

Meeting Minutes – 3/8/00

I. Call to Order

The meeting was called to order by Ted Cox at 7:10 P.M, at the Fire Hall. A quorum was present.

Minutes from Last Meeting

Jim Courtney read the minutes from the February meeting. The minutes were adopted.

Treasurer's Report

There was no Treasurer's Report.

Correspondence

There was no new correspondence.

II. Old Business

- Laurie Courtney reported on assembly activity
- Gregory Nilsson discussed what he has learned so far about community patrols
- There was a discussion about the illegal dumping problem. Area residents whose trash had been dumped by others protested the fact that their names and documents were posted on the council's web page.
- Ted Cox reported that a new community council building from Talkeetna was on its way. Snow has been plowed from the council property.
- Ted Cox reported on the sentencing of convicted Butte Community Center arsonist Joey Denson.
- Ted Cox reminded the council of plans to re-designate the \$9000 trail grant for ski trails on council property.
- Combs Insurance provided the council with an insurance quote of \$849/year for liability insurance on the council's 25-acre parcel. Ted suggested we shop around for better rates.

III. New Business

Racetrack

- Earl Lackey of Alaska Raceway Park attended the meeting, seeking council support to change a 55-year lease of State land to a purchase. Mr. Lackey stated that he plans to update buildings and do some repaving, and make other improvements on land he already owns. Mr. Lackey enumerated the following items to illustrate his support of the community:
 - Removal of trash and 200 junk cars
 - Over \$200,000 spent on repaving and dust control
 - \$137,000 in capital improvements
 - A new \$175,000 house is located near the property
 - 1500 lbs of grass seed was planted

- Financial support of the Butte Fire Department, the Butte Community Council, Toys for Tots, the Muscular Distrophy Association, and the Mhari Cunningham fund.

Mr. Lackey also stated that many of the races are currently with 5-horsepower cars.

- Karen Hollingshead said that although the racetrack has been in existence since the 1960's, Mr. Lackey has had the racetrack for 4 years, during which time different kinds of cars began to use the track, and if allowed to grow, could affect property values negatively. Karen stated that a public hearing regarding the sale was in order.
- Frank Hollingshead stated that the jet cars at the track shook his windows. Frank asked Mr. Lackey who comprises his company, Top End Inc., and Mr. Lackey responded that it was just himself and his wife. Mr. Lackey stated that the racetrack runs only 23 days each year.
- Gregory Nilsson noted that under Alaska Statutes, the lease may be transferred only after the end of the lease, in 2018. Mr. Lackey responded that he applied for the change in April of 1999, and it has taken this long to work through the system. He said that the State prefers a sale, because it is easier to administer than a lease. Gregory asked Mr. Lackey how he got around the transfer limitation, and if anybody in the State was circumventing it. Mr. Lackey responded that he didn't know of any such activity.
- Brit Lively moved to request a public hearing from the State. Mr. Lackey said he had no concerns about a public hearing, other than further delays. Mr. Lackey stated that he knows of no other business that contributes as much to the Butte Community as the racetrack.
- Judy Aklestad spoke against council support for the change. She stated that the noise was ruining her way of life, and had sent 200 signatures to the borough two years ago.
- Mark Graham said he is for the racetrack, because the Butte is noisy from shooting anyway, and Mr. Lackey provides employment, hiring union labor.
- Jay ??? stated that he bought property near the racetrack specifically because of the racetrack.
- Brit's motion passed. Ted Cox will write a letter to the State requesting a public hearing.
- Gregory Nilsson suggested that the public hearing take place before further action on the sale. Karen Hollingshead moved to modify the previous motion. The motion passed.
- Ted Cox requested a motion to authorize expenditures of up to \$1000 for costs associated with the purchase of the 25 acres. Brit Lively made the motion. The motion passed.
- Ted requested a motion to authorize expenditures of up to \$1000 for costs associated with the new community council building. Brit Lively made the motion. The motion passed.
- Ted requested a motion authorizing himself and Mike Shields to handle the grant money for trails, lights, points of access, and gravel for the improvements to the council property. Gregory Nilsson made the motion, and the motion passed.
- There was discussion about a Spring Cleanup in mid-May. A free dump day should be scheduled and advertised, possibly by sending flyers home from the school.
- Sandy Thomas reminded the council of the community patrol meeting scheduled for March 22nd.

