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Butte Community Council Meeting Agenda Minutes

Butte Community Center

3881 S. Butte Rd.

7:00 PM, January 10th, 2024

Call to Order-7:04 PM

Pledge-Led by Rod Schultz

Verify Quorum-Quorum met with 4 Board Members present

Approval of Agenda-Unanimous approval

Officers Reports

Secretary's Report-None

Treasurer's Report-No change

Correspondence-None

President's Report-None

Special Presentations

None Scheduled

Committee Reports

Neighborhood Watch-None

Community Patrol-None

Little Angels Playground-None

Butte Community Sign-None

By-Laws-Janet and Mitzi will work on this and try to have something to present at Feb meeting.

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Community Reports

Legislature-D25 Representative Delena Johnson. Working on resolution to update OGH- to get it on State STIP-Working to bring maintenance & updates to street lighting and roads.

Also advised that Transportation Fair would be held at Raven Hall on Thursday Jan 25. Also, there is to be a public meeting concerning the Eklutna Power Plant on the 16th.

Assembly-None

School District-None

Butte Fire Department-Chief Shipton reported they responded to 104 calls in 2023 : 11 of which were structure fires. Continuing education with 33 personnel, 27 of which are certified firefighters, other 6 to be soon. Over 6500 hours of training. 28 are EMS Certified. 9 CPR classes were held. Secured 5 acres off Maude for substation by 2027.

Road Service- None

Old Business- None

New Business

Planning 2024 Picnic in June set for June 22nd from Noon to 2pm , to be 3rd Annual Butte Community Picnic. Will contact Carol Symonds to see if she will be heading this up again.

Butte Clean-Up tentatively scheduled for May 11th -12th. Gregory will contact Solid Waste Services on Dumpster availability.

Mold problem is back in corner-could be insulation problem?

Dave Miller has text program up and running and will pass off to Board Member Linda Cox.

Adjournment-Mitzi moved and Gregory 2nd at 8:16 pm.

Next Meeting 7:00 PM February 14th, 2024 Butte Community Center

Upcoming Items of Interest:

January 16th, 2024 - Start of the 2nd Session of the 33rd Legislature

March 10th – 16th, 2024 Arctic Winter Games

Respectfully submitted February 14, 2024 by Secretary Janet Johnson

Janet L. Johnson, BCC Secretary
BCC President

Minutes

RSA 20 Advisory Board Meeting
December 28 2023
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I. CALL TO ORDER:

Meeting Called off at 7:03 PM by Tom Phillips

II. Pledge OF ALLEGIENCE

Tom Phillips

III. DETERMINATION OF QUORUM— QUORUM

A; Tom Phillips, , Bill Dale
s, Dustin Spidal MSB ,

IV. APPROVAL OF AGENDA— Approved Tom & Bill

V. APPROVAL OF MINUTES— October 26 2023 approved Bill & Tom

VI. AGENCY REPORTS -- Dustin mentioned the new contract

VII. Staff Report— Dustin ccommented that Erica contract should start in March also that there is \$100,000 for each Wade Dr. and Tuxedo bridge.

VIII. Contractor - Dawn Harris Reported fairly good winter, . Will start grading as needed. Brushing first week of May. Shoulderwork on asphalt. Stevens Lake subdivision gained tracktion D & S to do punch list.

ix. BOARD MEMBER REPORTS: .

Todd requested a work session to look at unmaintained roads regarding impact of residents.

Special meeting to work on unmaintained roads.

X. OLD BUSINESS: Erica pavement is now on the RIP list, address the sub-standard railway crossing of Lynx Lake Road.

**XI. NEW BUSINESS: Received a request to add Giggly Girls Road to the maintenance list. What's the statues?
Winter maintenance contract?**

XIII. CORRESPONDENCE. none

XIV. Next meeting is scheduled for December 28 2023

XV. Motioned to adjourn, 8:00 pm



2-27-24

RSA Supervisor

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**South Knik River Community Council
Regular Meeting Minutes, Thursday, 16 Feb 2023**

Location: SKRCC Building
17958 E Knik River Rd
Palmer, AK 99645

1. SKRCC President, Merak Viens, called the meeting to order at 7:03 pm. Those present recited the Pledge of Allegiance.
2. Quorum reached at 7:10 pm with 4 board members and 9 others present of whom at least 8 were residents.
3. Agenda approved.
4. 17 Nov 2022 meeting minutes approved.
5. Reports/Guests:
 - a. No legislative report.
 - b. No Assembly Report:
 - c. Treasurer Report:

Savings acct: \$	1,775.59
CAP Funds \$	21,333.74
 - d. Secretary Report: 2024 CAP Grant Fund application submitted
 - e. Butte Fire Chief report: Chief Shipton provided positive updates on the Butte Fire Station qualifications and training.
6. New Business:
 - a. Sustina Basin Rec Advisory Board 22 Feb 23 meeting was cancelled.
 - b. Raven's Perch at Alaska Glacier Lodge has a completing application with Meier Lake for the one available liquor license. Expect a decision in March.
 - c. The Knik River Gold Star Monument project is seeking letters of support from community councils and others. The project will upgrade the Knik River access point area and Reflections Lake. Joe Meehan, program director, answered questions during the meeting via phone. Unanimous decision to write a letter of support for the project on behalf of the SKRCC. Anne will draft a letter and send to Board members for comment. Letter will be sent to Joe Meehan for inclusion in the formal application. Letter of support is due NLT 28 Feb 2023.

