

## Eagle River Valley Community Council Meeting Minutes Wednesday, May 12 , 2010

Vice-President Patsy Gunn opened the meeting at 7:00 p.m. Introductions were made.

Approval of minutes: Minutes from March 17 & April 14, 2010 membership meetings were distributed. Shawn moved approval of minutes, Lisa second. Unanimously approved. Previous minutes & agendas available, [www.communitycouncils.org](http://www.communitycouncils.org)

Treasurer's Report: Sarah Wright reported we paid \$8.00 IRS fee for a 355 report.

Assembly Report: Debbie Ossiander reported that the question of Eagle River Lane right of way "handed off to AWWU" regarding improper placement of water line, Municipal Attorney Bruce Brown is dealing with the question of no section line easement on Mr. Hanaway's property.

The Assembly has voted to remove the IM program for vehicles. This action requires State approval so might not be formalized until 2011.

Old Glenn Highway between Peters Creek and Birchwood has some right-of-way/easement problems that need to be resolved.

Debbie asked individuals to go to the plan for Chugach Park access and provide input in 'comments' at [www.dnr.alaska.gov/parks/units/chugach/planning.htm](http://www.dnr.alaska.gov/parks/units/chugach/planning.htm)

The Alaska Mental Health Land Trust has property along ER Loop Road and next to Eagle Pointe that they are considering developing as midsize housing or commercial.

Joe Vicente, developer of Eagle Pointe subdivision received notification that the Alaska Supreme Court has ruled that the Anchorage School District must build Yosemite Drive up to collector standards. The cost could be \$11-12 million, currently a drainage study related to storm water runoff needs to be completed.

Ms. Ossiander outlined some of the upcoming Muni budget cuts, including APD training academy (\$200,000) and reduced People Mover service. And Debbie outlined transit plans to coordinate with Valley Mover service, simplify the website, reduce requirements for vanpool, change name of Anchor Ride to "Connect" (still for disabled & seniors).

As Chair of Title 21 rewrite Debbie has been working with the Consortium (Bill Mendenhall is ERVCC rep), currently they are addressing snow storage.

### OLD BUSINESS

Eagle River Lane upgrade: Ric Davidge, project manager for CY Investments, LLC distributed a handout with two items that he is asking the council to take a position on:  
1. ERVCC support the immediate upgrade of extension of ER Lane by Driftwood Bay LLC between Highland Ridge Road and Ptarmigan to emergency access road standards w/RAP surface and no gates.

The acting Fire Marshall for the Municipality has denied the request for a gate to block through traffic, citing a delay in AFD response time. ERVCC Members overwhelming response was there **must be a gate**, so no action taken.

2. ERVCC support the concept of a full build out of ER Lane at one time, once the section line is open and the Hanaway property issue is resolved.

ERVCC members took action on this request January 13, 2010 via Road Board.

A request to once again extend the completion date for Highland Ridge/ER Lane upgrade by CY Investments (from June 2009 to July 2010) was denied by Muni.

## ELECTIONS

Therese Voehl moved to accept the nomination of Bill Holland as CBERRRSAA representative, Tom Freeman alternate. Bill Hanaway seconded, unanimously approved. Tom Freeman motioned to accept the two nominations to the ERVCC Board, Elisa Snelling and Therese Voehl. Linda Kelly second, unanimously approved.

## COMMITTEE REPORTS

Federation of Community Councils: Tom Freeman distributed a flyer about Neighbor Crime Watch, requires 50% neighborhood participation. Tom expects that USPS notification about ERVCC meetings will end soon. FCC is working to fundraise \$300,000 for Neighborhoods USA Convention here Sept 2011. Currently FCC is negotiating for a lower rent on their offices on Fireweed Lane.

Education: ASD Board member Chrystal Kennedy reported that the AK Supreme Court decision regarding Yosemite Drive upgrade did not specify WHO pays and HOW....ASD or CBERRRRSA ? May 24 begins the site selection process for an elementary school, possibly in Northeast Eagle River since Powder Ridge construction will bring in up to 400 new families. This summer Gruening Middle School is hosting a 'construction academy' for high school students. Birchwood and Mirror Lake have new principals. Alpenglow Elementary principal Rick Toymil was selected as ASD Principal of the Year.

Emergency Preparedness: No report.

Parks & Recreation: Sarah Wright reported that Parks & Rec continues to work on Beach Lake trails. John Rhodda is going to request legislative funds for trail expansion throughout Anchorage, including Beach Lake. The Mac Center ready for \$7.2M expansion to start, includes indoor 85 X 75 soft surface field with track around perimeter plus locker, community and maintenance rooms. In response to parking for Chugach State Park access, **Fred Ripp made a motion that ERVCC endorse Chugiak/Eagle River Parks & Recreation pursuing a joint venture with State Parks to establish and develop parking access off the Mile High drive locations of Lynx and Brownie. Linda Kelly second, unanimously approved.**

The Recycling Center at Hiland Road Landfill has been upgraded. Plus ERVCC members will benefit from the expansion of curbside recycling in our area.

Road Board: McKenna Brothers received the snow removal contract. There will be a change of staff since both supervisor Scott Schnell and his office associate retired.

Zoning & Platting: No report.

Chugiak/Eagle River Consortium: No report.

Dwight moved to adjourn the meeting, Tom Freeman second. Unanimously approved. Minutes submitted by Therese Voehl.