Jason Binder moved to adjourn at 8:10 pm. The motion passed.

Meeting Minutes – 4/12/00

I. Call to Order

The meeting was called to order by Ted Cox at 7:05 P.M, at the Fire Hall. A quorum was present.

Minutes from Last Meeting

Jim Courtney read the minutes from the March meeting. Karen Hollingshead corrected one item concerning her statement regarding property values. The minutes were adopted.

Treasurer's Report

Jim Courtney gave the Treasurer's Report. The checking account has \$5846.02.

Correspondence

There was no new correspondence.

II. Old Business

- Mike Shields discussed trails and trails grant money. Mike also stated that the bridges that were canceled last year would probably be installed this year.
- Ted Cox reported that the new community building has been placed on-site.

III. New Business

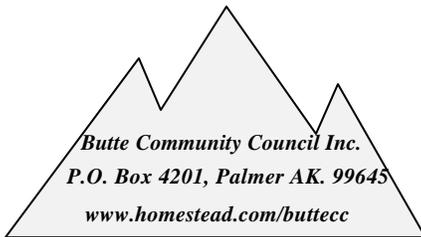
- Ted Cox called for nominations to fill a board vacancy. Gregory Nilsson nominated Karen Hollingshead, and Otto Binder nominated Lisa Lackey. Each nominee gave a statement. Karen Hollingshead was elected by a vote of 28-5.

Racetrack

- Ted Cox read the postcards the council planned to mail to residents of the council area as notification of the upcoming hearing on the land sale to Alaska Raceway Park. Ted requested that the council debate whether or not to take a stand on the issue.
- Gregory Nilsson said that this was the time to state feelings on the issue.
- Damone Aklestad pointed out that the people who show up at the meetings don't necessarily represent the whole community.
- Greg Nilsson asked Earl Lackey if there would ever be an oval motorcycle track, and Mr. Lackey responded that there would never be an oval track there.
- Sandy Thomas asked Mr. Lackey if there would be additional race days for motorcycles, and Mr. Lackey responded that there probably would be.
- Debbie Retherford stated that the council should take a position, because that's the way the system is set up. Debbie noted that it's not a personal issue, and that the concerns are solely about noise.
- Mr. Lackey stated that there would be no more nitro cars or jet cars.

- Karen Hollingshead agreed that the council should take a position, and stated she was afraid there would be no recourse if the lease was changed to a sale, and the racetrack was eventually sold.
- Mr. Lackey stated that he as always come to the council to discuss his plans, and he has always done what he said.
- David Pelto said that as some point, the racetrack would be sold, and the residents could end up with a bad neighbor. Once the property leaves State hands, there could be no controls.
- Mr. Lackey stated that he plans to leave the property to his children and grandchildren.
- Jerry Caires said that he supports a motion to oppose the sale. He also suggested that Mr. Lackey look into active noise cancellation technology.
- Karen Hollingshead made a motion for the council to oppose the sale of the land.
- Otto Binder stated that there would be less local control if the State kept the land.
- Debbie Retherford explained her view that financing of racetrack improvements would be easier if Mr. Lackey owned the land, rather than leasing it, and that more money would mean more noise, for which the Borough would have no solution.
- Sandy Thomas reported that AJ Schwitzenberg had just sold his track to a group of 15 racers, and there was no way of knowing what they were capable of.
- Mr. Lackey stated that the financing of sound suppression would also be easier if he owned the property.
- Ted Cox called for a vote on the motion for the council to oppose the sale of the land. The motion passed, with three in opposition. Ted will write a letter to the state and represent the council on the issue.
- Ted reiterated how much the council appreciates all Mr. Lackey has done for the council, and asked him not to take it personally.
- There was a discussion about the use of fireworks in the vicinity of the racetrack during race days, and Mr. Lackey stated that the racetrack security people do what they can to prevent illegal fireworks, including announcements on the loudspeaker.
- Ted Cox reminded the council that the Spring Cleanup is scheduled for May 13th.
- Ted asked for suggestions about where to put the 'No Dumping' signs being provided by the State.

