

# Meeting Minutes November 13, 2019

## Meadow Lakes Community Council Inc.

‡ 3 Officers required for quorum: TOTAL = YES ‡

Y Pres: Patricia Fisher Y Vice Pres: Linda Conover  
Y Treasurer: Cindy Michaelson Y Sec: Camden Yehle  
Y Council Coordinator: Tim Swezey

‡ 3 Committee Chairs required for quorum: TOTAL = YES ‡

Y Education: Cally Leader N CIP: Vacant  
Y Bylaw: Terry Boyle Y Mem: Holly Gramt  
Y Trail: Lori Benner-Hanson Y Safety: Chad Smith  
N Gaming: Ariel Cannon

‡ 10 Members of the Meadow Lakes Community required for quorum: TOTAL = YES ‡

**Meeting Quorum = YES**

1. **Call to Order:** The meeting was called to order at 7:08 pm by President Patti Fisher. It was determined that a quorum was present.
2. **Pledge of Allegiance:** Recited.
3. **Approval of:**
  - a. **Agenda** – The Agenda was approved.
  - b. **Minutes** – The minutes of the October 9 meeting were approved.
  - c. **Treasurer's Report** – Cindy Michaelson presented the treasurer's report.
4. **Board Reports**

**Safety:** We have a few neighborhood watch kits still available. Please introduce yourself to your neighbors even if you don't want to organize a formal watch. See the Safety Chair or President about a kit. About 90 signs have been placed.

**Education:** "Babysitting" and "Family Explorers" classes will be scheduled for this spring.

**Bylaws:** Please vote in the on-going bylaw change election. (President Fisher called for all ballots to be submitted during the following five minute period.)

**Council Coordinator:** Mat-Su SAR will be training for search and rescue at the Field on the 23 and 24<sup>th</sup> Nov.

**President:** It was a successful year on the sports field. We were fortunate in that there was not much trash or vandalism. A Lot of volunteer time was contributed. MLCD has been awarded a grant for power to be brought to the kiosk at the top of the road to the field. The grant pays for lighting and security equipment. The President is writing another grant for solar panels to run cameras down at the field. About 90 families signed up for neighborhood watch groups.
5. **Presentation:** Trooper Brent Johnson: "Property Owner Response to Suspicious Activity"  
Most property crimes are targets of opportunity. Vehicles left unlocked. Park in a well-lit spot. Lock heating fuel oil tanks or put a barrier in the way. Install cameras; this will not end theft, but it helps. Do dogs help? Yes. Don't confront people with a gun because people do get lost, and might not be thieves. Call the Troopers if something happens. There is not much "people on people" crimes in the valley, mostly limited to "at risk" groups and areas. If you are not involved in those situations then your chances of been a victim of a person crime are low. If someone is stealing and you have a gun, call 911. If they run, you have to let them go. You will go to jail if you shoot them in the leg even if they are on your property. To protect your life or the life of others, violence is more tolerated, but there is a line. Still can't use deadly force if someone is attacking you if that person is not specifically trying to kill you. If the crime is about stuff, no force is allowed. Don't take matters into your own hands. What about citizen's arrests? Every situation is different. It gets murky if it is not your property. Troopers go on many of these calls. Most are legitimate care takers of the property. Be a good witness, get a vehicle description, direction, etc. and call it in. Sometimes it is better just to watch people instead of confronting them because they will run away and it is hard to find them. Inditement is high for felony level property crime. What is the time commitment for troopers: 5-6 hours for a simple situation; days or weeks for a string of crimes. Need unallocated time to investigate crimes. Too many calls for a response to everyone. What about suspended driver's licenses? Can they be arrested? Yes if it was DUI related, but if it isn't than it is just an infraction. We get it that people are frustrated, but ask those what if questions before hand. Don't go to prison for making an illegal choice. What is your response time? It depends on when and where. Only six troopers to go around at any one time. The Person of Interest in the triple homicide


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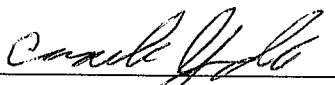
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is still being sought. Concerned about speeding. Traffic stops rely on "unallocated time," and are paid for by two grants. Are traffic problems worse? No but more cars on the road.

**Presentation:** Recognition of the service of Chief John Fairchild: The Chief has accepted a job on the North Slope and is resigning from MSB Fire Services. He talked about his relationship with our Council over the past several years, and we extended our appreciation for his service. John introduced his successor Tawnya Hightower.

6. **Correspondence:** The correspondence links were presented as listed in the Agenda.
7. **Old Business:** The results of bylaw revision election were announced. Total votes= 48: 38 Yes, 10 No. Revisions approved.
8. **New Business:** December Christmas auction and potluck will be held December 11th. Money raised goes towards Christmas food baskets for needy families. The school nurses provide the names of families that might be in need. Bring items to donate for the auction to ML Seniors between 10 am and noon, M-F.
9. **Agency Reports:** Jared McClure, Aide to Representative Eastman, said he would be available after the meeting for comments or discussion.
10. **Persons to Be Heard:** Kevin McCabe introduced himself to the Council. He will be running for Representative of District 8 next year.
11. **Next Meeting Location:**  
  
Meadow Lakes Elementary  
1741 Pittman Road  
Meadow Lakes  
  
Wednesday, December 11, 2019  
Sign In: 6PM  
Potluck Dinner: 6:30; Auction to follow dinner
11. **Adjournment:** The meeting was adjourned at 8:45 pm by President Patti Fisher.

  
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Patricia Fisher, President                      Date

  
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Camden Yehle, Secretary                      Date