



Meeting Minutes – 8/11/99

I. Call to Order

The meeting was called to order by Ted Cox at 7:00 P.M, at the Fire Hall. A Quorum was present.

II. Old Business

Minutes from Last Meeting

Jim Courtney read the minutes of the 6/9/99 meeting. Laurie Courtney motioned to accept the minutes. The motion passed. Jim Courtney read the minutes of the 7/14/99 minutes. Ted Cox motioned to accept the minutes. The motion passed.

Treasurer's Report

Dick Coutts was not present. Ted Cox reported that \$2242.45 remains in the treasury. Additionally, \$9000+ grant money is available for trails, and \$5200+ for capital improvements. Laurie Courtney motioned to adopt the report. The motion passed.

III. New Business

Correspondence

- Ted Cox reported on a notice from the State of Alaska concerning an application to provide glacier-viewing tours from April through September, using airboats for transportation on the Knik River.

Discussion

- Laurie Courtney reviewed the activities of the Assembly. She mentioned that the dump waiver for the community center cleanup was approved.
- Ted Cox and Dick Barlow reported that the two buildings available to replace the community center are somewhat dilapidated and would be very expensive to rehabilitate. Laurie Courtney motioned that a letter be written to the borough declining the buildings. The motion passed. There was also discussion about putting the new building in a different location for reasons of security and greater visibility.
- Carol Symonds announced that the family of Mhari Cunningham would like to establish a memorial fund, perhaps to help build a new community center. Brit Lively suggested the memorial fund could be combined with the grant money to build a memorial playground.
- Dick Barlow motioned that the council send a flower arrangement to the memorial service for Mahri Cunningham. The motion passed.
- Ted Cox motioned to formally apply to either purchase, or work out an agreement with the Borough to permanently designate as a greenbelt, the 200 acres near the racetrack, consistent with the council's previously stated position, and to authorize the expenditure of funds for that purpose. The motion passed.
- There was discussion about the upcoming cleanup on October 16th and 17th. Jim Courtney suggested that this winter, the council develop a strategy to reduce the number of car burnings in the Jim Creek area the following spring and summer.

- Ted Cox motioned that the council purchase the 30 acre parcel with trails grant money, with a cap of \$500. The motion passed.
- Ted Cox motioned that trails grant money be used to secure a trail up the back side of the Butte, with a cap of \$3000. The motion passed.
- Ted Cox motioned that trails grant money be used to apply to purchase 10 acres at the end of Maud Road for a trailhead and parking area, with a cap of \$750 to be spent on the application process. The motion passed.
- Dick Barlow mentioned that Enstar still had \$1200 of the council's money for a gas line that was never installed. Dick will make inquiries into retrieving the money.
- Dick Barlow asked if anything happened this summer on construction of the borough-backed Jack Nicklaus World-Class Destination Golf Course and Resort to be located on 800 acres in the Butte. After a short discussion, Laurie Courtney suggested that the council ask the borough for a status update of the project, and of competing applications to purchase portions of the borough land involved.
- Ted Cox motioned that the council pursue appropriate civil action for loss of the community center, against the juveniles and/or their parents, and to authorize up to \$500 at this time for filing the suit, and for attorney's fees. The motion passed.
- Ted Cox motioned to send letters of appreciation to the Alaska State Troopers, the State Fire Marshall, and Crimestoppers, for their work to solve the arson fire at the community center. The community also wishes to commend the troopers on their policing of the Jim Creek area, and their active discouragement of target shooting in densely populated areas near the Knik River. The motion passed.
- Ted Cox solicited ideas for fundraisers and increased business donations.
- Ted Cox motioned that the council join the Federation of Community Councils, and authorize up to \$100 in dues. The motion passed.
- Ted Cox has scheduled Scott Ogan for the October meeting. Brit Lively discussed inviting Brenda Heebner of the State of Alaska to talk about the burning and unsafe shooting on State land.
- Laurie Courtney suggested that Earl Lackey be asked document his race track plans in his own words for the council web page.

Jason Binder motioned to adjourn at 9:55 P.M. The motion passed.