Ted Cox moved to adjourn. The motion passed.



Meeting Minutes – 5/10/00

Minutes Adopted 6/14/00
Jim Courtney
Secretary, Butte CC

I. Call to Order

The meeting was called to order by Ted Cox at 7:10 P.M, at the Fire Hall. A quorum was present.

Minutes from Last Meeting

Jim Courtney read the minutes from the April meeting. Brit Lively moved to accept the minutes. The minutes were adopted.

Treasurer's Report

Jim Courtney gave the Treasurer's Report. The checking account has \$4951.57.

Correspondence

Ron Swanson of the Borough sent the council a letter requesting input for land management.

II. Old Business

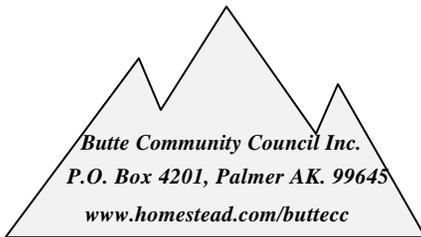
- Mike Shields gave the road report
- Mike Shields reported that the council property now has a 3200-foot triple-loop trail system in place. The trail is 10 feet wide, and will be suitable for hiking in the summer, and skiing in the winter.
- Larry DeVilbiss gave an assembly update.
- Brit Lively told Larry that the council would be providing input on public land, as requested by the Borough.
- Ted Cox reported that Bret Grube signed an admission of guilt regarding a dumping incident, and was fined \$100. However, he had collected over \$200 in the process of illegal dumping.
- Ted talked about the new weekend Trooper patrols in the Jim Creek area.
- Ted announced there would be free dump days on May 13th and June 17th.
- Ted reported that the council's application for 'Bed Tax' money for ski trails, and another trail up the back of the Butte, did not yield any grants.

III. New Business

- Jason binder has resigned from the council board. Karen Hollingshead nominated Tom Whitstine to the board. There were no objections, and Tom was elected.
- Ted Cox read a letter from Ron Swanson of the Borough. Ron wants the council to appoint a representative to provide input to a consultant from Land Design North regarding Borough land management. Gregory Nilsson moved to appoint Judy and Brit to represent the board, to provide input to the Borough regarding land management issues. The motion passed.
- Ted discussed the upcoming cleanup scheduled for May 13th.
- Ted reminded the council that we have to think about hooking up the power, water, and gas to the community center. Karen suggested calling Encore to hook up the furnace.
- Ted reported that he received a call from Lyda Green. She was concerned about comments made about her involvement in the Alaska Raceway Park land sale.

- There was a further discussion regarding noise, trash, and dust. Jerry Caires stated that a dust report is available at 352-DUST.

Ted Cox moved to adjourn. The motion passed.



Meeting Minutes – 6/14/00

Minutes Adopted 7/12/00
Jim Courtney
Secretary, Butte CC

I. Call to Order

The meeting was called to order by Ted Cox at 7:04 P.M, at the Fire Hall. A quorum was present.

Minutes from Last Meeting

Jim Courtney read the minutes from the May meeting. Brit Lively moved to accept the minutes. The minutes were adopted.

Treasurer's Report

There was no Treasurer's Report.

Correspondence

There was no correspondence.

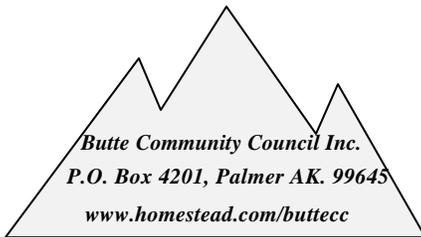
II. Old Business

- Mike Shields gave the road report via a letter read by Ted Cox. It appears the Back Acres and Elk Road bridges will have to be used elsewhere. Mike also reported that Sullivan Road will be paved from the bridge to the racetrack entrance. Some costs were covered by the Borough with non-RSA funds, but most were paid by Earl Lackey.
- Brit Lively stated that neither she nor Judy were contacted for council input on planning issues by Land Design North or the Borough.
- Ted Cox mentioned that the Borough may have money available to clean yards, and that the National Guard may be available this summer to remove cars. Brit reminded the council that the junkyard will haul cars for \$25.

