

## **I. Call to Order**

The meeting was called to order by Ted Cox at approximately 7:05 P.M. A Quorum was present.

## **II. Old Business**

### ***Minutes from Last Meeting***

Jim Courtney read the minutes of the May 13<sup>th</sup> meeting. Dick Barlow motioned to accept the minutes. The motion passed.

### ***Treasurer's Report***

Dick Coutts was not present to give the treasurer's report.

## **III. New Business**

### ***Correspondence***

- There was no new correspondence

### ***Discussion***

#### *Candidates*

Janet Kincaid and Larry Wood announced their candidacies for State House.

#### *Bike Trail Grant Money*

- Ted Cox talked about the possibility of using the bike trail grant money to upgrade the old Knik River Bridge for recreational purposes.
- Dick Barlow said he spoke to Chris Kepler at DOT, who encouraged the idea of a project to improve the old Knik River Bridge.
- Someone registered a complaint about obstacles that are placed on the trail, causing people to dart onto the highway.
- Larry Wood stated that money existed at one time to pave the trail from Palmer to the Knik River Bridge, and he wonders what happened to it.
- Dave Glenn said that the bridge idea is good, but that the trail is deteriorating and needs attention.
- Elvin Asay suggested that the bridge would provide an anchor to draw funds to finish the trail.
- Darcie Salmon spoke about his meeting with Rick Mystrom, where they discussed a possible trail from Eagle River through Butte. He said that when the Old Glenn is upgraded in 2002 or 2003, a bike trail will likely be included.
- Janet Kincaid said she would look into RC&D grants.
- Dick Barlow requested an OK to move ahead with the groundwork to see if the bridge improvement was practical. Dave Glenn made a motion to OK the groundwork, and the motion passed.

### Circle View

- Scott Ogan reported about a meeting regarding flooding along the Matanuska River.
- Information about a channelization project for the river will be available at the next meeting.

### Butte Race Track

Earl Lackey discussed his desire to lease or purchase 220 acres of Borough land, part of which he has been using for a parking lot. He expressed a willingness to develop a lease plan to protect trails and preserve a buffer zone.

### Trash

- Ted Cox discussed the trash issue, limited hours of dump operation, and rumors that the Butte transfer station will be closed. Darcie Salmon and Janet Kincaid stated they were unaware of any plans to close the transfer station.
- Ted Cox suggested the Borough might be able to help mapping the locations of junk cars.
- Jim Kracker talked about the problem of stolen cars being dumped.
- Ken Hudson, of Borough Code Compliance suggested encouraging voluntary compliance by adding a deposit to the registration fee for cars.
- Larry Wood protested the addition of another fee in addition to current high property tax rates.
- Karen Hollingshead suggested an anti-trash campaign in the schools.
- Scott Ogan suggested community patrols.

### Cleanup

Dave from the National Guard spoke about the cleanup days on August 15<sup>th</sup> and 16<sup>th</sup>. He needs a letter from the Borough, and would like 50 to 75 junk vehicles identified on Borough land. He stated that the Community Center be used as cleanup headquarters, and sleeping quarters for National Guard members participating in the cleanup.