

GLEN ALPS COMMUNITY COUNCIL
August 25, 2022 MINUTES

Location: Meeting held over Zoom.

Roll Call of Board Members:

- Present: Greg Kuijper (President) Rob Brown (VP), Amy Robinson (Sec/Treas.)

Meeting called to order at 6:02 p.m. by Greg Kuijper.

Quorum was established because more than 3 members were present.

Agenda Review:

Greg Kuijper requested any changes or additions to the agenda. No changes were requested. Agenda was approved by Greg Kuijper.

Review of April 28, 2022 Minutes:

Members reviewed the April 28, 2022 minutes. No changes were made. Greg Kuijper moved to approve the minutes. Tim Connolly seconded. Motion passed.

Invitation for Public Officials to Speak:

- Senator Roger Holland, District N gave updates regarding the end of legislative session and regarding a recent meeting with the Municipality regarding Canyon Road repairs and funding. The specific portion of Canyon Road is from Echo to the Park. Senator Holland was concerned that GARSA members were turned away. There was some discussion with community member Tim Connolly. 6:05 - 6:15 p.m.
- Matthew Harvey, staff to Rep. James Kaufman, spoke regarding the same road maintenance meeting, as Rep. Kaufman had attended. He also updated the council regarding passage of a bill the representative sponsored that passed - HB 187, relating to elimination or reduction of agency publications. Greg Kuijper asked about the status of legislation that may have provided funding for parking at the end of Canyon Road. Mr. Harvey said that improvements to Chugach State Park access did not make the capital budget, but the existence of a project file from this year's efforts at least build awareness. 6:16 to 6:12 p.m.
- Assemblyman Randy Sulte attempted to speak but lost his connection. 6:22 p.m.
- Anchorage School District Board Member Andy Holleman spoke regarding (1) the lack of school buses due to not enough drivers; (2) new admin personnel at ASD who are learning and may have slower response times; and (3) the "extremely erroneous" nature of a social media post regarding Dimond High that was reported in Must Read Alaska.

There was discussion with community members regarding the bus driver situation. 6:22 to 6:34 p.m.

- Assemblyperson Randy Sulte, who called in from near Eklutna, spoke regarding (1) ARPA funds hold and projects of note; (2) the health director who was fired for falsified employment records; and (3) regarding the same meeting about road maintenance on Canyon between Echo and the park. There was community discussion about the Canyon Road maintenance and funding meeting that excluded GARSA members. Amy Robinson spoke up in agreement with other members that it did not seem right to exclude elected officials like Joe Connolly from the meeting. 6:34 to 6:43
- Assemblyperson Suzanne LaFrance addressed (1) the same road and funding meeting; (2) positive news about the city budget; (3) that the Board of Equalization is soliciting members if any GACC community members want to participate in the City's tax assessment appeals, most of which are resolved by the BOE; (4) the Assembly's actions to investigate former health director Gerace's false credentials and a pending attorney opinion requested to evaluate the role of the assembly in the vetting process; (5) that today the Assembly overrode two of the Mayor's vetoes for ARPA funds - one pertaining to S. Potter Marsh, which the state will maintain after this, and the task force emergency shelter plan. The community asked Ms. LaFrance about when the appropriation document for the September 12 or 13 meeting would be available. 6:44 to 6:55
- Tim Connolly, GARSA board members spoke - telling members that the next GARSA meeting is September 29, 2022 at Bear Valley and that the big issue for discussion is infrastructure money for Upper Dearmoun road. They also lost the contractor for paving Canyon Road from Echo to the Park, and will hopefully resolve that at the September meeting. 6:56 to 6:58

Judy Camineer from Chugach Park Fund was invited to speak by Greg Kuijper. She gave an updated regarding the organization's fundraising mission to benefit Chugach State Park and of their accomplishments. Next year the group plans to work on three miles of Eagle River Trail that goes to Symphony Lake and will sponsor 6 volunteer events. 6:59 to 7:05

Joy Boston, spokesperson for JBER was invited to speak by Greg Kuijper. Joy addressed turnover of officers on base and that applications for Aim High Flight Academy being due soon. Aim High is an opportunity for high school students to get up to 15 hours of flight time paid for by the Air Force with no military commitment. There was some discussion of the Arctic Thunder show.

Executive Board Meeting Report:

- The executive board met and decided to continue holding meetings over Zoom because it allows greater participation. Annual meetings will be in person or hybrid.
- The executive board also approved a letter of support for Chugach Park Fund.

Committee Reports:

- Parks Committee

Old Business: None.

New Business: (7:12 to 7:37)

- **Community Updates:**

- PUE Triangle Trail - Greg Kuijper updated members regarding relocation of the Canyon Road trail benches to the triangle shaped PUE trail and that they were converted to a picnic table. Rob Brown shared a map of the trail and shared about the new trail along the south side of Canyon Road. The community discussed whether the trail will be plowed in winter or just be snow storage. Tim Connolly said that GARSA will likely not plow it because it was not paved and was instead made of recycled asphalt that could get damaged by a plow.
- MOA Land Presenters Map by Ian Moore of Alaska Map Science. Link and reminder was provided for community awareness to tax appraisal data available online: ['MOA Land Parameters' map](#). Rob Brown displayed a

- Community Statement for trailhead parking at the end of Canyon Road

- Greg introduced the subject and Rob Brown explained that the idea is to create a community statement to publicize our concerns with the lack of parking and what our community vision is to solve it. Community members discussed the concept and how to implement it - either through the Land Use Committee or through holding a special meeting. Consensus was to start with a Land Use Meeting and to develop the “lollipop” idea for the end of the road with a turnaround that was once posed by Ted Moore.

Open Forum: Andrea Schuster, present from the upper part of Glen Alps spoke about the social media groups for Aurora watchers and how after notice goes out, the roads become very congested making it hard to get home. Andrea also mentioned that Baldy trail was able to get ticketing for parking problems and that there may be a road width component to violations. The community discussed parking issues. Rob Brown said it may have been Basher that was able to get ticketing for parking issues. Later, Andrea added AMC 9.30.040 to the chat which provides that parking is prohibited if less than 20 feet of roadway is available for traffic.

The community then heard from candidates David Schaff and Roger Holland.

Tim Connolly raised the concept that the GACC merge with GARSA. He urged people to get involved with the road board.

Adjourn: Tim Connolly moved to adjourn; Rob Brown seconded. Meeting adjourned at 8:05 p.m.