III. New Business

- Brit reported on near-misses with 4-wheelers on the "bike path". Brit asked the state highway department about the possibility of 10MPH signs for the bike path, but the state responded that it's illegal for motorized vehicles to be on the path.
- Karen Hollingshead said that ten "No Dumping" signs were installed by herself, Ron Aklestad, and Deborah Heebner and Dave Kelly of DNR.
- Earl Lackey asked what happened to the "Slow Children" sign on Sullivan, which apparently has disappeared.
- Brit suggested that the council write a letter to the Troopers thanking them for their enforcement efforts in the Butte.
- Earl Lackey reported that there was no news from the State regarding the racetrack land sale.
- Gregory Nilsson said he noticed the junkyard was installing a fence.
- Ted received a report from Roger McRoberts at the Borough that somebody had abandoned a camper shell on the Jim Creek trail, which quickly became used for target practice. Roger hauled it to the pavilion area.
- Karen Hollingshead suggested that the council present a plaque of appreciation to the Troopers at the next spaghetti feed. Brit volunteered to draft the appreciation letter to the Troopers.

Gregory Nilsson moved to adjourn at 7:38 pm. The motion passed.



Meeting Minutes – 7/12/00

Minutes Adopted 8/9/00
Jim Courtney
Secretary, Butte CC

I. Call to Order

The meeting was called to order by Ted Cox at 7:10 P.M., at the Fire Hall. A quorum was present. Representative Scott Ogan, candidate Janet Kincaid, and Planning Commissioner Cindi Payne attended the meeting.

Minutes from Last Meeting

Jim Courtney read the minutes from the June meeting. Brit Lively moved to accept the minutes. The minutes were adopted.

Treasurer's Report

The checking account contains \$4454.58. The council was reimbursed \$1025 for work done to the trails on council property.

Correspondence

The council received a copy of "The MSB Monthly" from the Borough.

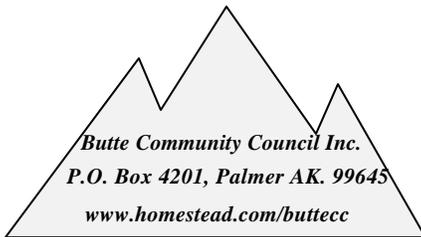
II. Old Business

- Ted Cox reported that the North bridge was to be installed, but the Back Acres and Elk bridges were to be used elsewhere.
- Ted Cox stated that the council has received an extension through September to finish spending the grant money on the trails. To date, the trails have been cleared and gravel has been laid.

III. New Business

- Dick Barlow moved to set aside up to \$1500 for parts to prepare the new council building for use. The motion passed.
- Brit Lively mentioned that Commissioner Shively has resigned from DNR.
- Earl Lackey stated that he has heard nothing from the State about the racetrack land sale.
- Brit reported that she had met with Jeff Dillon, a contractor doing the recreational and open space portion of the Borough Asset Management Plan. There will be no presentation to individual community councils.
- Dick Barlow expressed his appreciation to Earl Lackey for reducing the dust, traffic, and noise problems associated with the racetrack.
- Ted Cox announced the Joint Mat-Su cleanup scheduled for August 4-6.
- Ted displayed the "MSB Monthly" and suggested that it be put on the council's web site.
- Brit Lively asked for input on locations to place "No Fireworks" signs.
- Dick Barlow stated that he didn't think fireworks were as big a problem as they were made out to be.
- State House candidates Scott Ogan and Janet Kincaid gave statements to the council. This was followed by questions, answers, and discussions regarding roads, the CIP list, Port MacKenzie, zoning, and union influence in the legislature.

Gregory Nilsson moved to adjourn at 7:38 pm. The motion passed.



Meeting Minutes – 8/9/00

Minutes Adopted 9/13/00
Jim Courtney
Secretary, Butte CC

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. House District 27 candidates Mike Pearson, Howard Bess, Scott Ogan, and Sheila Fritz were present.

Minutes from Last Meeting

Jim Courtney read the minutes from the June meeting. Brit Lively moved to accept the minutes.

