

BIG LAKE COMMUNITY COUNCIL
GENERAL MEETING MINUTES
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JULY 10, 2013
MEETING AT
LAKESHORE STUDIO, EASTLAKE MALL

1. The meeting was called to order at 7pm by President Bill Kramer. A quorum was determined with board members present: Dan Mayfield, Ina Mueller, Gary Swearer, Jim Faiks and Jim Hutton. Absent was Margaret Billinger.
2. Pledge of Allegiance
3. The meeting agenda was approved.
4. The June minutes were approved as read.
5. Program: Christine Inglet and Eric Wade from the “Aging and Disability Resource Center in the Valley” presented on the services provided to help qualified Big Lake residents. They provide “no fee” services to direct people to the resources they require. They will be at the BL Rec Center once a month to assist aged or disabled any way they can. Their offices are in the Regan Bldg. More info at <www.linksprc.org>
6. Persons to be heard: Ron Travis, with Last Frontier Honor Flight, outlined their services and will sponsor a golf tournament on July 20th. More info at : <http://www.tlffhonorflight.org/> President Kramer will write a letter to Alaska Air re: donation of air miles to the group for their use. Ina Mueller said that Linda Lockhart was continuing treatment.
7. Reports:
 - a. Borough Assembly Report: Jim Culver delivered the report. The Borough budget is tight and there is no room for extra capital projects. The Multi Family Housing has undergone a code revision to address areas like “Felony Flats”. The borough got an increase in the cigarette tax; money will go to education. Knik High School construction should start in the fall.
 - b. Road Service Area Report: Leo is working on a plan to survey Big Lake roads and will report at the RSA meeting on 8/28.
 - c. Fire Service Area Report: Cathi Kramer reporting. There is a new Firewise Community in the Starboard Cove area. A new fire truck is being built and will arrive this spring. Residents are urged to continue to use caution during this dry weather; the

department has responded to many structural and wild-land fires during the past month.

- d. Treasurer's Report: Ina Mueller reports \$1239.71 in checking and \$279.96 in savings.
- e. Membership Report: We have 74 voting and 7 non-voting members per Ina.
- f. Chamber of Commerce Report: Ina announced that this will be the 13th Annual Big Lake Triathlon on the last Sunday in July. Sponsors are still being sought. Meetings are on the first and third Mondays of the month at Aardvark's. On the last Monday in August, Lisa Murkowski will be a guest speaker. Jay Nolfi will be honored.
- g. Parks and Trails – Jordan Lake update: Cathi Kramer said that work is starting, with trail and weed work this week. Plants, from BL Elementary, have been moved to a temporary nursery until the entry work is complete. These two projects have been funded with a \$7800 Firewise Grant. A second Firewise Grant (\$2500) will provide educational signage about fire ecology and fire resistant plantings. A parking lot is to be constructed in early August. There will be a meeting on July 15th to finalize parking lot plans. Land use permits and insurance requirements are ready for the project to begin.
- h. School Report: Jim Hutton reported that the roof is done and bid submission for the interior work is ongoing.
- i. Transportation Committee Report – BLCIA update: Gary Swearer said that at the last meeting, Shannon Bingham talked about how “Build-Out” would be affected by the road corridor. Alan Kemplen said that the current Big Lake Road (through downtown BL) was the state's “fall back” for a route to the Knik Arm Bridge and Port McKenzie. Agnew-Beck has been awarded a contract with KABATA to formulate projections for bridge use. There was discussion if that would be a conflict of interest with their work on the CIA. General consensus was that there was no conflict.
- j. Incorporation report: Jim Faiks said the committee is still looking for a new petitioner. Ina suggested that a marketing program is needed to sell the idea of “BL City”. There was a discussion on polling local voters to see how many favor the idea of BL becoming a city.

- k. Community Grants Report: Jim Faiks provided an update. Money for distribution may be received as soon as next month. Bill Allen will try other sources for funding the projects that weren't granted community funds.
8. Correspondence: A letter from Senator Huggins noting funding for five additional troopers for the MatSu Valley with emphasis on increased crime in the Big Lake area was shared with the council. We are getting good support from the senator.
9. Land Use: None.
10. Unfinished Business: Jim Culver provided an update on the ice house legislation underway. A public hearing will be on 8/5. The revised ordinance will be sent to Ina for inclusion in the BL News. Dan Mayfield made a motion to write a letter to the Mayor and Assembly in support of an ordinance outlawing ice houses on ice roads and driveways. The motion was seconded and approved.
11. New Business: Discussion and consideration of writing a BLCC resolution with regards to reducing the speed limit along Big Lake road from 45 mph to 35 mph within the downtown corridor between Beaver Lake Road and the South Ramp Wayside. Bill Haller will draft a letter, requesting support from the following entities: Safe Pathways to Schools; the Library; Borough Assembly; The Fire Station; the Chamber of Commerce and (possibly) others. The transportation committee will review the letter prior to submission to the council.
12. Announcements: None
13. Board Member comment: Bill Kramer appreciates the the time and effort contributed by council members. Jim Hutton mentioned that Sammi Taylor started and has run the recycling committee and its currently struggling to move BL recycling forward. The operation is in the red and help is needed. Dan Mayfield said that the West Lake access is currently closed (locked gate). It is used in the winter by residents on that side of the lake. Dan negotiated an agreement and forwarded it to the Borough, but it has apparently been dropped(?). Bill K. will contact the involved parties to get the ball rolling.
14. The meeting was adjourned at 9:20pm.