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d. Pavilion project is set for completion this summer. Paul will order trusses as it may take a few months for delivery given the start of construction season. Wayne and Craig said they would help with the project.

e. Chief Shipton explained the CERT (Community Emergency Response Team). We are seeking volunteers to complete training, who will work with emergency responders. Training is a certified FEMA class. Class will be taught when enough volunteers are available. Chief Shipton will invite the Emergency Management office to give a presentation at our next meeting. In the meantime, please solicit interested individuals.

7. Announcements:

a. Kathleen Shoop provided an update on the YMCA. They will be offering swimming lessons on Sundays at the borough pools.

b. Volunteer appreciation to Mark Simpson for donating a beautiful arial photo of Knik Glacier to hang in the council building.

8. Meeting adjourned at 8:02 pm.

Approved.



Merak Viens
SKRCC President

16/Apr/23

Date

Attest.



Anne Houseal
SKRCC Secretary

16 May 23

Date

South Knik River Community Council
Regular Meeting Minutes, Thursday, 16 Mar 2023

Location: SKRCC Building
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1. SKRCC President, Merak Viens, called the meeting to order at 7:01 pm. Those present recited the Pledge of Allegiance.
2. Quorum reached with 6 board members and 11 others present of whom at least 6 were residents.
3. Agenda approved with the correction of the meeting date.
4. 16 Feb 2023 meeting minutes approved.
5. Reports/Guests:
 - a. No legislative report.
 - b. Assembly Report: Tim Hale sent an email update. Austin Helmers Trailhead parking lot expansion is approved, but may not happen this summer. Better ambulance will be fully staffed 10 am to 10 pm beginning next month. Some assembly members are trying to de-regulate mining operations of less than 10K cubic yards, a five fold increase over the current exemption. In short, a gravel pit could open up anywhere in the borough with no notice to neighbors, no public input, and no enforcement options for bad actors. Tim opposes this move. If you have strong feelings either way there is public comments hearing at the regularly scheduled assembly meeting on 21 Mar 23 at 6 pm.
 - c. Treasurer Report: Tax filing still an issue. Lori will re-engage with IRS. Funds balances will be presented at the April meeting.
 - d. Secretary Report: Letter of support for the Knik River Gold Star Monument Project was signed by President Viens and sent to the project coordinator on 21 Feb 2023. Anne read the letter to those present.
 - e. CERT Training: Talon Boeve, from MSB Emergency Services addressed everyone about Community Emergency Response Team training. SKRCC decided to host training in our community council building on 27 and 29 Apr and 4 and 6 May. SKRCC will provide refreshments for the Thursday classes and lunch for the Saturday classes. SKRCC community members will have priority, but the class will be open to public.

6. New Business:

a. State of Alaska AMCO board sent an email that both Meier Lake Lodge and Raven's Perch applications had merit, so AMCO flipped a coin and Meier Lake received the available liquor license.

b. Paul tried to obtain measurements from the bracing in the pavilion cement pad, but the snow was too deep for accurate measurements. As soon as he is able, he will submit a truss order.

e. Facility use discussion: Wayne agreed to review our insurance policy for building use. There was a suggestion to draft up safety guidelines for use of the building and grounds.

f. Members discussed the need to continue working on unfinished projects, including painting the interior and exterior of the building.

7. Announcements:

a. Nominations for board members due next month.

b. Volunteer appreciation to Bob Hicks for keeping the driveway and parking area plowed, Paul Houser checking on the building throughout the winter, and Mark Simpson for more aerial pictures.

8. Meeting adjourned at 8:10pm.

Approved.

Merak Viens

20/04/23

Merak Viens
SKRCC President

Date

Attest.

Anne Houseal

Anne Houseal
SKRCC Secretary

20 April 23

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South Knik River Community Council
Regular Meeting Minutes, Thursday, 20 Apr 2023

Location: SKRCC Building
17958 E Knik River Rd
Palmer, AK 99645

1. SKRCC President, Merak Viens, called the meeting to order at 7:02 pm. Those present recited the Pledge of Allegiance.
2. Quorum reached with 6 board members and 14 others present of whom at least 6 were residents.
3. Agenda approved.
4. 16 Mar 2023 meeting minutes approved.
5. Reports/Guests:
 - a. No legislative report.
 - b. No assembly Report
 - c. Treasurer Report: Clarified that previous months totals were unavailable because CAP funds are in three different accounts at Mat Valley Credit Union and were not totaled prior to meeting, so totals would be given at April meeting.

Savings acct: \$ 1,819.16
CAP Funds \$ 21,033.42

990N submitted and accepted by the IRS. Thanks to Lori Hobbs for sticking with this.

- d. Secretary Report: Paid utility bills
6. New Business:
 - a. MSB Comprehensive Plan and Visioning Session presented by Kelsey Anderson.
 - b. Trusses have been ordered via SBS, but we do not have a cost yet
 - c. 15 people have signed up for Community Emergency Response Training (CERT) classes begin next week. Most are from our community council area.
 - d. Spring Clean up: Requested a dumpster to be placed on site of our property. Focused efforts the week of 15 May, culminating on Saturday, 20 May, with a cook out and pot luck from noon - 4 pm or until food runs out. Marietta is point of contact, will have bags out, and is securing donations for a raffle for those who help clean up.

e. MSB notified SKRCC of supplemental CAP grant for 2023 for \$15,345. Anne submitted an application on behalf of the SKRCC.

f. Emailed out the Coordinated Human Services Transportation Plan Draft. Short turn around time for public input.

g. Nominations accepted for board director positions: Diane Phillips, Wayne Martin, and Marietta Plummer. Joe Plummer nominated to remain as Treasurer. Still need nominations for President, Vice President, and Secretary.

7. Announcements:


a. Announced dates for public meetings for spending Opioid Settlement Funds.

b. Made available a Plat request for comments.

c. Volunteer appreciation to Marietta Plummer for Spring Clean up prep and Paul Houser for pavilion truss ordering

8. Meeting adjourned at 8:21pm.

Approved.