Treasurer's Report

The checking account contains \$4462.97.

Karen Hollingshead moved to adopt the minutes and treasurer's report. The motion passed.

Correspondence

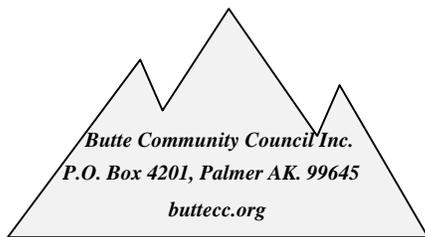
There was no correspondence.

II. Old Business

- Sandra Singer from DNR presented the State's decision to sell the race track property to Top End, Inc. She stated that the Borough had agreed to negotiate for a buffer on Borough land. Karen Hollingshead expressed concern that over two hundred petition signatures that were turned in were not reflected in the report. Sandra said she would look into it.
- Marty Quaas presented the road report. The North Bridge has been installed.

III. New Business

- Ted Cox reported that gas has been connected to the community council building. Electricity, topsoil, and a fence should be installed before the snow arrives.
- The House candidates made statements. This was followed by discussion on various issues.
- Jim Courtney reported that the annual insurance premium for a \$500 deductible for fire and liability insurance on council property was \$1426.
- Karen Hollingshead moved to check pricing for \$1000 deductible, and to authorize up to \$1500 for fire and liability insurance on the council building and property. The motion passed.



Meeting Minutes – 2/14/01

Minutes Adopted 3/14/01 Jim Courtney Secretary, Butte CC

I. Call to Order

The meeting was called to order by Ted Cox at 7:05 P.M, at the Fire Hall. A quorum was present.

Minutes from Last Meeting

Jim Courtney read the minutes from the December meeting. Ted Cox moved to accept the minutes, and the motion passed.

Jim Courtney read the minutes from the January meeting. Brit Lively moved to accept the minutes, and the motion passed.

Treasurer's Report

There was no Treasurer's report. The council received a check from Enstar for \$191.00.

Correspondence

There was no correspondence.

II. Old Business

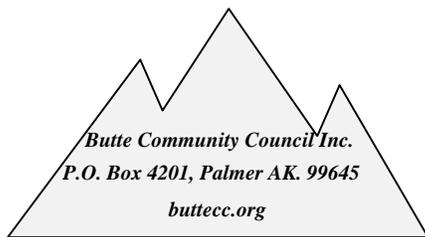
- Mike Shields reported that the Borough Assembly has approved an ordinance modification to allow the use of calcium chloride on roads.

III. New Business

- Ted Cox reported that the appeal of the sale of land to Alaska Raceway Park has been denied.
- Borough Manager John Duffy attended the meeting.
- There was discussion regarding scaling back land sales by application, and moving to competitive bidding. Mr. Duffy plans to introduce ordinances in March to limit individual applications.
- Judith Andregg asked Mr. Duffy about the procedure the Borough uses to select land to sell. John responded that selections are made by the Community Development and Planning departments.
- Mr. Duffy expressed a desire to get council input for the Asset Management Plan.
- Brit Lively and Judith Andregg suggested that planners come out in person to see the trails. John offered to send Pat Owens, and will send someone to a special meeting to get input.
- Mr. Duffy explained that a critical aspect to an Asset Management Plan is to address the use of revenue generated by land sales.
- Mr. Duffy explained the Borough's permanent fund, which receives 10% of the revenue generated by land sales.
- Ted Cox discussed a letter sent to applicants to buy land near Maud Road, advising them that land sales were on hold because of the nearby Jack Nicklaus Signature Golf Course.
- Ted asked John if the council could bet a big map of public lands and trails – John said 'yes'.
- Brit Lively suggested discussing the Knik River flats at the next meeting.
- Karen Hollingshead suggested inviting the principal of Butte School to a meeting.

- Ted discussed the possibility of getting a grant for a senior center or multipurpose building.
- David Peltó suggested that a computer center would be more useful than another library.
- Michelle Maynor said she knows of an organization looking for a place to set up a computer center.

Ted Cox moved to adjourn at 9:09 p.m. The motion passed.



