

Talkeetna Community Council, Inc.  
REGULAR MEETING – March 7, 2011  
DRAFT- Minutes - DRAFT  
Talkeetna Elementary School Library

The order of business was as follows:

**1. A quorum was established and meeting called to order at 7:03 pm by Chair Sharon Montagnino**

Present Board Members: Cary Birdsall, Mary Farina, Whitney Wolff, Robert Gerlach, and Howard Carbone.

**2. Minutes-** Howard volunteered to take the minutes. Whitney volunteered to take the minutes in April and Mary will take the minutes in May.

**3. Approval of Agenda**

The agenda was approved as written.

**4. Approval of minutes-** February 3, 2011 Regular Meeting

Cary moved for approval, Robert 2nd- Minutes approved unanimously

**5. Treasurer's Report-**

Howard reported that the Talkeetna Playground Account at MVFCU has a balance of \$8123.42 with no activity in February. The TCC Inc. general account at MVFCU has a balance of \$3356.85. \$2500 of this was deposited on 2-8-11 from the United Way. This is passing through to the Sunshine Transit Coalition. Whitney moved to accept the Treasurer's Report. Robert 2<sup>nd</sup>. Motion passes unanimously.

**6. Correspondence-**

Sharon read the correspondence. The issue of alcohol license renewals was moved to New Business.

**7. Announcements-**

There were no announcements.

**8. Persons to be Heard-**

Troy Smiley read the attached proposal: "Denali Arts Council and Northern Susitna Institute (both 501 (c)(3) not-for-profit organizations) will explore developing a partnership for the purpose of purchasing the "Christian Center" property in Talkeetna."

**9. Assembly Update-**

Vern Halter was not present to give an assembly update.

**10. Committee & Board Reports-**

a. Railroad Committee reported that there will be a committee meeting on Wednesday, March 23 at 7pm at the Talkeetna Roadhouse.

b. Parks Advisory Committee – Chair Chris Mannix reported that:

-Upper Susitna Soil and Water Conservation District funded a trails plan for Talkeetna Lakes Park. The borough wants to come up to unveil the completed plan to the public.

-The February 10, 2011 Talkeetna Chamber of Commerce meeting featured a forum on local trails. There is renewed local interest in working the existing River/Ridge Trails into a local trails system. Chris contacted the National Park Service's Rivers and Trails Conservation Assistance grant program about the effort; they want to assist and will come to Talkeetna to assess the project. Grant proposals are due in August.

-Alaska Trails and various agencies are sponsoring three trails workshops this May in Anchorage and Willow. Details at [alaskatrails.org](http://alaskatrails.org)

c. Road Service Area Board

- John Strassenberg reported that the Board met on 2-10-11. \$8852 remains unspent from a grant and will be used to make minor repairs and upgrades to the Old Lake Road.

**11. New Business**

a. Susitna Dam Meeting – Robert reported that there was a large turnout at the public meeting. There were many questions from the public about impacts of the proposed dam, but presenters primarily were giving information about why this hydro project was selected over a competing proposal. Robert volunteered to chair a new Susitna Dam Committee of the Talkeetna Community Council. John Strassenberg and Whitney volunteered to be on the committee.

b. Denali Arts Council beer and wine license and Talkeetna Alaskan Lodge liquor license renewals- Notification of renewals came to the Council. There were no objections.

Robert moved to adjourn at 8:01 pm. Cary seconds.