Dennis Sayer
SKRCC Vice President

Date

5-18-2023

Attest.


Anne Houseal
SKRCC Secretary

Date

18 May '23

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**South Knik River Community Council
Regular Meeting Minutes, Thursday, 18 May 2023**

Location: SKRCC Building
17958 E Knik River Rd
Palmer, AK 99645

1. SKRCC Vice President, Dennis Sayer, called the meeting to order at 7:07 pm. Those present recited the Pledge of Allegiance.
2. Quorum reached with 6 board members and 16 others present of whom at least 6 were residents.
3. Agenda approved.
4. 20 Apr 2023 meeting minutes approved.
5. Reports/Guests:
 - a. Legislative report. Bill Gamble, Chief of Staff for DeLena Johnson, fielded questions and shared that the summer focus will be Old Glenn Hwy improvements within our community council area and the Butte.
 - b. MSB Planner, Rick Antonio, briefed the new criteria for submitting CIP projects to the borough which includes 5 specific criteria. Anyone may submit a project, but it holds greater punch if the community provides a letter of support backing the project.
 - c. No Assembly Report
 - c. Secretary Report: Supplemental CAP funds for 2023 received: \$15,345
 - d. Treasurer Report: Savings and CAP Fund balances provided.
6. New Business:
 - a. Paul shared that the truss and wood package for pavilion were ordered through SBS.
 - b. Wayne briefed that Community Emergency Response Training (CERT) training was thorough and good. The next step is more individual training and we have the option to form a CERT team in our area. Interested persons who want to be certified can contact Talon Boeve at the MSB Emergency Services.
 - c. Spring Clean up: Marietta briefed that the dumpster will be on site Friday, 19 May. Saturday, 20 May, is major clean up day with a cook out and pot luck from noon - 4 pm or until food runs out. She has secured several door prizes and already gave one out for free ice cream to a parent and child who were cleaning up this past week.

d. Our Comprehensive Plan was completed in 2014 and has not been updated. Several changes have taken place since then and the 80+ page document is due for review. A group of folks will review the document, and any proposed changes would be addressed with the community before incorporation into an updated plan. Volunteers interested in working on the review include, Anne, Kathleen Shoop, Marietta Plummer, and Paul. Others are welcome. The comprehensive plan is easy to find on the MSB web site.

e. New SKRCC Board member unanimously elected:

Craig Price	President
Dennis Sayer	Vice President
Anne Houseal	Secretary
Joe Plummer	Treasurer
Diane Phillips	Director
Wayne Martin	Director
Marietta Plummer	Director

f. Summer projects (besides pavilion): patch and paint interior of building, complete remaining small projects like ceiling fan installation, possibly power wash and paint exterior, purchase picnic tables for pavilion, create a fire pit off to the side of the pavilion, and some minor electrical work.

g. Considered purchases: Discussed options for screen and projector type set up to facilitate presentations and other community uses.

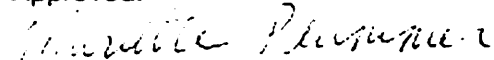
7. Announcements:

a. Kathleen Shoop shared that the Mat Su Health Foundation annual dinner is 2 Jun and only \$5 per person

b. Volunteer appreciation to Marietta Plummer for Spring Clean up efforts.

8. Meeting adjourned at 8:28pm.

Approved.



Marietta Plummer
SKRCC Director

17 Aug 23

Date

Attest.



Anne Houseal
SKRCC Secretary

17 Aug 23

Date

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South Knik River Community Council
Regular Meeting Minutes, Thursday, 17 Aug 2023

Location: SKRCC Building
17958 E Knik River Rd
Palmer, AK 99645

1. SKRCC President, Craig Price, called the meeting to order at 7:05 pm. Those present recited the Pledge of Allegiance.
2. Quorum reached with 5 board members and 26 others present of whom at least 7 were residents.
3. Agenda approved.
4. 18 May 2023 meeting minutes approved.
5. Reports/Guests:
 - a. SKRCC President introduced himself, thanked everyone for their participation and attendance, and welcomed all to the meeting.
 - b. Legislative report: Sen Hughes newsletter was handed out.
 - c. Assembly Report, Tim Hale: Budget passed, gravel ordinance passed and vetoed by Mayor, water body set back ordinance will have public meetings for up to a year for opportunities to provide input, Eric Phillips said Austin Helmers trailhead parking lot funding was cut, but will try again next year, and Old Glenn Highway Mile 7 compound is on state land and one corner is Chugach State Park. Troopers assisting but last attempt the person was on vacation out of state. On 8 Aug, Assembly held a round table discussion with community councils regarding junk and trash. Borough leadership heard valuable insight and ideas. Planning another this fall.
 - d. Tim Zallinger shared that Mat Valley Rebuild was in the middle of a fundraising campaign to pay for their new location on the Palmer-Wasilla Highway. He explained what Mat Valley Rebuild provides to the community and offered insight into what he hopes to see offered in the future.
 - e. Secretary Report: Completed the Biennial report with the State of Alaska. We remain in good standing. Paid utility bills, ordered fuel oil and paid invoice, paid annual insurance bill, drafted letter for SKRCC President to sign in support of MEA to pursue grants, and paid for material costs for pavilion and interior work on building.

f. Treasurer Report:

Savings acct: \$ 2,104.69
CAP Funds \$ 26,634.64

6. New Business:


- a. Statewide Transportation Improvement Program (STIP) handout provided. Email just received with a 3 Sep 23 deadline for comments.
- b. Paul provided an update on the pavilion project. Majority of work complete. Additional gravel needed for sides and front of concrete pad. Bob Hicks completed the mud, taping, and painting inside the meeting building.
- c. MSB Survey deadline for input is 31 Aug 2023. Sent out link in email and posted on informal Knik River and Butte Facebook page. Hard copies made available at meeting.
- d. Attempts to meet over the summer on our Comprehensive Plan were not successful. Will attempt again this year to set up some reviews.
- e. We plan on purchasing and installing some type of capability for on screen ability in the building this fall.
- f. AST strongly encourages calling non-emergency dispatch and report every time you hear motor cycle races on Knik River Rd and Old Glenn Highway. Be prepared to provide nearest cross street for reference. Tim Hale echoed this request. Call 907-352-5401

7. Announcements:

- a. Volunteer appreciation to Paul Houser, Bob Hicks, Craig Price, and Joe Plummer for the cook out, completing the pavilion, and completing the interior walls of building.
- b. Bear mischief caused a mess in the outhouse. Fixed issue to prevent recurrence.
- c. Hunting season is almost upon us. Be safe, know the regs and watch out for others.
- d. Just announced that Jim Creek Salmon fishing is closed until 31 Dec 2023.
- e. MSB Landfill will have free dumping 16-30 Sep 2023.

8. Meeting adjourned at 8:09 pm.

Approved.


Marietta Plummer
SKRCC Director

9/21/2023
Date

Attest.


Anne Houseal
SKRCC Secretary

21 Sep 2023
Date

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South Knik River Community Council
Regular Meeting Minutes, Thursday, 21 Sep 2023

Location: SKRCC Building
17958 E Knik River Rd
Palmer, AK 99645

1. SKRCC Vice President, Dennis Sayer, called the meeting to order at 7:03 pm. Those present recited the Pledge of Allegiance.
2. Quorum reached with 6 board members and 22 others present of whom at least 6 were residents.
3. Agenda approved.
4. 17 Aug 2023 meeting minutes approved.
5. Reports/Guests:
 - a. Legislative report. Annalise Roberts, Chief of Staff for Sen Hughes provided an update on current events in the state legislature. Of note, biological males may not compete in female sports, which is expected to go to court. She Hughes supports a rail at Port McKenzie and the PFD is set at \$1312.
 - b. Assembly Report: No report
 - c. Secretary Report: Paid last month's cook out, grill, gravel, and utility expenses.
 - d. Treasurer Report:

Savings acct: \$ 2,173.26
CAP Funds \$ 24,439.02
6. New Business:
 - a. Platting and planning: Two platting issues received. No known concerns regarding the lot combination on Wycoff Dr, but numerous individuals commented against the subdivision of an 11.31 acre lot referred to as "Knik River Place" Tax ID# 7275000T00A. Public comments may be submitted in writing or via email plating@matluggus.com. Barney Eberhardt motioned for "The South Knik River Community Council to object the proposal to create 9 lots from Tract A, The Cedars, Plat No 2014-7, to be known as Knik River Place, within an existing 11.31 acre parcel. This proposal is in opposition to the South Knik River Comprehensive Plan, specifically pages 21, 22, and 23 which state in part that growth and development should be limited and controlled in a way that does not impact in a detrimental manner, the quiet, rural atmosphere desired by this community. And to ensure future development is compatible with adjacent properties." The full written objection is attached to these minutes. Motion seconded and unanimously supported.

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b. Wayne Martin agreed to head up a committee to offer suggestions for an emergency storage facility and emergency/disaster response equipment needs for the community. Committee will report back after the new year with proposals for purchases to begin in 2024.

d. Mat Valley Rebuild submitted a request to our community council for \$8K. Historically, we have not funded any outside requests while we are still trying to fill our community needs. Unanimous decision not to support request.

e. Resident Merle Mullen via emails and phone call requested the SKRCC take formal action to protest approving the MJ renewal application for Ryan Ruff located on Snowball due to reasons she cited. After much discussion, no action taken on request.

f. Last minute email received before meeting for a final call for support of the the utility code amendment. May submit comments until noon, 22 Sep 2023. An email with details was a sent to those on the email list.

g. In light of concerns raised with non-compliance of the Comprehensive Plan, Mike Baker motioned the South Knik River Community Council pursue a Special Use District (SPUD) to enforce the Comprehensive Plan. Motion seconded, discussed, and unanimously approved. Anne agreed to find a person who will attend our next meeting and explain the process.

7. Announcements:


a. John Nystrom expressed concern that his business sign near the head of Knik River Rd has been removed more than once. No other signs at the head of the road have been removed. He feels he is being targeted. If anyone knows anything, he would appreciate being notified.

b. Craig Reich also felt he was being targeted as the DOT approached him about his business sign being in the DOT ROW easement without authorization/waiver, but other signs along the road within the ROW easement are not being addressed.

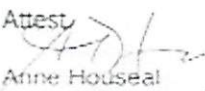
c. Dennis Sayer expressed concern about the ATV trails east of the Manmade Lake entrance. Anne reminded everyone to call serious concerns in to the AK DOT Mat Su office.