Meeting Minutes – 7/11/01

DRAFT

I. Call to Order

The meeting was called to order by Ted Cox at 7:09 P.M, at the Fire Hall. A quorum was present.

Minutes from Last Meeting

Jim Courtney read the minutes from the May meeting. (There was no quorum at the June meeting.)

Treasurer's Report

Jim Courtney gave the treasury report. The checking account contains \$5840.64. Brit Lively moved to accept the minutes and the treasury report, and the motion passed.

Correspondence

The Borough sent the council a notice regarding a section line easement vacation. Comments are due by July 23rd.

II. Old Business

- Brit Lively reported that 50 vehicles were known to have been removed from private property during the cleanup, with many more undocumented. Five private properties were cleaned up.
- Brit, Karen Hollingshead, and Michelle Maynor reported that more cars have been burned on the Knik River.

III. New Business

- Captain Simon Brown of the Alaska State Troopers spoke to the council. He is familiar with our problems, including irresponsible 4-wheeler riding and car burnings. There was also a discussion regarding fireworks. Captain Brown emphasized the need to continue calling dispatch for any problems.
- Hans Neidig, Senator Lyda Green's Chief of Staff, spoke to the council.
- Brit Lively moved to reintroduced a 1998 resolution regarding the racetrack greenbelt, and the sale of 20 acres to Alaska Raceway Park for parking. After discussion and some additional phrasing, the motion passed.
- Karen Hollingshead stated that she wanted it on record that she believes there should be more racetrack noise abatement.
- Ted reported that the council received a bill for \$1569 for general liability and building insurance. This is an increase of about 10% over last year's premium of \$1426. The current policy expires on August 15th. Gregory Nilsson moved to pay the premium, and the motion passed. However, the council agreed to seek other quotes.
- Ted reported that Encore Mechanical has agreed to install a gas furnace for \$1700.
- There was a discussion regarding an item in the council bylaws stipulating that a member could be removed after three unexcused absences. There were questions as to whether beforehand knowledge that a board member would be missing meetings constitutes excused absences. Concerns were raised that board members need to attend meetings so the council has a quorum and can conduct business. Gregory Nilsson moved that should Judith Andregg or Troy Gruver resign or be removed from the board, that Michelle Maynor be appointed to the board. The motion passed.
- Ted Cox announced that the filing deadline to run for Borough Assembly is July 27th.

Gregory Nilsson moved to adjourn at 9:36. The motion passed.

I. Call to Order

The meeting was called to order by Dick Barlow at approximately 7:10 P.M. A Quorum was present.

II. Old Business

Minutes from Last Meeting

Jim Courtney read the minutes of the July 8th meeting. Dick Barlow motioned to accept the minutes. The motion passed.

Treasurer's Report

Dick Coutts reported that \$1785.33 remained in the budget. \$78 was spent on a sign, and \$58 was spent on post office box rental. Carol Moen motioned to accept the report, and the motion passed.

Discussion

Trash

- Dick Barlow announced that the National Guard had cancelled plans for the Butte cleanup because of delays in getting authorization paperwork from the Borough.
- Various scenarios were discussed regarding cleanups and access to free dumping during cleanup days.
- Debbie Rutherford, Karen Hollingshead, and Brit Lively volunteered to investigate the possibility of a cleanup day on October 3rd.

Channelization Project

- Larry DeVilbiss discussed the Matanuska River channelization project to be studied by the Corps of Engineers. He also reported that the State passed a resolution to change the Circle View dike loan to grant status.

Butte Race Track

- There was further discussion regarding concerns about Earl Lackey's desire to lease or purchase property in the vicinity of the race track for parking. Elvin Asay motioned to postpone the discussion and invite Mr. Lackey to a future meeting. The motion passed.

Road Service

- Mike Shields reported that upgrades to bridges at Backacres, Elk, and Northridge would probably be postponed until spring.

BCC Brush Clearing

- Dick Coutts made a motion to get an estimate for brush clearing on the Butte Community Council lot. The motion passed.

III. New Business

Correspondence

- There was no new correspondence

Discussion

Natural Gas

- There was discussion about using grant money to convert the Community Council building to natural gas. Larry DeVilbiss stated that a main extension would go right past the property to the school. Dick Coutts suggested that Dick Barlow or Ted Cox contact Enstar to discuss the possibility of running a gas line to the building.

