

**South Fork Community Council Meeting Minutes
December 2, 2010**

All officers present for meeting

Call to Order: Bob Gill called meeting to order at 7:13 pm

Privileged motion made by Andrew Brewer to have meeting conducted by Federation of Community Council. Seconded by Lora Reinbold. Chair ruled motion out of order.

October Meeting Minutes: October meeting notes reviewed by members. Motion to accept October meeting notes by Joe Wright and second by Mike Adams. October minutes accepted by membership with one member objecting.

Nominations of Officers:

Motion to use written ballots for election by Joe Wright and second by Richard Dixon. Vote conducted by Dick Tremain and Mark Butler with the Federation of Community Councils. 47 members in favor of written ballots and 33 members against.

Election presided over by Dick Tremain and Mark Butler with Federation of Community Councils.

Nominations:

President:

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| Sara Pullen | nominated: Mike Adams | Accepted: Yes |
| Andrew Brewer | nominated: Joe Vicente | Accepted: Yes |

1st Vice President

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| Bob Gill | nominated: Roger Van Ornum | Accepted: Yes |
| Lora Reinbold | nominated: Andrew Brewer | Accepted: Yes |

2nd Vice President

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| Karl Van Lührte | nominated: Lora Reinbold | Accepted: Yes |
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Secretary

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| Joe Wright | nominated: Andrew Brewer | Accepted: Yes |
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Treasurer

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| Ken Butters | nominated: Andrew Brewer | Accepted: Yes |
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Officers at Large (2)

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| Ron Aksamit | nominated: Eva Loken | Accepted: Yes |
| Mike Adams | nominated: Sara Pullen | Accepted: Yes |

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| Roger Van Ornum | nominated: Ken Butters | Accepted: Yes |
| Randy Beilfuss | nominated: Andrew Brewer | Accepted: Yes |

Election count conducted by Dick Tremain and Mark Butler during meeting.

Alaska State Parks update on South Fork Trail

Lucy Bernicko, Tom Harrison, Bill Larch and Blaine Smith gave presentation. Construction on the trail will begin next summer. Plans for the new trail are on the state of Alaska department of parks website along with maps. Ms. Bernicko will leave her cards with the SFCC officers for further contact and questions. The trail will be a tiered trail to Symphony and Eagle Lakes. The old trail will remain open during construction of the new one and will parallel the old one. Tom Harrison reports the parks department will go through the regulator process to allow bicycles on the new trail. There will be boardwalks to access the trail in the wetland areas. Adrienne Lindholm reports that horses and bicycles will be allowed on portions of the trail in the future. The trail will be designed as a sustainable trail for multiuse of horses and bicycles. There will be no user fees with all the new upgrades. There will be no overnight camping or RV parking at the trailhead. There will be no garbage collection; leave no trace will be practiced. The latrine will be maintained by the parks department. JT Lindholm asks if it is set in stone to which level the trail will be raised to? Tom Harrison reports the trail will be sustainable to keep folks out of the muddy areas and the alignment will be similar.

Weather Tower

Tom Harrison with state parks answered questions about the weather tower at the back of the South Fork valley. The weather station tower was placed at the top of Harp Mountain by Friends of the Chugach Avalanche Center. Jessy Coltrane pointed out the tower was erected without notification of the community council or public process. Tom Harrison reports the tower did go through the permitting process. It is a 10 foot weather station and its purpose has no commercial use per Mr. Harrison. Friends of the Chugach Avalanche Center maintain the station and it has no cameras or web cams and there is no cell phone coverage in the area. Tom Harrison reports another tower may be placed in the lower Hiland area. Cathy Hammond commented that park access and private land ownership for the tower were not taken into consideration. Roger Van Ornum spoke about three similar towers in the Hatcher Pass area—two of the Hatcher Pass areas are depilated and falling apart. He asks who will maintain the towers and remove the debris. Mr. Harrison says he has no knowledge of those towers.

Jessy Coltrane commented the Harp Mountain tower went up without public notification, the neighbors were not notified and there are no accommodations for parking in the area. Ms. Coltrane also comments the tower could allow the area to become a destination for skiers and backcountry travel when the weather is good. There are no parking lots and limited access in the area of the tower. There is no infrastructure for access per Ms. Coltrane. Mr. Harrison reports the tower does not have a webcam and is used for weather information only.

Mr. Callahan comments the tower is needed for avalanche control and information. For further information and comments, neighbors can email Tom Harrison with state parks or Adrienne Lindholm who is on the state parks advisory board.

Mental Health Land Trust Presentation

Tim Spernak from Mental Health Land Trust and Jim Sawhill from Loonsbury and Associates gave a presentation

Mr. Spernak gave an overview of the presentation given to the council at the September, 2010 meeting. Their office will appear before the planning and zoning commission on February 2, 2011 to request a land use permit. The conditional use permit will be for natural resource extraction and to place the gravel in the Yosemite East area for three ball fields. They will need direct access to Yosemite East from the Eagle River Loop Road for trucks hauling the gravel. The DOT will likely approve access from the loop road since the council provided a motion of support. Their request for a conditional use permit will be submitted to planning and zoning on 12/16/10 and to appear before planning and zoning on February 2, 2011. The request will be presented to the Assembly 2-3 months after planning and zoning.

Mental Health Trust also plans to build 80 to 100 homes—R 1 zoning—to be built in the area in the future. There will be 3 homes per acre per Joe Vicente. The plan for the soccer fields will be for subdivision use only—no public use. The multiuse ball fields will be for the benefit of the subdivision not open to the public.

Mr. Spernak and Mr. Sawhill will return to the January 2011 SFCC meeting to ask for a motion of support.

Motion to extend meeting at 8:55 pm for ten minutes by Mike Adams and seconded by Lora Reinbold. Motion passed by membership.

A motion by Carl Von Lührte to present committee reports at January 2011 meeting and seconded by Joe Wright. Motion passed by membership.

Election Results

The election results were read by Dick Tremain and recorded by Mark Butler. Election ballots handed to new secretary, Joe Wright, by Mr. Tremain.

President: Andrew Brewer

1st Vice President: Lora Reinbold

2nd Vice President: Carl Van Lührte

Secretary: Joe Wright

Treasurer: Ken Butters

Officers at Large (2): Ron Aksamit and Randy Beilfuss

Positions accepted by new officers

Motion to accept results of election per Mike Callahan and seconded by Eva Loken.

Motion passed by membership.

Meeting adjourned at 9:13 pm.

Submitted by Sara Pullen

Revised by Joe Wright, approved at 6 January, 2011 SFCC Meeting

Secretary SFCC