8. Meeting adjourned at 8:26 pm.

Approved,


Marietta Plummer
SKRCC Director

11/19/2023
Date

Attest,

Anne Houseal
SKRCC Secretary

19 OCT 2023
Date

MATANUSKA-SUSITNA BOROUGH
PLATTING DIVISION
350 EAST DAHLIA AVENUE
PALMER, ALASKA 99645

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SOUTH KNIK RIVER COMMUNITY COUNCIL
17958 E KNIK RIVER RD
PALMER AK 99645

NOTIFICATION OF PUBLIC HEARING

The Matanuska-Susitna Borough Platting Board will consider the following:

PETITIONER/OWNER: CHIA HSI CHIAVETTA

REQUEST: The request is to create nine lots from Tract A, The Cedars, Plat No. 2014-7, to be known as **KNIK RIVER PLACE**, containing 11.31 acres +/- (Tax ID# 7275000T00A). A Public Use Easement recorded on September 28, 2017 at Reception No. 2017-040154-0 and the adjoining 15' wide utility easement will be vacated to allow for the creation of a new access street. Access is from S. Nystrom Way, lying within the NW 1/4 Section 30, Township 16 North, Range 04 East, Seward Meridian, Alaska. In the South Knik Community Council and in Assembly District #1.

The Matanuska-Susitna Borough Platting Board will hold a public hearing at the Assembly Chambers at the Dorothy Swanda Jones Building, 350 E. Dahlia Avenue, Palmer, Alaska, on the proposed Subdivision. The public hearing is scheduled for October 5, 2023, starting at 1:00 p.m. We are sending you this notice as required by State Law and Borough Ordinances.

For comments regarding the proposed action, this form may be used for your convenience by filling in the information below and mail this notice to the MSB Platting Division, 350 E. Dahlia Avenue, Palmer, Alaska 99645 or e-mail: plattng@matnugov.us. Comments received from the public after the platting board packet has been written and sent to the Board will be given to the Platting Board in a "Hand-Out" the day of the meeting. Please do not read comments or questions directly to Platting Board members. Board members may not receive or engage in ex parte contact with the applicant, other parties interested in the application, or members of the public concerning the application or issues presented in the application. All public comments are due one (1) day prior, by 12:00 p.m. To request additional information please contact the Platting Technician, Amy Otto-Buchanan at (907) 861-7872. To view the agenda or meeting packet please go to the following link: <https://www.matsugov.us/2023/09/20/2023-09-20-platting-board-meeting>

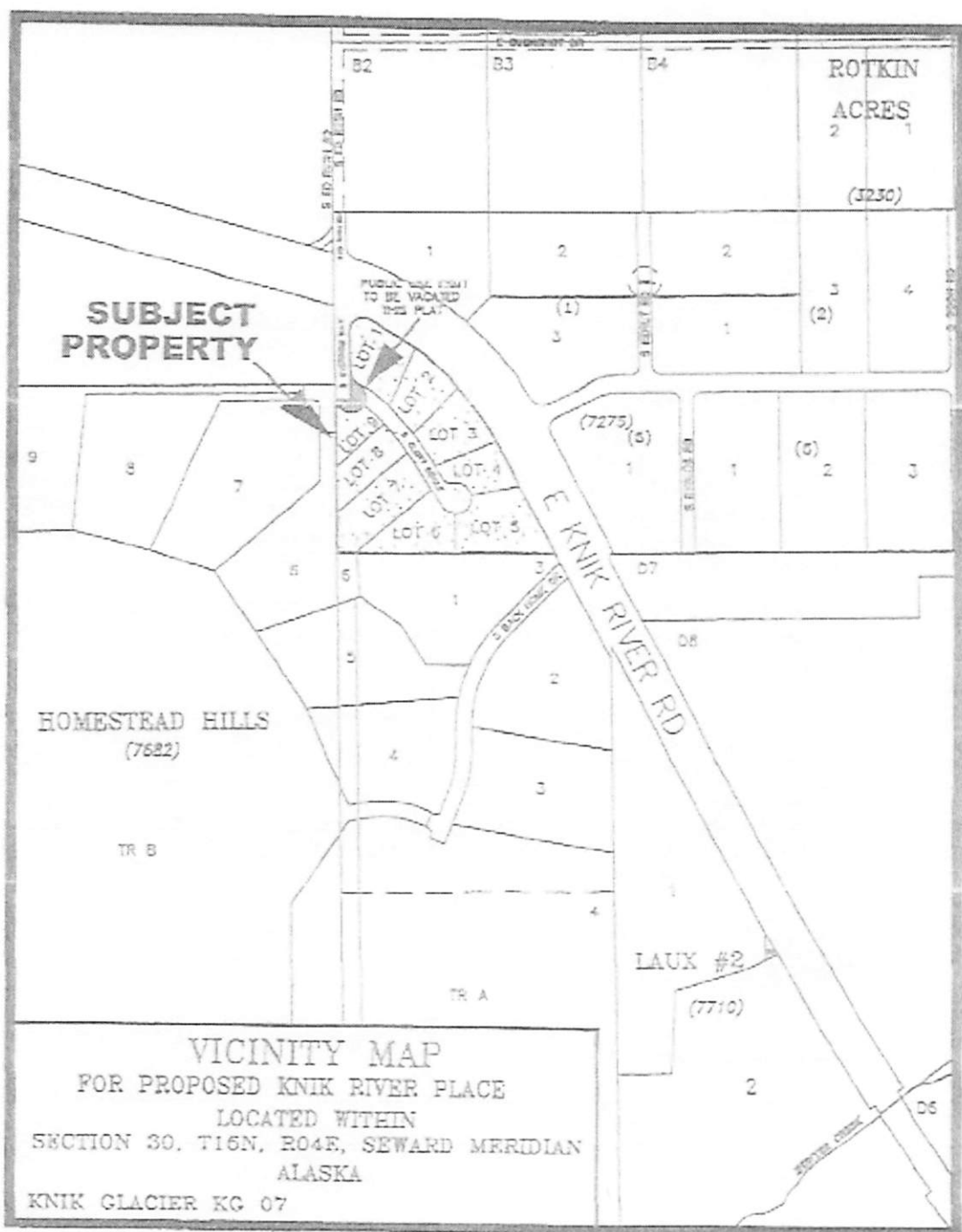
☐ No Objection ☒ Objection ☐ Concern

Name: SKR Comm Council Address: 17958 E Knik River Rd

Comments: Please see attached document

Case # 2023-006 AOB

Note: Vicinity Map Located on Reverse Side



At the 21 Sep 2023 meeting, the South Knik River Community Council voted unanimously to object to the proposal to create 9 lots from Tract A, The Cedars, Plat No 2014-7, to be known as Knik River Place, within an existing 11.31 acre parcel, which also includes vacating a public use easement in order to construct a new access street. This proposal is in opposition to the South Knik River Comprehensive Plan, specifically pages 21, 22, and 23, which state in part:

