

Meeting Minutes October 10, 2018

Meadow Lakes Community Council Inc.

☒ 3 Officers required for quorum: TOTAL = 4 YES ☒ ○ Pres: Patricia Fisher ☒ & Vice Pres: Linda Conover & Treasurer: Cindy Michaelson ☒ & Sec: Janet Henkel & Council Coordinator: Camden Yehle	☒ 3 Committee Chairs required for quorum: TOTAL = 5 YES ☒ & Education: Cally Leader ☒ & CIP: Tim Swezey & Bylaw: Terry Boyle ☒ ○ Mem: Lacy Harris ○ Trail: Lori Benner-Hanson ☒ & Safety: Chad Smith & Gaming: Ariel Cannon
☒ 10 Members of the Meadow Lakes Community required for quorum: TOTAL = 17 YES ☒	
Meeting Quorum 4 Officers + 5 Chairs + 17 Community Members = YES	

1. **Call to Order:** The meeting was called to order at 7:00 pm by Vice President Linda Conover. It was determined that a quorum was present.
 - 1a. **Pledge of Allegiance:** Recited.
2. **Approval of:**
 - a. **Agenda** – Cindy Michaelson motioned to approve the agenda and was seconded by Jan Henkel. There was no discussion and the vote was unanimous in favor.
 - b. **Minutes** – Ariel Cannon motioned to approve the minutes and was seconded by Cindy Michaelson. There was no discussion and the vote was unanimous in favor.
 - c. **Treasurers Report** – Cindy Michaelson presented the treasurers report.
3. **Reports:**

President – Nothing to report.

Gaming – Ariel Cannon reported that we had been invited back to the Tuesday Night Fights to sell Split-the-Pot tickets. \$587 worth of tickets were sold at the first fight of the season. The next fight will be November 6, 2018. Volunteers are always welcome and needed.

Parks & Rec – Nothing to report.

CIP – Nothing to report.

Education – Cally Leader reported that the upcoming adult CPR class still has space available. Please contact a board member if you would like to participate. A teenage babysitting class is coming up, and it also has space available. Our next class will be held over spring break and will cover wilderness skills. The hunter education class is offered by Fish & Game and we are deferring on this class at this time.

Membership – Nothing to report.

Bylaws – Nothing to report.

Council Coordinator – Nothing to report.
4. **Presentation:** Anne Brooks, Public Involvement Coordinator, and Sean Baski, Project Manager, gave a presentation on the DOT & PF Parks Highway 44 – 52 (Pittman to Big Lake) Update. This stretch of highway is ranked #1 in the state for moose/vehicle crashes. Increasing congestion is frustrating drivers, and they are making risky choices with their driving, such as turning in front of other vehicles, etc. The increase in traffic has prompted DOT to improve this section of the roadway. This project, much like Phases 1 and 2, is a federally funded project, with the federal government paying for approximately 90%. The project will consist of a 4-lane separated highway with intersections spaced periodically to allow for crossover of the highway. This is a large project, so it is rather hard to see the entire scope of the project on paper.

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This phase of the project will begin just past the Pittman intersection, and the Pittman intersection will not be involved during Phase III. Newly aligned Meadow Lakes Road will have a signalized intersection, and there will also be a signalized intersection going in closer to Big Lake. Johnson Road will have a signalized intersection, and fire crews will be able to control the traffic signals in order to access the highway quickly when on a call.

Parts of the project will include a frontage road, and during periods of heavy traffic it may be helpful to use this frontage road to gain easier access to the highway. There will also be several right and left turn pockets, as well as an improved multi-use pathway on the south side of the highway, and a new bridge over Little Meadow Creek.

We are hoping to be able to let this contract out for bid in 2019, at which time we will decide on a contractor. The prime contractor on the project will be responsible for disposing of any buildings that are within the scope of the project that need to be moved. We are currently waiting to complete procurement for additional right of way property, and we also need signed utility agreements from the utility companies. Negotiations are underway with the Discount Center and Alaska Fireplace, as well as approximately 30+ other properties.

