

**South Fork Community Council
May 7, 2009 Meeting Minutes**

Call to Order

Meeting called to order by Bob Gill at 7:01 PM

Introductions

Bob Gill chaired meeting.

For the Record

Officers and Committee Members

Present	Position	Name	Phone	E-mail address
*****	President	Bob Gill	694-2913	spullen@mtaonline.net
*****	1 st V.P.	Andrew Brewer	622-6282	andrewbrewer54@gmail.com
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*****	Chamber of Commerce	Bob Gill	694-2914	spullen@mtaonline.net
*****	Road Board	Bob Gill	694-5413	spullen@mtaonline.net
*****	Parks & Rec Rep	Jessie Coltrane	694-4190	jessica.coltrane@alaska.gov

April meeting notes were reviewed and approved.

Neighborhood Watch presentation: Wade Lacy w/ the Neighborhood Crime Watch Program gave a presentation and provided handouts to members. Contact phone # 786-8585 & website: muni.org/apd—follow link to ncw@muni.org.

Beach Lake Master Plan Update: Sara Wilson Doyle with Design North gave a presentation & provided handouts and a map of the area to members. The update is needed to determine future recreational development and determine appropriate uses. Contact phone # is 276-5885 & email is swdoyle@landdesignnorth.com. Their findings will be presented to the Eagle River/Chugiak Park Board in August followed by a public meeting.

Alaska State Parks: Chief Ranger Matt Wedeking spoke about the South Fork trail head and parking lot expansion due to take place this summer. Lucy B. who will be working on the design and construction also

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gave members an update. The parking lot will double in size and is designed to decrease the number of cars on the road. There will be no fee station and a toilet will be placed up there. Construction will begin in three weeks with a completion date of 6/30/09.

Ranger Wedeking spoke about the trail proposals and gave a history of the trails in the area. Neighbors from the area expressed concerns about erosion problems on the trail, heavy use in summer, horses all over the trails and problems with the proposed switch backs. Neighbors suggested to Ranger Wedeking: to have more funding focused on the heavy trail use, improvement of the trail to Hunter Pass to a Class II trail, and more regulations to prevent horses on certain portions of the trail system. Ranger Wedeking will take the neighbors' recommendations directly to James King, director of AK State Parks and then report back to SFCC members.

Our area will have a new ranger this summer: Keith Wilson who has worked with MatSu State Parks. His email: KeithWilson@alaska.gov.

AWWU update: Steve Nuss with AWWU gave members an update. Work on the water inter-tie is going ok, the contractor has had some mechanical issues including a drill bit problems. If they are not able to do a trench, then they will be speaking to DOT about an open trench. Proposals for Yosemite Drive are due on 5/7/09. Construction is due to start on time—incorporating a ski trail and crossing into the project. There will also be a pedestrian crossing on the south side of the parking lot.

John Rodda reported the MOA engineer is working to locate an area for the pedestrian crossing. There is a revised proposal from Mr. Vadalis about the location of the crossing. The best safety zone, per John Rodda, is the south entrance on the north side in between the two drive ways. The letter from Mr. Vadalis with the ASD outlines 10 safety conditions which the ASD requires before ASD will pay for the energy used by a traffic signal.

Ray Amsden with ASD spoke and asked SFCC members for a resolution for pedestrian crossing light.

Joe Vicente spoke about the location of the traffic device and the clearing of the area on the west side of the right of way and the 100 foot buffer zone with the correctional facility.

Pedestrian Crossing Resolution: presented and read by Andrew Brewer.
Whereas the pedestrian crossing is essential to the safety of the ERHS trail system, and, whereas, a bridge or tunnel across Yosemite Drive is cost prohibitive; be it resolved; that the South Fork Community Council supports a pedestrian crossing with a light at a location to be designated by the municipal engineer.

Seconded by Sara Pullen.

Resolution passed by a vote of 16 members in favor and 5 against.

Road Board: Bob Gill gave a report and shared the minutes from the last road board meeting.

Parks & Rec: Jessie Coltrane gave a report. There have been problems with dog walkers at campground gate area. The town center completion is on track—June, 2009-- and under budget. Parks & Rec will be deciding

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where to place the skateboard park equipment.

VOA update: Elaine Dahlgren gave a report. They are selling items out of the old building. The remainder will be sold on E-Bay.

Treasury report: \$ 176.22

Community Roundtable:

Bob Gill will check with Sue Rodman about the chipper.
The Assembly will discuss Chapter 7 of Title 21 including stream setbacks next Tuesday night.

Motion to adjourn at 8:50 pm and motion passed.

Respectfully submitted,

Sara Pullen
Secretary SFCC