Page 21, SKR Comprehensive Plan

"The South Knik River Community is a scenic, quiet, rural community. It is the desire of the community to preserve the area's scenic and residential qualities including high air and water quality, quiet atmosphere, privacy and outdoor recreation opportunities. **Growth and development should be limited and controlled in a way that does not impact in a detrimental manner, the quiet, rural atmosphere desired by this community.**"

Page 22, South Knik River Comprehensive Plan:

This character includes low density housing, limited traffic, few governmental services, pristine views, presence of wildlife, and ready access to trails, rivers, lakes, and recreation. Strategies to maintain and enhance this rural character include:

Recommendation:

- o Protect air, water, wildlife, and land quality while reducing impacts to nearby properties from traffic, noise, pollution, lighting, etc.
- o Protect recreation opportunities and enhance the quality of life for South Knik River Community residents.
- o Ensure future development is compatible with adjacent properties and has gone through a review period that includes at least one meeting of the SKRCC.

(SKRCC Note: This proposal is out of character for the surrounding low density subdivisions located off Ed Rush, Phoenixia, Back Home Dr, and the remainder of Nystrom Way.)

Page 23, South Knik River Comprehensive Plan

Residents feel a lifestyle that supports recreational opportunities in a rural community is best achieved with minimal growth and low density.

Vast views, space, and recreational opportunities are available in the community because of the current development pattern and residents would like to keep it this way.

Recommendations:

- o **The need to preserve the rural character with minimal growth is of the utmost importance to the population** through preservation of natural vegetation, open space requirements, and vegetative buffers on water bodies
- o Protect water quality, soil erosion, and ensure that development can adequately provide infrastructure needs, such as roads, emergency access, and other related concerns.
- o **Provide for a variety of lot sizes and development patterns throughout the community, utilizing subdivision design methods that encourage rural character and green space.**

Submitted on behalf of the South Knik River Community Council (SKRCC)

A Houseal, Secretary, SKRCC

3 Oct 2023

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1. SKRCC Vice President, Dennis Sayer, called the meeting to order at 7:00 pm. Those present recited the Pledge of Allegiance.
2. Quorum reached with 5 board members and 16 others present of whom at least 7 were residents.
3. Agenda approved.
4. 21 Sep 2023 meeting minutes approved.
5. Reports/Guests:
 - a. Legislative report: Annaliese Roberts, Chief of Staff for Sen Hughes provided an update on current events in the state legislature, specifically addressing the Alaska Food Strategy Task Force meeting at the Egan Center on 10 Nov '23. Sen Hughes is Chair of the Task Force.
 - b. Assembly Report: No report
 - c. Secretary Report: Paid utility expenses.
 - d. Treasurer Report:

Savings acct: \$ 2,185.75
CAP Funds \$ 24,337.14
6. New Business:
 - a. The platting issue at "Knik River Place" the community was against last month was approved.
 - b. Kelsey Andersen, MSB Planner, provided an overview of MSB policy on Special Use Districts (SpUDs). SpUDs are part of MSB policy. They follow the process of comprehensive plans and the process takes about a year. Existing SpUDs are located in Title 17 of MSB Code.
 - c. DOT repaired the guard rail at the bottom of Bingham's Hill, driving west. They are aware of the erosion in two spots east of Manmade Lake. Refer all community DOT road issues to the Mat Su DOT Office.

d. Rep DeLena Johnson listened to suggestions/concerns on ways to improve road safety on the Old Glenn Highway. After discussion, there was unanimous agreement for Resolution 1-2023, introduced by Jeff Cichocz, and seconded, recommending the State of Alaska designate the Old Glenn Highway as an official safety corridor and provide funding for the planning design, and construction of a multi-phased improvement project on the Old Glenn Highway to address traffic safety concerns and ensure adequate alternate access to interior Alaska. Unanimous agreement that details would be documented in one week's time.

7. Announcements:

a. MSB Elections on 7 Nov 2023. Only one item for us, a \$38M road improvement with a 50% matching funds requirement.

b. Volunteer appreciation to Brett Lang, Kateri Houser, Anne Houseal, and Joe Plummer for spreading and packing the loads of gravel around the pavilion.

c. Seven public workshops on MSB Comprehensive Plan. Our area is set for 15 Nov 2023 at Butte Elementary from 6-8 pm.

8. Meeting adjourned at 8:16 pm.

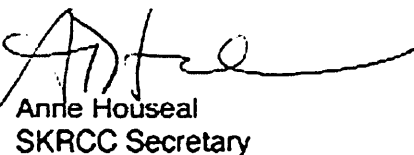
Approved.



Craig Price
SKRCC President

Date 11/16/23

Attest.



Annie Houseal
SKRCC Secretary

16 Nov 23
Date

Addendum - SKRCC 19 Oct 2023 meeting minutes:

Resolution 1-2023 details finalized 26 Oct 2023, approved by SKRCC President on 27 Oct 23, and sent to Assembly Rep Tim Hale and Rep DeLena Johnson's office. Nine individuals were present for the meeting on 26 Oct 2023.