Dick Coutts motioned to adjourn at 8:45 P.M. The motion passed.

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 August 12^h meeting. Laurie Courtney motioned to accept the minutes. The motion passed.

Treasurer's Report

Dick Coutts reported that \$98.92 remained in the budget. \$1300 was spent for extension of the gas line, and \$387 was spent on insurance. Mike Shields motioned to accept the report, and the motion passed.

Discussion

- Mike Shields reported on gravel road improvements.
- Ted Cox stated that the Borough and the National Guard had signed a letter agreeing to a cleanup next summer.
- Ted Cox brought the package describing the “Land Sales through Real Estate Brokers” program. Larry DeVilbiss stated that unsold parcels would still be available over the counter after the sale.
- Mike Shields and Ted Cox agreed to work together to produce Capital Improvement List items.
- Ted Cox said he planned to fill out the grant form for matching money for improvement of the Knik River bridge, and Dick Coutts said he would submit a proposal to DOT.

III. New Business

Correspondence

- There was no new correspondence

Discussion

Race Track

- Discussion revolved around reserving the Borough-owned land around the race track to prevent new development which would be affected by noise, to prevent future expansion of the race track onto the property, to provide a noise buffer, to preserve the land for recreation, and to lease or sell a portion to track owner Earl Lackey for a parking area.
- Jason Binder made a motion to send a recommendation to the Borough to designate the property on the SW side of Sullivan as a conservation easement with parking, and the property on the SE side of Sullivan as park land. The motion passed.
- Dick Coutts objected to the word ‘park’, because it implied the Borough could impose fees and restrictions. Laurie Eller motioned to change the wording to “recreational area”. The motion passed.

Proposed By-Law Changes

- Article 8 – Change number of Board Members from nine to seven
- Article 9 – Change one-year terms to two-year terms, three expiring in odd years, and four in even years.
- Article 13 – Change Quorum from five Board Members to four of seven, or five of seven to spend money.
- Voting to take place at annual meeting on November 11th.

Spaghetti Feed

The annual Spaghetti Feed takes place at Butte School on Friday, November 20th.

Elvin Asay motioned to adjourn at 8:51 P.M. The motion passed.

I. Call to Order

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

II. Old Business

Minutes from Last Meeting

Jim Courtney read the minutes of the March 10th meeting.

Treasurer's Report

Dick Coutts was not present to provide the Treasurer's Report

III. New Business

Correspondence

- No new correspondence was available.

Discussion

- The Borough is moving forward with the timber bridges.
- Larry DeVilbiss reported on activity in the Assembly:
 - \$1 million was cut from the school budget
 - A structure ordinance was being discussed, allowing for a 125 foot limit without a permit, and a ham radio exemption
 - Farm Loop was discussing the possibility of a zoning ordinance
- Planning Commissioner Steve Rowland reported on efforts to zone a Lazy Mountain parcel as recreational
- More ideas were discussed for Boy Scout projects: cutting trees, grading the driveway, and installing a metal roof on the Community Center. The Boy Scout roadside cleanup is scheduled for June 25th.
- The possibility was raised of presenting the results of the community survey to the assembly
- Rumors surfaced that Alaska Raceway Park was considering the possibility of building a two-mile track. Jason Binder suggested that Earl Lackey be invited to a future meeting.
- Ted Cox mentioned that the board has still has a vacancy.
- The new trash ordinance being brought before the assembly was discussed.
- Ted Cox announced that a state trooper will speak to the council at the next meeting about a community watch program.
- Concerns were raised about indiscriminate gunfire narrowly missing people between the bridge and Jim Creek.
- Larry DeVilbiss discussed the recent fire at Lazy Mountain
- Ted Cox spoke about the new Federation of Community Councils
- Karen Hollingshead and Ted Cox discussed the status of the 40 acres on the back side of the Butte.

Jason Binder motioned to adjourn at 8:20 P.M. The motion passed.

I. Call to Order

The meeting was called to order under the pavilion by Ted Cox at 7:04 P.M. A Quorum was present.

II. Old Business

Minutes from Last Meeting

The minutes were not read.

