak Volunteer Fire Dept. – Fire Chief, Tim Benningfield
 - Presented an update
 - Legislative
 - Eugene with Rep McCarty's office:
 - HB108 VOCED Bill, allows professionals to teach in schools
 - Assembly
 - Crystal Kennedy
 - Reapportionment for Assembly seats, 4 maps are being circulated for comments, happening quickly public hearings start Feb 24th, March 1st post comments on MOA Assembly website, or MOA reapportionment website.

- Potential Marijuana shop in ER behind Boondocks, is not properly zoned so is unlikely to occur, however the same topic may come up in another site in the future.
 - Starting 1st quarter budget revision process. Which will finalize 2022 budget.
 - Jamie Allard
 - Concurs with not wanting to have the Marijuana shop in ER, supporting the majority of our community.
 - Reapportionment map submitted by Jamie and Mayor was not accepted to move forward. Feels maps were "gerrymandered", and her map is not being presented for review and support.
- School Board
 - Pat Higgins:
 - Search for new Superintendent will include opportunities for community to meet
 - School Board is currently working on next years budget
 - Negotiating with the MOA to determine who will pay for the Police in Schools program
 - Next months Community Council meeting will come with someone to present information on the April Bond package.

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

- Wildfire Hazard Mapping Jen Schmidt UAA Professor of Natural Resources presented wildfire hazard analysis and maps for the Eagle River Chugiak area.
 - <https://uaa-geomatics.maps.arcgis.com/apps/insant/interactivelegend/index.html?appid=da0677ea9a03467f93fbe76fe42b37e7>

8. **NEW BUISNESS**

- Council Elections
 - o Seat 2 – West Peters Creek and Mirror Lake (Leslie Echols incumbent) re-elected, Passed Unanimously
 - o Seat 4 – East Peters Creek and Mirror Lake (Will Tagan incumbent) re-elected, Passed Unanimously
 - o Seat 6 – Chugiak / Fire Lake (Darryl Parks) re-elected, Passed Unanimously
 - o Seat 8 – At Large (From Any Council District) (Jake Horazdovsky) re-elected, Passed Unanimously
 - o Seat B – Alternative Board Member (From Any Council District) (Harold Parker) re-elected, Passed Unanimously
- Officer Elections, Will Taygen made a motion to nominate our current slate, Burke Wonnell seconded, vote passed unanimous.
 - o President - Jake Horazdovsky
 - o Vice President - Blake Merrifield
 - o Secretary – Tom Looney
 - o Treasurer – Burke Wonnell
- Will Taygan made a motion that we reaffirm the appointments of Blake Merrifield for CBERRSA, Jake Horazdovsky for CER Advisory Board, Will Taygen for ER Parks and Recreation, Darryl Parks for Federation of Community Council to represent the Chugiak Community Council for 2022, seconded by Burke Wonnell, vote passed unanimous.

9. REPORTS

- CBERRSA - Blake Merrifield
 - No update
- CER Advisory board – Jake Horazdovsky
 - N/A.
- Federation of Community Councils (FCC), Darryl Parks
 - N/A
- Financial – Burke Wonnell
 - Savings & Checking Balance: Will send update to board no big changes
- Parks and Recreation Board of Supervisors –Will Taygen
 - Parks and Rec is trying to find inhouse Landscape Architect
 - Will cost extra money if it needs to be contracted out.
 - Having trouble finding lifeguards and maintenance personnel
 - ER Parks and Rec money is in a protected fund and will be saved if not spent and is currently funding upgrade to park internal roads
 - \$300k/yr. funding for capital projects each year \$900k/yr. goes towards maintenance. This is the benefit of mil rate funding versus Bond funding.
 - Asked for MOA Parks and Rec staff time to apply for funding for AMATs bike path upgrades. Requested a money for a multiuse trail between Birchwood ABC and CHS and repairs to the bike bath along ER Road
 - John Rodda has been hired on a part time basis to assist with ER Parks and Rec.
 - Crystal Kennedy commented that Chugiak Community Council that Will Taygens term does not expire until October, suggest that Will Taygen is still not listed on the website, but Crystal Confirmed he is on the board officially.
 - North side of Mirror Lake access easement has been approved on the north side of the highway. Opens up Eklutna land as well as potential community access.

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- CER Chamber of Commerce- Leslie Lance
 - N/A
- Secretary – Tom Looney
 - N/A
- General Council Business – Jake Horazdovsky
 - N/A

10. OPEN FORUM

- Gretchen Wehmhoff - Running for Assembly District 2
- Kevin Cross – Running for Assembly District 2
- Dan Saddler – running for State house district 24
- Eagle Exit – Sean Murphy would like to be on the agenda for the March meeting

11. NEXT MEETING DATE:

- The next scheduled meeting is Thursday, March 17th, 2022, 7:00 PM

12. ADJOURNMENT:

- Adjournment moved by Burke Wonnell, seconded by Will Taygen, 8:57 PM passed unanimously.