

## General Membership Meeting

Big Lake Community Council  
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May 9th, 2012 7:00 PM

\*\*\*Big Lake Elementary School\*\*\*

### Meeting Minutes

1. Call to order/ Determination of Quorum (yes) Present: Bill K., Margaret B., Dan M., Ina M., & Jim F.  
Absent/Excused: Jim H. & Gary

2. Pledge of Allegiance

3. Approval of Agenda (approved)

4. Approval of Minutes (approved)

5. Program: **Big Lake Water Quality Update**

Shelley Wade from Agnew Beck (contracted by DEC) provided a project update revisiting the Community Action Plan and discussing immediate next steps for this summer's activities and how we can help implement the Action Plan. The concerns for Big Lake water quality focus primarily on petroleum deposits/hydrocarbons around launch sites and marinas. The action plan includes: Education, Marinas, & launches. Clean boating flyers have been enclosed in all DMV renewal. Rachael Lord (Cook Inlet Keepers) & Catherine Inman (Mat-Su Conservation Services) shared information on some projects that grant money has provided which include absorbent pads to be distributed to boaters, a small ash burner to dispose of pads at Burkeshore, and better signage at the boat launch areas. A Waterwise class was also held last summer in the area. A 2 year, Launch Host program will take place this summer (\$35,000 Grant) at the park launches. Persons will be at launches on busy weekends to talk to boaters as they come in and out, handing out clean boating information & bilge pillows which hold a quart and a half of oil. Volunteers will be recruited to help with this effort on the Memorial Day weekend & 4<sup>th</sup> of July. It will take 2 years of clean testing to be removed from the impaired list which will be 2013. Previous testing was done in 2003, 2004, and 2009. The Action Plan and information are available on the DEC website. The goal of the community is to improve the water quality as this is bad publicity for Big Lake and will limit future economic development.

**\*\*\*June 13<sup>th</sup> program will be presentation by MSB on Build-Out Study.** It is projected that the MSB will have approx. 400,000 people and rival Anchorage as leading metropolitan area in the state.

6. Consent Agenda

Approval of CIP Committee projects in order of priority. President Kramer thanked the committee for an excellent job by the committee who looked at 22 projects.

1. **South Big Lake Road Realignment**

- Average score = 61.7 with a score range of 52 to 65.

2. **West Lakes Blvd to Susitna Parkway Connector (North Shore Loop)**

- Average score = 58.8 with a score range of 44 to 65.

3. **Street lights from Beaver Lake Road to Fish Creek Park**

- Average score = 57.6 with a score range of 45 to 65.

4. **Flat Lake Access** – Average score = 57.1 with a score range of 49 to 65.

5. **South Big Lake Park Facility Expansion** – Average score = 54 with a score range of 38 to 65.
6. **Complete Ped/Bike Path across Fish Creek to State Recreation Area**  
– Average score = 52.6 with a score range of 35 to 65.
7. **Jordan Lake Community Park Enhancements and Boardwalk**  
– Average score = 50.6 with a score range of 31 to 65.
8. **Big Lake State Parks Rehabilitation** – Average score = 50.3 with a score range of 0 to 65.
9. **Construct South Big Lake Road to Burma to Pt. MacKenzie**  
– Average score = 46.3 with a score range of 31 to 65.
10. **Kenlar Road Bike Trail (Kenlar to Hawk to Beaver Lake Road)**  
– Average score = 40.8 with a score range of 26 to 65.

A Motion was made to pull these projects off the consent agenda for further discussion (approved)

After much discussion with input from Mark Newman and Cindy B. it was decided that an additional items would be added to the list due to the importance of being repetitive in order to be a priority:

11. **Big Lake Bypass (Port Mac to the Parks Hwy. transportation corridor as determined by the Big Lake Community Impact Study.**
12. **Intersections (as written in the MSB road bonds document)**

Motion was made and approved to approve the list of 12 projects.

7. Persons to be heard: **3 min max**

- a. Sammy – update on recycling efforts  
We can recycle clear plastic bottles, milk jugs, steel cans, aluminum cans, cardboard, & mixed paper.... Also disposal of motor oil, paint & antifreeze – 5 gallons free at transfer site
- b. Dan – Trails  
New grant request has been submitted to Track Committee – requested letter of support From the community council (approved)
- c. Cathi Kramer – Jordan Lake Park – working with 2 Eagle Scouts to improve park this summer
- d. Cindy B. – Float Plane Launch at Fish Creek & transportations easement..... letter was written in 2007 but cannot be located? Update suggested at June Meeting...

8. Reports: **3 min max**

- a. Borough Assembly report/State Representative Report – Mark Newman  
Rep. Newman discussed many projects that are underway with funding this year including the Prison (now open), Parks Hwy (4 lane divided funded to Pittman), Big Lake Community Center (\$150m-finish Phase 2), Bridge in 2 years with highway to connect alongside the railroad expansion, 2 new schools down KGB, \$35,000 Big Lake Food Bank, School, Library, & Technology, Fire Service \$30,000 each station, \$50,000 Road Service Area, Houston High School, KGB-10 m for Road, LNG line from North Slope to Port Mac for delivery to Nikiski refinery.
- b. Road Service Area Report-meets May 10 @ 7pm
- c. Fire Service Area report – Meadow Lakes Safety Fair – June 9<sup>th</sup> from 11 – 4 FREE
- d. Treasurer’s Report -\$279.52/\$667.76
- e. Membership report – 39 Paid memberships for 2012
- f. Chamber of Commerce Report – Vacancy on board to be filled by appointment  
Blessing of the Fleet – Sunday of Memorial Day Weekend , May 27  
Triathlon- June 22  
Clean-Up – Saturday, May 12<sup>th</sup> – meet at the Rec. Center
- g. Trails
- h. School Report – Focus on Science/Math/Technology next year, construction this summer????

9. Committee Reports: **2 min max**
  - a. Transportation
    - a. Update on Parks Hwy 4 lane divided vs 5 lane with center suicide turn (Safety Concern)
    - b. Update on South Big Lake Re-alignment
  - b. Incorporation – Meeting Monday 9am and Wednesday at 6pm – Big Lake Family Restaurant  
Petition will be going around – need 150 signatures
  - c. Community Grants- \$ for grants expected next week
10. Correspondence
11. Land Use/ Platting
  - a. Presented as received – only one proposal to eliminate interior lines on lot – no concerns
12. Unfinished Business/Action Items:
  - a. Next Action Item, 11-1 Bill to contact Alaska State Trooper and open dialog concerning increased crime statistics and available options our community has with regards to preventative measures that can assist law enforcement.
13. New Business
  - a. MEA-Position on underwater power. Jim Faiks  
Update – cost more to do connection in the lake? and answers at next meeting
14. Announcements
  - a. Big Lake News goes out on Thursday – get information to Ina
15. Board Member comment
16. Adjournment

**Next Meeting – June 13<sup>th</sup> @ 7pm** (Summer location of meetings will be at Faith Bible Church on Hollywood)