DOT is ready to proceed as soon as everything is in place. The likelihood of beginning construction during 2019 is possible, as this project is one of the higher designated projects. We are hoping that by completing this project we will be able to get rid of the safety corridor and make the highway a much safer road for everyone. In the end we all want to have safer highways for all of our families and friends.

Cheryl and Marty Mativa of Susitna Rotary gave a presentation about Rotary. Rotary International is the oldest service organization in the world, and was started in Chicago, IL in the early 1900's, with a motto of "service above self". Today, Rotary International has over 1.5 million members in its various clubs scattered throughout numerous countries. Susitna Rotary serves Meadow Lakes, Big Lake, Houston, Willow and Talkeetna. As well as working with the Kids Don't Float program, Susitna Rotary also introduces water safety throughout their service area using the Josh the Otter program. This past year they were able to add three new life jacket stations in the area.

Reading in the classroom and the Dolly Parton Imagination Library are supported by Susitna Rotary, as well as backpacks and tote bags provided to OCS children, as they were previously only given trash bags to put their belongings in.

Rotary is very active with the Youth Exchange program. Students live in a foreign country with a host family for one year, and are rotated to a different family four times throughout their stay. This allows students to be integrated into the community, play sports, and immerse themselves into American culture. This is one of Rotary's most popular programs, and one that they are very proud of. Scholarships are targeted towards students within the Houston and Su Valley Schools, as these are within the Susitna Rotary group's service area. Linda Conover invited anyone with questions to attend a rotary meeting and see what they are all about!

5. **Correspondence:** Correspondence links are listed on the agenda.
6. **Old Business:** A brief update on the MSB community safety grant shows that not all community councils applied and we have been approved \$3000 for safety concerns.
7. **New Business:** The borough is encouraging people to apply for positions on the Mat-Su Borough Outdoor Shooting Range Working Group. There are currently only select areas for this type of land use. The working group will advise the borough on setting regulations for outdoor shooting ranges.
8. **Reports:** Fire Chief John Fairchild reported that there is a board position open on the West Lakes Fire Department. You can submit your application through the borough website. There is no term limit for this position and the candidate will be selected by the borough mayor and/or assembly. The fire department is hoping to fill this position soon. Candidates must be 18 years of age and reside within the fire service area.

Tender 73 is refurbished and back in service, and both of our aerials are also back in service. This gives us about 20,000 gallons of water to use, which is a big help. There is a firefighter II class going on right now. Firefighters are training at the old Bright Minds Learning Center, so be aware that there is a lot of activity there right now, and it

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is only a training exercise. Basic firefighters are also being hired. There will be a March class and applications for these positions are available on the borough website. These are all on call positions.

Cathy Kramer and Firewise are still providing house numbers for \$20 each. Please contact her if you need a sign. Remember – the fire department can't help you if they can't find you!

Overall the past fire season wasn't bad as we had quite a bit of rain, although medical situations are still extremely busy.

Senator David Wilson reminded everyone that the deadline is December 1st for Neighborhood Watch applications – please don't forget!

DOT has commented about the signal light situation on Pittman/Parks. They feel that there is adequate signage and lighting. If any funding and/or change takes place, it will need to be addressed through legislation.

We always try and have a staff member present at your community council meetings if I am not able to attend in person. Don't forget to vote in November!

9. Persons to be heard: Doyle Holmes is running for state house and is concerned about the Beverly Lakes Road situation.

10. Approve Meeting Location:

Birch Creek Villas Senior Housing
1210 N. Kim Drive
Meadow Lakes

Wednesday, November 14, 2018
Sign In: 6PM to 7PM
Meeting: 7PM – 9PM

11. Adjournment: The meeting was adjourned at 8:11 pm by Vice President Linda Conover.

Patricia Fisher, President
Linda Conover, Vice President Date 4/11/2019

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for Janet Henkel 4-11-19
Janet Henkel, Secretary Date