

Meeting Minutes November 8, 2023

Meadow Lakes Community Council Inc.

Minutes of November 8, 2023

◆ 3 Officers required for quorum: TOTAL = YES ◆

Pres: Camden Yehle Y; Vice Pres: Steve Edwards
Y; Treasurer: Trish Jacob Y; Sec: Patricia Fisher
Y; Council Coordinator: Tim Swezey Y

◆ 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.

Quorum: The Membership Committee determined that a quorum was **not** achieved.

Pledge of Allegiance: Recited.

Consent Agenda: Approval of the Consent Agenda was deferred until the January 2024 meeting.

Presentation: Fred Wagner, Platting Officer, Planning Department, Mat-Su Borough. Mr. Wagner discussed the activities of the Platting Office.

Board Reports:

Treasurer's Report: Treasurer Trish Jacob gave a report of the highlights of the October financial report.

Secretary: Secretary Patti Fisher thanked Terry Boyle and Lisa Jaeger for the time spent getting the Council's two tractors serviced and repaired.

President: Camden announced that the Mat-Su Transportation Fair will be held on Thursday, November 9th at the Menard Center.

A DOT sponsored Safety Survey has been recently released. Camden put the link to the Survey into the Zoom Chat. Cam asked members to consider completing the survey.

DOT has put out a statement regarding the Parks Alternative Highway Plan. The study says that DOT will be "focusing on a regional analysis", and "future traffic patterns". DOT personnel will be available to discuss the project at the Transportation Fair.

A meeting of the Waterbody Setback Board was held in October. Secretary Fisher attended the meeting and described it as an organizing meeting. The meetings will be held monthly for the next year, and with the dates posted on the Borough calendar.

Camden reported on a meeting regarding the Eklutna River Dam Project. The project takes water from Eklutna Lake to produce power for Anchorage and the Mat-Su Borough. Operators of the project have proposed a draft mitigation plan, to meet a federal mandate, to mitigate impacts to fish. The plan is to

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return water to much of the Eklutna River, leaving only about a mile of the river dry. There currently is zero water let into the Eklutna River by the Dam. There is no realistic plan to remove the dam.

The Borough Comprehensive Plan for Meadow Lakes will be discussed at a meeting held on November 29th at Houston Middle School. The meeting is in-person only. It provides an opportunity for the community to weigh in on what we want the Comprehensive plan to look like in the future.

On November 14 the Assembly will hold a second meeting with Borough Community Councils. Secretary Fisher attended the first meeting in August and reported that the primary subject of the meeting was trash, abandoned vehicles and abandoned properties. This second meeting will continue the discussion. Patti feels it is a good start to get the Borough listening to Community Councils.

Meeting business:

Camden announced that at the MLCC Quarterly Board meeting on October 18 the Board decided to recommend **not** holding the Christmas potluck and auction this year. She asked if there were any objections to cancelling the potluck. None were voiced. The next meeting of the Council will be on the second Wednesday in January 2024. The Christmas basket project will still be conducted this year. Sherri Rusher asked that people let her know of any families that might be in need of a food basket.

Correspondence:

There is one Platting action this month: the Sunset Case# 2023-123, concerning a property off N Meadow Lakes Loop near Cranberry. The request is to divide one lot into 4 lots. Camden is concerned that the plan includes what appears to be flagpole lots. Since there was no meeting quorum, no comment could be made on the requested permit. Camden suggested individuals send comments if they are so inclined.


Agency Reports:


Senator David Wilson: The Senator said that he believes that the Parks Alternative Project is dead. Sherri Rusher asked if the company conducting the Study will be given the full contract amount or a prorated amount. The Senator said that it was a good question but that he did not know the answer. He stated that the legislature is preparing to head to Juneau. Legislators are looking to do a pre-session town hall early in January.

Tawyna Hightower, West Lake Fire Department: Chief Hightower reported the statistics on the department's operations for the past month. She particularly stressed the installation of smoke alarms. The Fire Fighter I class is ongoing currently.

Next Council Meeting: Wednesday, January 10th at 7 pm.

Adjournment: The meeting was adjourned at 8:17 pm.

 3/12/24
Camden Yehle, President Date

 3/13/2024
Patricia Fisher, Secretary Date