

Eagle River Valley Community Council Meeting Minutes Wednesday, February 10, 2010

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

President's Report: Bill yielded his time to Assembly member Debbie Ossiander.

Approval of minutes: Minutes from January ERVCC mtg. were distributed. Tom Freeman moved approval of minutes. Austin Zimiga seconded. Minutes were adopted with one amendment to Old Business, Eagle River Lane Update: "collector status" was replaced with "urban standard".

Treasurer's Report: No report

Anchorage Municipal Assembly Update: Ms. Debbie Ossiander continues to work on Title 21 update. Current Title 21 rewrite is focused on Residential Design Standards and snow storage standards. The Title 21 separate chapter of Land Use Regulations draft will define Zoning Districts.

OLD BUSINESS

Eagle River Lane Update: – Efforts continue in finding a resolution for the Hannaway right of way and trespassing problem.

NEW BUSINESS / INVITED GUESTS / SPECIAL PRESENTATIONS

Comments from Kathy and Tom Ross discussed construction problem with property adjacent to their property involving a retaining wall with a 15-foot drop. This presents an unsafe area. It was suggested that they contact the Building Service Area, Alaska Home Owners Association for assistance.

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Safe Route to Schools – Linda Kelly provided information regarding the Hazardous Transportation Committee. This committee is responsible for the inspection of all roads, walkways, etc. that are considered to be dangerous for students as they walk to and from school. Any citizen in the Municipality may nominate a road to be considered as 'hazardous transportation'. If the Committee designates the area hazardous, a recommendation will be forwarded to Administration to provide school bus service, or an adult crossing guard, what ever is appropriate. Ravenwood Elementary students crossing Eagle River Road was discussed as being an unsafe crossing due to the fast traffic in this area and should be considered for nomination as a hazard. It was recommended that a study be conducted for a yellow-light crossing. Hazardous Transportation Committee Procedures and Guidelines can be viewed on the ASD website: www.asdk12.org.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Education: Linda Kelly reported that the ASD budget is 'modest' and includes the expectation to eliminate 46 teacher positions and increase class size in grades 2-12. Opportunities for public testimony will be provided before March budget finalization.

Emergency Preparedness: No chair=no report.

Parks & Recreation: Sarah Wright reported that the ski trail grooming contract is up for renewal. Currently The Nordic Ski Club is contract provider. Groomed trails include Mirror Lake, Beach Lake & Eagle River High School. Ski trail grooming is the largest item in the C/ER P&R maintenance budget. Right now management is looking at the economic advantages of a three year contract verses the current one-year contract.

The Beach Lake Park Master Plan has been finalized. There has been some discussion about adding additional parking at Beach Lake Chalet, but since this would involve a considerable cost of filling in swampland and currently there is overflow parking available at the Chugiak High School lot and on Birchwood Loop Road, expanding the parking lot at the chalet is not a high priority w/P&R.

The bid for MacDonald Center improvements is set at \$100,000 maximum, P&R is hoping to keep the cost under \$70,000. Currently there is some monies from the state plus bond revenues for the project. The original proposal of a soft-sided building is now NOT an option (insurance considerations due to high wind problems with soft sided buildings in the lower 48). At this point the probable expansion of the Mac Center will be a covered sheet of ice (sides open to the elements).

Road Board: Bill Holland reported that the existing fund balance for CBERRRSA could be returned to the residents in the form of a lower mil rate, however the problem/challenge is that state monies are becoming harder to get - so will that result in a deficit in the long term if mil rates are lowered?

Current projects include Hiland Road repair and Glenn Highway resurfacing Muldoon to ER exit summer 2010 (the road board hopes to gather recycled asphalt for use on local roads). The Eagle River Street maintenance contract will be up for bid in the next few months. The road board website has been redone, it features current and new projects, and a comment area for snow removal & pothole repair.

Chugiak/Eagle River Consortium: No formal report since Bill or Doug did not attend the meeting. Assembly member Debbie Ossiander discussed Title 21 land use regulations earlier this evening.

Zoning & Platting: Austin Zimiga reported the only items of note were discussed under New Business, Brooks & Associates.

Federation of Community Councils: Tom Freeman reported that ASD Superintendent Carol Comeau gave a presentation to the FCC regarding ASD bonds and plans to combine Municipal and School District I.T. departments.

Tom reported that the council has been discussing the fact that Anchorage does not have

very much low cost, high density housing avail be so individuals will often relocate to the Mat-Su valley.

The logo for the 2011 USA Neighborhoods conference has been approved, the FCC is still looking for methods to raise the \$300,000 needed to host the conference.

Due to the fact that Gruening Middle School will be closed for our next regularly scheduled meeting since ASD is on spring break, the March meeting has been moved to the following Wednesday, March 17, 2010.

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

Minutes submitted by Patsy Gunn & Therese Voehl.