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**South Knik River Community Council
Regular Meeting Minutes, Thursday, 16 Nov 2023**

Location: SKRCC Building
17958 E Knik River Rd
Palmer, AK 99645

1. SKRCC President, Craig Price called the meeting to order at 7:00 pm. Those present recited the Pledge of Allegiance.
2. Quorum reached with 6 board members and 12 others present of whom at least 6 were residents.
3. Agenda approved.
4. 19 Oct 2023 meeting minutes approved.
5. Reports/Guests:
 - a. Legislative report: Steve Knouse, Legislative Rep for Sen Hughes, provided an update. Highlights included as the Chair of the Food Security Task Force, she is working on more food independence. Website is alaskafoodsecurity.org. Also, Sen Hughes is proposing a school safety bill that would train people in the schools to fill in during emergencies until official help arrives
 - b. Assembly Report: No report
 - c. Secretary Report: Utility bills and plowing services paid.
 - d. Treasurer Report: Balances for savings account and CAP funds provided.
6. New Business:
 - a. Platting proposal to combine two lots in Windsong Subdivision.
 - b. Kelsey Andersen, MSB Planner, sent an email stating information on next steps for the SpUD planning process should be available by the end of the month.
 - c. Vlastic Merak proposed Resolution 2-2023, in Support of Alaska Grand Jury Power to Investigate. Resolution was seconded, discussed and unanimously supported. See attached.

7. Announcements:

- a. Kathleen Shoop announced the Chutes and Ladders fund raiser set for the second weekend in April 2024.
 - b. Bright up the Night is at the Fairgrounds in Palmer 23 Nov-31 December 2023
 - c. Janet Read offered several books, free for the taking.
 - c. Volunteer appreciation to Mike Baker for taking care of some electrical and IT work.
8. Meeting adjourned at 7:34 pm.

Approved.


Wayne Martin
SKRCC Director

2-15-24
Date

Attest.


Anne Houseal
SKRCC Secretary

15 Feb 24
Date

SOUTH KNIK RIVER COMMUNITY COUNCIL
RESOLUTION NO. 1-2023

A RESOLUTION OF THE SOUTH KNIK RIVER COMMUNITY COUNCIL RECOMMENDING THAT THE STATE OF ALASKA DESIGNATE THE OLD GLENN HIGHWAY AS AN OFFICIAL SAFETY CORRIDOR AND PROVIDE FUNDING FOR THE PLANNING, DESIGN, AND CONSTRUCTION OF A MULTI-PHASED IMPROVEMENT PROJECT ON THE OLD GLENN HIGHWAY TO ADDRESS TRAFFIC SAFETY CONCERNS AND ENSURE ADEQUATE ALTERNATE ACCESS TO INTERIOR ALASKA

WHEREAS, the Old Glenn Highway provides the only alternative access between Anchorage and Interior Alaska/Canada in the event of a road closure in the high trafficked "flats" section of the Glenn Highway from Milepost (MP) 30 to 35

WHEREAS, the Old Glenn Highway is considered a "high risk rural road" by the Department of Transportation and Public Facilities and currently ranks among the most dangerous segments of road in the state.

WHEREAS, the Old Glenn Highway from MP 1 to 17 is narrow and poorly lit with vehicles traveling at very high rates of speed.

WHEREAS, since 2018 development from MP1 to 17, properties only accessible from the Old Glenn Highway, has averaged 2% annual growth with approximately 242 properties developed, with an additional 160 properties planned for residential development on the east side of the Matanuska River beginning in 2024.

WHEREAS, the traffic and safety concerns on the Old Glenn Highway will exponentially increase as development in the area continues to accelerate.


THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SOUTH KNIK RIVER COMMUNITY COUNCIL that:

The Old Glenn Highway from MP 1 to 17 be designated as a safety corridor and funded for a multi-phased highway improvement project to ensure safe passage for local residents and provide resilient alternative access out of Anchorage for residential and commercial traffic.

THEREFORE, BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED BY THE SOUTH KNIK RIVER COMMUNITY COUNCIL that:

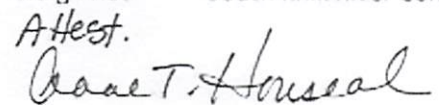
A proactive approach is needed to ensure the safety of the traveling public scales with the rapid rate of development and that a long term improvement project be added to the Statewide Transportation Improvement Program (STIP).

Resolved and affirmed this 27 day of October, 2023, by the South Knik River Community Council President, whose official signature is here below affixed.



Craig Price South Knik River Community Council

Attest.


ANNE T. HOUSEAL, SKRCC Secretary

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SOUTH KNIK RIVER COMMUNITY COUNCIL
RESOLUTION NO. 2-2023

RESOLUTION OF THE SOUTH KNIK RIVER COMMUNITY COUNCIL
IN SUPPORT OF ALASKA GRAND JURY POWER TO INVESTIGATE

WHEREAS, Alaska's Constitution specifically states: *"The power of grand juries to investigate and make recommendations concerning the public welfare or safety shall never be suspended".* (See Article I, Section 8.)

WHEREAS, on-the-record commentary of the 55 Delegates who wrote Alaska's Constitution says: *"The grand jury is preserved, for all purposes, particularly for investigation of public officials... The power of grand juries to inquire into the willful misconduct in office of public officers, and to find indictments in connection therewith, shall never be suspended."* and *"The grand jury can be appealed to directly, which is an invaluable right to the citizen."* (Alaska Constitutional Convention transcript page 1328.)