Treasurer's Report

Dick Coutts provided the treasurer's report. \$2216.94 remains in the account.

III. New Business

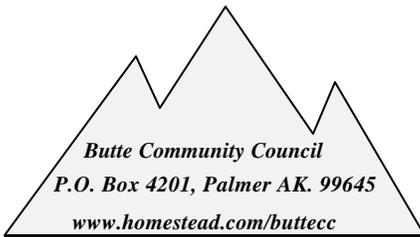
Correspondence

- No new correspondence was available.

Discussion

- Trooper Pyle of the Alaska State Troopers gave an in-depth presentation of the Neighborhood Watch program, and answered questions.
- Ted Cox reported on the arson fire which destroyed the community center. The council is on the list for a surplus modular school building.
- Larry DeVilbiss stated that the buildings which are available require asbestos removal.
- Dick Barlow motioned to contact Bob Doyle about asbestos removal. The motion passed. Dick will make the call.
- Dick Barlow motioned to leave the decision about what to do with the building up to the board. The motion passed.
- Earl Lackey discussed his plans for the race track. He needs the borough land for parking and noise abatement only. The borough wrote the ordinance to cover the possibility of a purchase, instead of just a lease, because a purchase is easier to administer.
- Dick Barlow voiced concerns about reckless driving in the neighborhood by racetrack customers. Mr. Lackey said he would look into placing security guards on the road when the track closes.
- Marty Quaas gave the road report, and discussed the cancellation of the new bridge projects due to U.S. Fish and Wildlife concerns.
- There was a discussion about the upcoming trash ordinance.

Jason Binder motioned to adjourn at 9:35 P.M. The motion passed.



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.

11/9/98

To: Mat-Su Borough Land Management Department, Ron Swanson.
Re: Alaska Raceway Park's Application to Lease Borough Land in Sect 35, T17N, R2E.

Dear Mr. Swanson,

The Butte Community Council recently conducted several public meetings where the main topic of discussion has been the application of Alaska Raceway Park (ARP) to purchase or lease Borough Lands adjacent to their existing facilities. The community has expressed several concerns over the disposal of this particular public parcel, primarily related to possible future expansion of the racetrack and the need to maintain a permanent **vegetated buffer strip** between the existing residential areas and the raceway.

In an attempt to forestall future land use conflicts, the Butte Community Council (BCC), Mr. Lackey of ARP, and Borough staff have met on several occasions to discuss both the concerns of the community, and Mr. Lackey's desire to secure land for additional parking at ARP. It is my impression Mr. Lackey shares many of the concerns of the BCC, and is in full agreement on the need to formally designate a permanent public buffer involving the majority of Borough land lying within Section 35, T17N, R2E. Mr. Lackey and the BCC have also identified approximately 20 acres in the Northeast quadrant of section 35 that, if separated from the larger parcel, would also meet his stated objectives for additional parking. The Council has no objection to the Borough leasing Mr. Lackey this 20 acres, however we are requesting the opportunity to review and approve the conditions of the lease before it is finalized. The Council's main concern here is the lease should specify that the 20 acres be used primarily for parking, and preclude the possibility of expanding racetrack venues onto the parcel.

At our October meeting, the Butte Community Council expressed our intent through a formal Resolution, which you will find attached to this letter. In our discussions, it became apparent we also needed to address Borough lands in Section 36, T17N, R2E. The Council felt these public lands were important for their recreational value. Many trails, including access to Jim Creek and the Knik Glacier, originate or pass through this area. Given the importance of the Jim Creek Fishery, the tourism potential of the Knik Glacier, and the rate of growth in our area, the Council feels current patterns of use can be ensured by designating these lands as a "Recreation Area". The BCC would like to point out this area lies with the 100 year floodplain of the Knik River and is generally very poorly suited to housing.

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The Butte Community Council appreciates the opportunity to provide the Borough and Assembly with constructive input to help plan our growth and address quality of life issues for our area.

Sincerely

Ted Cox
Chair Butte Community Council

Attachment: Butte Community Council Resolution.

Cc: Mat-Su Borough Assembly
Jill Parsons – Land Management Officer
Earl Lackey – Alaska Raceway Park.