

Talkeetna Community Council, Inc. - Regular Meeting
April 4, 2011 - Talkeetna Elementary School
DRAFT Minutes

Call To Order - The meeting was called to order at 7:08 pm by Sharon Montagnino. A quorum was established :Sharon Montagnino, Howard Carbone, Rick Schreiber, Cary Birdsall, Whitney Wolff were present.
Minutes- taken by Whitney Wolff
Approval of the Agenda -1st Cary Birdsall / 2nd Rick Schreiber. Agenda approved.
Approval of Minutes - 1st Whitney Wolff / 2nd Cary Birdsall. Minutes approved.

Treasurer's Report - Howard Carbone gave the report. The FY 2009 State of AK Revenue Sharing Funds from the Mat Su Borough were received on March 18, 2011 and deposited in the general checking account. On March 29, 2011 a check for \$5500 was sent to the Susitna High School Moose Club. A check for \$2500 was received from the United Way on April 2, 2011 and was deposited in the general checking account. (bringing the total to \$5000 of funds passing through to the sunshine Transit Colaition)

Correspondence - Sharon Montagnino read the correspondence.

An email from Billy Fitzgerald received on April 4, 2011 requested the addition of the following items to the agenda : the proposed ADOT & PF "Talkeetna Airport Improvements & Pavement rehabilitation" project and MSB Resolution # 11-050. Both items were added to New Business.

Announcements - there were no announcements.

Persons to be Heard - Rick Shears, Becky Long, and Ruth Wood gave testimonies regarding the draft letter submitted by the TCCI Susitna Dam Committee . They all stressed the upcoming MSB Resolution 11-050 , HB 103 and SB 42 as time sensitive factors in the future of the project and arenas for public comment. All three endorsed the draft letter to the AK legislature. Shears is planning to instigate town hall meetings and forums on KTNA in an effort to inform the public of the project.

Assembly Report - Vern Halter reviewed several projects: Talkeetna Landings Subdivision and zoning, HB 179 (mistreatment of animals), the 50/50 road bond which was slated to include improvements from F St. - Beaver Rd. (which has now been removed from consideration.) Vern also addressed Resolution 11-050 and the conflict of interest which exists for mayor DeVilbiss (MEA board member) and another assembly member who is a board member of AIDEA. Vern noted that a similar Resolution had failed in the Assembly weeks prior and that the current version up for adoption is essentially the same document with minor text edits. Vern expressed opposition for Resolution 11-050.

Committees -

Revenue Sharing - Howard announced the FY 2009 REvenue sharing funds were currently being distributed, MOA's were sent to awardees , and funds transferred upon receiving the signed and

returned forms. FY2010 Revenue Sharing process is beginning with revised applications to be available next week at the Talkeetna library, post office, or Howard Carbone.

Railroad Committee - Cary Birdsall reported on the committee's March 23rd meeting - see attached.

Susitna Dam Committee - Whitney reported on the committee's first meeting March 21, 2011 at the Roadhouse where 17 community members attended and discussed the proposed Susitna Dam. The group agreed to draft a letter to the Alaska legislature requesting that funding be postponed until fundamental questions could be answered regarding impacts from the dam including but not limited to habitat, fisheries, communities, economy/tourism. The draft letter was posted March 25, 2011 at the post office and library and was included in KTNA's coverage of HB103/SB42. Members of the committee have been contacting the legislature with POA's and public testimony.

Talkeetna Parks Advisory Committee - Chris Mannix reported on the regular quarterly meeting March 24, 2011. Mannix reviewed the newly created MSB Trails and Park Foundation (supported by ordinance #11-032). This foundation qualifies for receiving matching funds from several grants. Re. MSB Resolution #11-033 - the Upper Susitna Soil and Water Conservation Fund received a grant for \$100,000.00 to construct a trail connecting X and Z Lakes. Billy Fitzgerald was a person to be heard and made a motion to request that TCCI write a letter to the MSB requesting signage to prohibit overnight parking and trailers at the junction of Beaver Rd. and the Old Lake Rd. (TPAC will submit the draft at the May TCCI meeting) Mannix discussed the NPS Trails and Conservation Association Grant for a Talkeetna wide trail system. (Lisa Holzapfel is the contact person and Chris Love is the committee's liaison.) The committee will be revising their by laws to reflect that the chair does not have to be a TCCI board member. Mannix will resign as chair but keep his "core" membership status. The committee is seeking a replacement from its core membership.

Road Service - John Stausenburg submitted a report from the board's March 10, 2011 meeting. see attached.

Unfinished Business - there was no unfinished business.

New Business -

Susitna Dam Committee's letter requesting information - Whitney made a motion that the TCCI review, comment, and send the draft letter to the AK legislature.

Sharon took brief comment from the floor regarding omissions, additions, and edits. Several semantic edits, additions concerning water quality and an authority/oversight question were requested and added. Cary Birdsall seconded the motion and it passed unanimously.

Whitney will edit, update, and email the letter. Vern Halter requested that a copy of the letter be sent to the Assembly prior to the vote on MSB Resolution 11-050 tomorrow and that neighboring community councils be cc'd (Willow, Trapper Creek, and Susitna Community Councils were added to the cc list) A copy of the letter will be emailed to the MSB clerk.

MSB Resolution 11-050 (MSB support of the Susitna Dam project.)

Billy Fitzgerald read the complete text of the resolution. Becky Long and Vern Halter reviewed the history of the resolution and its upcoming vote April 5, 2011.

Billy Fitzgerald suggested that the TCCI draft a separate letter to the Assembly opposing Resolution 11-050 and attach the Susitna Dam Committee's letter.

Cary Birdsall motioned to write a letter to the Assembly regarding the council's opposition to Resolution 11-050. 2nd - Howard. Motion passes. Cary and several others will draft the letter after the meeting and email it with the Susitna Dam Committee's letter to the borough clerk.

Airport Improvements - After reviewing the scope of work flyer from ADOT & PF regarding the proposed improvements, Rick Schrieber moved to write a letter to ADOT & PF concerning the removal of trees, the abrupt ending of the pedestrian walkway, and the possible halt to any tree clearing from the base paving project until funding for the corresponding phase is secured.

Cary Birdsall seconded the motion and the motion passed. Rick will write the letter within a week to Tom Schmitt - ADOT & PF and Charlie Huggins.

Sharon called to adjourn at 9:02 p.m. - Cary Birdsall seconded.