WHEREAS, Alaska implemented statutes reinforcing grand jury rights state: *AS 12.40.030 "The grand jury shall inquire into all crimes committed or triable within the jurisdiction of the court and present them to the court. The grand jury shall have the power to investigate and make recommendations concerning the public welfare or safety."*

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SOUTH KNIK RIVER COMMUNITY COUNCIL
that:

In time of peace no citizen can perform a higher duty than that of Grand Jury service.

The grand jury can choose matters on which it reports and recommends, and the manner in which to do so.

Its constitutional power shall never be suspended.

Resolved and affirmed this 16th day of November 2023, by the South Knik River Community Council President, whose official signature is here below affixed.



Craig Price, South Knik River Community Council

Attest.



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Secretary, South Knik River Community Council

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SOUTH KNIK RIVER (SKR) COMMUNITY COUNCIL
RESOLUTION NO. 1-2024

**A RESOLUTION OF THE SOUTH KNIK RIVER COMMUNITY COUNCIL RECOMMENDING THAT THE
MATANUSKA-SUSITNA BOROUGH DESIGNATE THE SOUTH KNIK RIVER COMMUNITY COUNCIL AREA AS
AN OFFICIAL SPECIAL LAND USE DISTRICT**

WHEREAS, the published goal of the SKR community is a scenic, quiet, rural community that desires to preserve the area's scenic and residential qualities including high air and water quality, quiet atmosphere, privacy and outdoor recreation opportunities, where growth and development should be limited and controlled in a way that does not impact in a detrimental manner, the quiet, rural atmosphere desired by this community,

WHEREAS, the SKR community has numerous natural resources needing protection, as well as the health, safety, welfare, and social and economic well being of those residents and land owners within the immediate boundaries and the community as a whole,

WHEREAS, the SKR Comprehensive Plan has no enforcement and the peace, tranquility, and rural nature of living in the area is eroding,

WHEREAS, trash and illegal dumping on public and private lands has increased significantly over the last 10 years,

WHEREAS, private property is being infringed upon,

WHEREAS, new development lot sizes are being approved and developed against the desires of the community as identified in the South Knik River Comprehensive Plan,

WHEREAS, a substantial increase in helicopter landing pads, traffic, and noise is ruining the peaceful atmosphere once enjoyed, specifically mentioned as a concern in the SKR Comprehensive Plan and recent 2023 Mat Su survey,

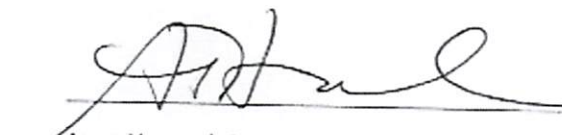
THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SOUTH KNIK RIVER COMMUNITY COUNCIL that:

The SKR Community Council requests a Special Land Use District. A proactive, immediate approach is needed to ensure the safety, health, and well being of residents and land owners, ensure responsible growth and development, protect and enforce the quiet, rural nature of our area, and protect the natural resources.

Resolved and affirmed this 15th day of Feb, 2024, by the South Knik River Community Council Director acting on behalf of the President, whose official signature is here below affixed.

 2-15-24
Wayne Martin, South Knik River Community Council

Attest.

 15 Feb 24
Anne Houseal Secretary, South Knik River Community Council



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GENERAL MEMBERSHIP MEETING MINUTES January 23, 2024

LOCATION Sleepy Hollow golf course at 2721 E Sleepy Hollow Cir
and/or Zoom meeting ID: 898 6138 3709 or telephone 346-248-7799

CALLED TO ORDER 7:03:pm AKST

ATTENDEES Corine Hickey, Rachel Lund, Will Hastings

APPROVAL OF PREVIOUS MEETING MINUTES

Motion I motion to amend previous meeting minutes dated November 28, 2023 under section "Roundtable discussion". The amendment to November 28, 2023 meeting minutes should read as follows: the comments by Will H. should read as follows: At this time Tanaina Community Council has been notified of two lot line encroachments in same subdivision. TCC notes that a second lot line adjustment in one of Tanaina's newer subdivisions (Suslositna Place) has been requested and required due to encroachment. We note that this property and another lot line adjustment for encroachment, for a separate property, have occurred within the span of 1 year. Both adjustments were required after homes had been built on the properties in question." Motion Will Hastings and 2nd Rachel Lund passed unanimously

Motion I motion to approve amended previous meeting minutes dated November 28, 2023 and today agenda as written. Motion Will Hastings and 2nd Rachel Lund passed unanimously

TREASURER'S REPORT: Will Hastings

- Current balance \$44,653.08 in checking and \$25.07 in savings
- CAP have not yet been dispersed but the MOA has been signed.
- 2023 Taxes 990N have been filed.
- IRS log in created for TCC and Will H. created username and password

GUEST SPEAKER AND/OR ASSEMBLY REPRESENTATIVE:

- None

OLD BUSINESS

- Junk and Trash
 - Next meeting MSB group community council meeting on junk and trash not scheduled yet
- Heather Way Update (Corine H.)
 - Jesse Sumner make changes on house bill to support blighted property
 - No update from Jason Ortiz
 - On Court View Case number Masteg 3PA-23-02415CI

- Code Compliance Discussion
 - TCC (Will Hastings) had meeting with Jason Ortiz. Mr Ortiz gave update what's going on in community. Discussion that under code there no way to prioritize current 820 plus cases. We discussed how TCC proposals could help do that if approved by assemble code.

NEW BUSINESS

- Finance update- Discussion TCC funds invested in money market.
- Next meeting Tuesday February 27th at 7pm at Sleepy Hollow Golf Meetings are every 4th Tuesday in the month

PERSONS TO BE HEARD

- None

ROUNDTABLE DISCUSSION-AS REQUIRED

- None

8:02 Adjournment

Rachel Lund, TCC

Phil. King TCC