

Meeting Minutes August 10, 2022

Meadow Lakes Community Council Inc. Minutes of August 10, 2022

❖ 3 Officers required for quorum: TOTAL = YES ❖

Y Pres: Camden Yehle Y Vice Pres: Steve Edwards

Y Treasurer: Trish Jacob Y Sec: Patricia Fisher

Y Council Coordinator: Tim Swezey

❖ 13 Members of the Meadow Lakes Community required for quorum: YES ❖

Meeting Quorum = Yes

Meeting conducted at the on Zoom and in Person at Meadow Lake Seniors
Recorded live and posted on Facebook after the meeting

Call to Order: The meeting was called to order at 7:00 pm by President Camden Yehle.

Pledge of Allegiance: Recited.

Quorum: The Membership Committee determined that there was a quorum.

Agenda: President Yehle requested that the Agenda be amended to move the Executive Session to immediately follow the consideration of the Consent Agenda. A motion was made by Linda Conover and seconded by Steve Edwards to make the amendment.

Consent Agenda: The Consent Agenda was approved, including the July 13th minutes, with no objections.

Executive Session: The Board of the Council was moved into Executive Session at 7:10pm to consider legal issues. The membership meeting was paused for the Executive Session to be conducted. The Board returned from Executive Session at 7:16pm. Secretary Fisher reported that the Board agreed with our legal council to continue to pursue a settlement with the plaintiff. She made a motion that the membership approve of the Board's recommendation to continue to pursue settlement. The motion was seconded by Steve Edwards. A roll-call vote was taken and the membership voted by in favor of the motion.

Board Reports:

Vice President: Steve Edward (Road Service Area Board chair) gave a report on road issues. Meadow Lakes Loop will not be resurfaced this year due to a lack of staffing to get the project done.

Parks and Trails Chair: Lori Benner-Hanson reported that the Trails committee is continuing to work on the preparation of an easement application to the Department of Natural Resources to acquire a public easement on State land for the Vishau/Little-Su trail from Pailolo Ave.

Secretary: Patti Fisher reported on the work on the Electrical Power to the Field Project and recognized the work that Bob Coffin of Island Lake Construction did to install the power cable and electrical box.

President: Construction is occurring on the Parks. Be careful in the work zone. Lights will be turned at the end of the month.

Gaming: Ariel reported on attending two Wasilla City Council meetings to support the approval of the Menard Center as the venue for the Alaska Combat Entertainment show. The mayor of the Council denied approval. Ariel also reported that a grant was awarded by the Mat-Su Health Foundation for the planting of an orchard on the Community Park. A planning meeting for the project is scheduled for Tuesday, August

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16 at 6:30 on Zoom.

CIP Chair: Kim Kalmbach reported that one project was submitted by the Council as a capital improvement project. The project was for acquisition of a parking area for access to the trail up to Baldy located at Sykes Road and Solitude.

Treasurer's Report: Secretary Patti Fisher gave the Highlights of the month's fiscal transactions.

Presentation: Ben Coleman, with R&M Consultants and serving on the board of Valley Transit, made a report on Valley Transit plans for transportation projects in the Valley. Valley Transit, Sunshine Services, Mat-Su Senior Services and Chickaloon Transit are working together to develop a consolidated plan for transportation services, whereby "one call, one click" would get a caller a ride at the best cost. Esther Huddleston is concerned with "property tax payers getting stuck with the cost of public transportation" and with "Meadow Lakes becoming a dumping ground for community housing". Patti asked if the plan has been put into action. Ben did not know the answer. He believes the system is in a roll-out phase now.

Camden asked about transportation plans for frequent service within Wasilla.

Dewey Bitler asked about the density of the valley to allow for train service to Anchorage.

Steve Edwards reported on the lack of infrastructure in Anchorage for those people who would take the train.

Al Leonard asked about Park and Ride service in the Valley.

Business:

President Yehle reported on PC Resolution 22-25 before the Planning Commission to repeal Borough Ordinance 17.05 requiring public outreach by utility companies for major utility projects. Camden stated concerns on this repeal and suggested that the Council submit a letter to the Planning Commission opposing the repeal action. Kim Kalmbach gave her opinion that the Alaska Regulatory Commission does not look out for the residents in terms of utility location, but are concerned with rate and service. This was a land issue and should be the responsibility of the Borough. A motion was made by Patti Fisher and seconded by Tim Swezey to approve the Board action to submit a letter in opposition to PC 22-25. Steve Edwards stated his concern that letters are not looked at. Cam said we would participate in contacting the Planning Commission and the Assembly.

A roll-call vote was taken and the motion was approved.

President Yehle asked for approval of Linda Conover as Education Chair. A motion was made by Steve Edward to approve Linda; second was made by Tim Swezey. A voice vote was taken with no opposition made.

Correspondence: None

Agency Reports:

Senator Wilson: Senator Wilson reminded members of the election on August 16. Grants are available for federal funds for road projects. Senator Wilson recommended contacting our Borough representatives if you have a recommendation for a project. There is an open house on August 30 for shooting range multiuse outdoor use facility down KGB.

Dewey Bitler commented on the unsafe condition of Hawk Lake with a lack of a trail or bike path along the road. Students from Huston Middle and High School walk along the road from school.

West Lake Fire: Chief Hightower reported on the activities of the department. The chief recommended checking your voter card to determine your precinct for voting.

Persons to be Heard: None

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Next Meeting: Wednesday, September 14th at 7pm.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:43 pm.

Handwritten Signature of Camden Yehle
Camden Yehle, President Date 10/4/2022

Handwritten Signature of Patricia Fisher 10/4/2022
Patricia Fisher, Secretary Date