

Talkeetna Community Council, Inc. Regular Meeting  
February 7, 2011  
Talkeetna Elementary School  
Draft Minutes

The order of business was as follows:

1. Sharon Montagnino called the meeting to order at 7:03pm. A quorum was established. Members present were: Sharon Montagnino, Mary Farina, Whitney Wolff, Robert Gerlach, Howard Carbone, Rick Schreiber and Cary Birdsall.
2. Cary volunteered to take the minutes. Howard volunteered to take the March minutes.
3. The agenda was approved as written.
4. Cary moved to approve the minutes of the January 3<sup>rd</sup> meeting, Robert seconded. Minutes approved unanimously.
5. Howard gave the treasurer's report. The TCC, Inc. Playground account has a balance of \$8122.48. There was no activity in January. The TCC, Inc. general account has a balance of \$856.55. Howard wrote a check for \$5000, transferring the United Way grant money to the Sunshine Transit Coalition. TCC, Inc. also received a new check from the United Way made out to Sunshine Transit in the amount of \$2500. Howard also wrote a check to the Postmaster in the amount of \$110 for the annual PO Box fee.
6. Sharon read the correspondence. Nothing was moved to new business.
7. Ann Yadon was the only person to be heard. Ann Yadon reported on progress toward a new library in Talkeetna. We may soon be moved from the waiting list to the active list for Foraker's "pre-development program. When this occurs, she expects that Foraker will be reaching out to the community to determine what we desire in a new facility. There is no time line for this procedure as yet, but it's not too soon to start thinking about what we want. What to do with the old building will also be a consideration.

Ann also reminded the community that the Talkeetna seat is still open on the MSB Library Board.

8. Assembly Update: Vern Halter was at the WACO meeting this month.
9. Committee and Board Reports.

Road Service: Supervisor John Strassenburgh, reported that the road service supervisors met January 13<sup>th</sup>. Issues discussed included:

- The need for "No Parking" signs in the alley behind the Sheldon Hanger between B St. and the Spur.
- Clarification needed on accounting for the Optional Maintenance Account regarding various snow removal activities.
- Mike Lachelt will follow up on public service announcements regarding sledding on roadways and playing in the berms.

Fire/EMS: Ken Farina reported that the fire safety installation at Mile 5 will be on hold until the snow is gone. This will save money in construction costs.

Railroad: Cary reported that the committee is in need of additional members. At their January 19<sup>th</sup> meeting the committee drafted a letter requesting Borough help with the issue of land ownership and control within the boundaries of the proposed Riverfront Park. Moved to new business.

Revenue Sharing: Howard reported that the Borough approved the Council recommendations for Revenue Sharing Grant recipients and has sent a Memorandum of Agreement to the Council. The Borough will release the funds to the Council upon receipt of the signed MOA.

9. Unfinished Business. Feedback on letters commissioned at the January Council meeting:

- Whitney's letter to MSB regarding Motorized use of non-motorized park areas: Reply received from Bruce Paulsen. Mr. Paulsen indicated that signage had been installed at various access points to Talkeetna Lakes Park, but failed to address the larger issue. Whitney will follow up.
- Cary's letter to MSB regarding recycling at the Talkeetna Landfill: Letter recently sent, no reply to date.
- Mary's letter regarding funding for Moose Club. Mary is holding the letter until she can contact Steve Harrison.

10. New Business

- Cary moved that the council write a letter to MSB Finance Department and Attorney inquiring about how councils typically acquire operating funds. The letter will also ask about the legality of the past practice of placing a donation box at the Talkeetna Alaska Lodge. Robert seconded the motion, vote was unanimous. Cary will write the letter.
- Cary moved that the council write a letter to MSB requesting the MSB enter into a lease agreement with the Alaska Railroad for properties located within the Talkeetna Riverfront Management Plan Area, facilitating progress on the Riverfront Management Plan. Mary seconded the motion, vote was unanimous. Cary will write the letter.

12. Mary moved to adjourn. Howard seconded. The motion passed unanimously. Sharon adjourned the meeting at 8:10.

DRAFT Minutes respectfully submitted by Cary Birdsall, Talkeetna Community Council, Inc. Secretary.