

Eagle River Valley Community Council Meeting Minutes Wednesday, January 13, 2010

President Bill Holland opened the meeting at 7:00p.m. Introductions were made.

President's Report: In the interest of time, Bill deferred information items to be included in specific committee reports and/or old/new business.

Approval of minutes: Minutes from membership meeting were distributed. Tom Freeman moved approval of minutes. Sarah Wright seconded. Minutes were unanimously approved with one change to the Treasurer's Report: "The Heritage Estates Well" Compensation checking account has a balance of \$3,498.65 (not ERVCC). Minutes & agendas from previous meetings are available at www.communitycouncils.org - choose Eagle River Valley Community Council.

Treasurer's Report: submitted by Sarah Wright. Sarah stated that a full report of the audit will be available in February.

Anchorage Municipal Assembly Update: Assembly member Bill Starr said the budget passed and includes: 2.5% property tax increase, decrease of 192 positions and \$50,000 for public transportation pilot program for Chugiak/Eagle River. The Assembly approved a regular (full) liquor permit for Eagle River Wal-Mart. The Valley River Center has not rented out to full capacity so the Assembly has requested monies from C/ER P&Rec to assist with costs.

OLD BUSINESS

Eagle River Lane Update: David Grenier, Triad Engineering, reported that because of right of way issues and neighborhood objections, construction of the emergency access road was not completed during the past construction season. Additionally, Eagle River Lane from Eagle River Road to Ptarmigan is also unresolved due to funding issues as well as significant neighborhood concerns. Mr. Grenier requests the ERVCC approve a time extension and modifications to construct a gated, gravel emergency access road. Construction of the Eagle River Road project is scheduled for 2011. **Sarah Wright moved that CBERRRSA approve the time extension to July 2010 for the construction of the emergency access road. Bill Starr seconded the motion. Motion was approved. Sarah Wright moved to require the emergency access road be upgraded to urban standard contingent upon the construction from Ptarmigan to Eagle River Road. Tom Freeman seconded the motion. Motion was approved.**

Eagle River Crossing: Ric Davidge from CY Investments talked about establishing a committee to relay and exchange information regarding phasing changes for Eagle Crossing subdivision. This would allow dialog with residents affected by the phasing changes.

NEW BUSINESS/INVITED GUESTS/SPECIAL PRESENTATIONS

Beach Lake Regional Lake Park Master Plan: Tanya Iden, Senior Planner, provided an update. The plan may or may not include a trail around the lake. Iden identified some issues for consideration such as - habitat, nearby shooting range, air strip, impact on neighborhood and access. Sarah Wright suggested that information for this project should be shared with citizen advisory groups before holding public meetings. Future Alternatives Community Workshop will be held on Feb 9, 6:00 -8:30 at the Eagle River Town Center Community Room. The preliminary Draft Plan will be posted to the ER Parks Muni project website on Feb 22. Draft Master Plan Community Workshop will be held on March 2, 6:00 -8:30 at the ER Town Center Community Room. The community residents are highly encouraged to attend the workshops and provide

feedback. Contact Land Design North at 276-5885, swdoyle@landdesignnorth.com with comments or questions. Contact Tanya Iden, 222-5424, www.agnewbeck.com

Rezoning from PC to R6 , approx. mile 5.5 ER Road: Charles Forbes provide advance notice of his intent for Rezoning from PC to R6 on 20.4 acres of a 120 acre parcel, Eagle River Road. The consensus of council members was to support rezoning project. Mr. Forbes will address the council with further details as the project progresses.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Federation of Community Councils 277-1977: Tom Freeman reported that FCC received a \$98,000 grant for 2010. This means that all notifications of council meetings will be electronic (NO 'snail mail' as of July 1, 2010). The NorthWest Neighborhoods convention "USA Neighborhoods" is still planned in Anchorage for September 2011.

Education: Linda Kelly absent, no ASD School Board members present, so no report.

Emergency Preparedness: No chair, no report.

Parks & Recreation: Sarah Wright reported that Mustang Hockey will donate \$24,000 to the Mac Center for planned building expansion. It is anticipated that the expansion will cost \$7.9 million, currently 3 million in state grants have been designated for the expansion which includes a 1.1 million HVAC upgrade. The plan is to provide a soft surface to increase the 'usability' of the facility (and increase user revenues). Upgrade plans under consideration right now feature an ice sheet open to the elements (but covered) however there is significant interest to entertain the possibly of multi-use surface in the expansion. Right now Chugiak/Eagle River Parks & Recreation provides \$50,000-75,000 annual support to the Mac Center.

Road Board: Bill Holland did not attend, alternate Tom Freeman did. Eagle River Lane was a prominent issue, Tom will provide a full report next month. Bill Starr informed the council that the Eagle River Road upgrade (mile 6 to ER Nature Center) has been delayed another year. Currently \$5 million has been spent for right of way (ROW) acquisition, but there is still no specific funding for the road upgrade.

Zoning & Platting: Items addressed under new business, Charlie Forbes request for change of zoning.

Chugiak/Eagle River Consortium: In November it was reported that the Consortium is looking at hiring another consultant. Doug Maxwell reported that the December meeting was cancelled and he did not attend the January meeting. Bill Starr reported that there will be a draft version of Chapter 10 available for the public mid-January, 2010.

Sarah Wright moved to adjourn the meeting at 9 pm, Pete Panareese seconded. Unanimously approved, meeting formally adjourned.

Minutes submitted as a joint effort by Patsy Gunn and Therese Voehl.