

Talkeetna Community Council, Inc.

The Regular Monthly Meeting of the Talkeetna Community Council, Inc
Monday, June 6, 2011 at 7:00 pm at Talkeetna Public Library
Draft Minutes

1. Call to Order. Establish a quorum. 7:02 PM; attendees: Cary Birdsall, Sharon Montagnino, Mary Farina, and Whitney Wolff
2. Mary Farina volunteered to take the minutes.
3. Agenda was unanimously approved.
4. Cary Birdsall moved to approve the May 2, 2011 minutes; seconded by Whitney Wolff and unanimously approved.
5. Treasurer's Report – No report given
6. Correspondence (see attached sheet)
7. Announcements (Email the Council Secretary to get your announcements on the agenda, tccsecretary@yahoo.com, or call 733-1032)
 - Meeting on proposed Lichtenwalner tower June 8, 6:30 – 8:00 PM at the Talkeetna Elementary School.
 - Bumper Drag June 17 - 25.
8. Persons to be heard:
 - Deb Wessler and Jim Graupmann representing Northern Susitna Institute
 - Presented a C.I.P. proposal for \$50,000 and a business plan
 - Motion made by Cary; seconded by Whitney to write a letter of support for the C.I.P. request contingent upon additional information prior to the June 30th deadline. Motion was unanimously approved. Sharon will write the letter.
 - Jim Kellard – Sewer and Water
 - Four choices have been made to restructure monthly charges and the Water & Sewer Board needs to select one.
 - For additional information please see attached notes.
 - Tammy Hamler – Teleconferencing Meetings
 - She is going to apply for revenue sharing money to complete the current system at Su Valley High School.
 - Warren Koegh – Borough Representative District 1
 - Thank you for input on the Susitna Hydro Project; Fox military area and waste water resolution for a Borough wide Sewer Board.
9. Assembly Update – Vern Halter.
 - Borough mill rate went down to 8.9
 - Mayor wants a 10% reduction in spending across the board
 - Assembly overrode the veto for the Community Development program
 - There is money in the budget to cover Talkeetna Christenson Lake; Talkeetna Downtown Park and Talkeetna Lakes Park
 - There is \$750,000 available for the wood-fired boiler at Su Valley High School
10. Committee & Board Reports. To date, these are the committees with reports:

- Playground – Charlie Loeb presented a financial report (see attached)
 - Entrance gate needs to be completed; mural project; snow removal needs to be addressed and the driveway permit is completed.
- MSB Parks, Trails and Recreation – Dan Harrell
 - Looking for ideas for PT&R local or borough wide
 - Prioritize our section of the C.I.P. list
 - An agreement needs to be made with the Alaska Railroad concerning the Riverfront Park – letter to James King.
 - A request will be made to extend the bike path from Willow North.
- Susitna Dam
 - Mark Neuman's staff member, Ray Shattuck attended the Committee meeting on May 16th.
 - Questions were compiled for an upcoming public meeting with the Talkeetna community, Neuman, and Sara Fisher-Goad (Ex. Dir. AEA) tentatively scheduled for Sept. 2011. A copy of the questions was sent to Neuman's office, Sara Fisher-Goad, and also to the AEA board members for the AEA Board meeting on June 9th. The Susitna Dam committee will teleconference the AEA Board meeting and give testimony.

11. Unfinished Business

- Talkeetna State Airport Improvements
 - Sharon will ask for responses to TCC's questions from Jody Simpson in Charlie Huggins' office.
- Parking lot, Riverfront & Trails May meeting report
 - Talkeetna Lakes – YCC will help begin Phase 1 cross country ski trail end of July to early August; estimated to be a two year project.
 - Overall scope, numerous trails with classic and skate mixed.
 - Parking access for folks up the tracks
 - Planners design will be reported to the MSB – additional details are needed.

12. New Business

- Senator Begich's Townhall Meeting went very well.
- Lichtenwalner communication tower meeting will be held on June 8th at the Elementary School from 6:00 to 8:00 PM – comments are attached in coorespondence.
- MSB Timber Harvest Schedule – three pieces of correspondence were received on the schedule
 - Will ask Deb Burnanski to come up for an informational meeting
 - A motion was made by Cary; seconded by Whitney to write a letter of support for the Trapper Creek Community Council regarding the schedule. The motion was unanimously approved. Cary will write the letter.
- Alaska Railroad Pesticide Spraying – no action
- MSB Ethics Ordinance
 - During the budget process the Ethics Board was defunded – No action taken.

13. A motion was made to adjourn the meeting at 9:30 PM by Mary; seconded by Cary. Motion was unanimously approved.