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Meeting Minutes

Date: February 10, 2014
Occasion: Board/General Meeting
Called to Order: 7:03 pm

Quorum: Board Quorum present & Community Quorum present.

Agenda: Approved as written.

Minutes: December 2013 minutes approved as written, January 6 2014 minutes approved with addition of J. Huston comments.

Assembly Report: Vern Halter reported Iditarod will decide on restart location by Feb. 17th. May move to Fairbanks due to trail conditions. Knick HS construction will be completed for school to open summer 2015. Next assembly meeting in 2 weeks. Borough budget meeting in 10 days.

Officers Reports

Secretary: No report.

Treasurer: Handed out monthly report and Carnival report. Carnival profit \$21,850.50.

Vice Chair: No report.

Chair: Thanks to Vice Chair Roni for her work making Carnival a success and all volunteers who worked so hard. CAPSIS grants turned in Friday, February 7th are as follows: 1) Ground Source Heat Pump System for WCC, 2) Long Lake Road Pedestrian/Bike Path, 3) 40-acre park improvements, 4) new Fire Hall.

MOTION: Accept CAPSIS priority list. Motion seconded.

VOTE: Passed unanimous.

Committee Reports

- 1. Carnival:** a Carnival debrief meeting will be held Monday, Feb. 17th at 7 pm in WCC.
- 2. Trails:** No grooming due to icy conditions. Lucky Shot Bridge project moving forward with help from Mary Shreves and Clayton Arterburn,
- 3. Community Enrichment Program:** Girl Scouts and Boy Scouts using the program. After school hockey will be added.
- 5. Youth Forum (40-acre park):** Read statement from Linda Oxley (on file).
- 6. Fire Services & Emergency Services:** Had 13 calls in January.

Unfinished Business

1. Projects to benefit Willow residents – bring ideas for CIP projects to March 3rd meeting.

New Business

1. Carnival: Discussion included: 1) Groups that use WCC for free should take on a Carnival project. Many people that belong to various groups do volunteer. 2) Constructing and displaying a flow chart for person responsible for each event. 3) Write up a description of each event and post on web site. 4) Lions blood bank had 25 contributors this year.
2. Nomination for Board Positions at April 7th Election. Need a nominating committee. Names put forth for committee are Madeline as chair, Steve Charles and Roni Winder. Board positions to be filed are Chair, Secretary and two Area Representatives. Need names by

March WACO meeting.

3. Comments on CIP project #117, Department of Army Permit POA 2004-756, Willow Lake
The CIP project is to improve south parking lot (upper lot) at WCC and fill in wetland east of WCC.

Filling wetlands requires a permit from Army Corp of Engineers.

Andy read a letter from Steve Lindamood to John Harris regarding filling of the wetland. They request comments from WACO on this matter by March 4th. We were told February 10th minutes can be used to address comments.

Jim Huston is point person for this CIP and he discussed the project. Public comment was collected from Dec. 13 to Jan 13. His engineering approach is to let water seep into the ground.

A question was asked as to who engineered the design – Jim said he designed the project. The question was asked if the Borough will require an engineer to design drainage and the answer was no.

A question was asked why filling in wetland and response was to create a recreation area.

Andy read letters from public comment submitted on wetlands permit. Jim read a letter he wrote rebutting these comments. This letter was not made available to WACO.

Comments at meeting:

Supported improving parking lot however, does not feel WACO addressed specifically filling in wetland until tonight.

Creating a new recreation area not valid as WACO has no plan for use or maintenance of area.

Uncomfortable with non-engineered design for drainage.

Concerns that there is enough money to complete this project adequately.

Discussed using that area for geothermal heat pump.

If permit denied does this mean geothermal heat pump project will not be able to use the area?

Is geotherm project going to be engineered? Yes.

Will geothermal project work under a parking lot? Yes, but not perfect.

The area is a natural wetland.

MOTION: Waco does not support filling in wetland east of Willow Community Center. Motion seconded.

Friendly option: add: set to a time frame – no decision until funding is secured for geothermal heat pump project. Seconded.

More discussion followed on geothermal heat pump versus filling wetland.

Friendly Option and second withdrawn.

Discussion followed centered on the need for an engineered plan for drainage and a budget for the complete project.

Motion withdrawn.

MOTION: The wetlands east of Willow Community Center not be filled as part of the upper (south) parking lot renovation CIP. Motion seconded.

VOTE: Passed unanimous.

4. CIP projects due February 26th to Andy so there may be discussion at March 3th WACO

meeting.

At-Large Representative Reports

No report.

Local Groups

1. **Library** : Raffle fund raiser for print \$5.00 per ticket. Drawing will be March 2.
2. **Lions** – Skate night on the 21st.

Announcements:

Skating rink is being well used by the community – There will be a Community Skate this Saturday Feb 15th. A letter thanking school principal for allowing community use of the skating rink will be written by WACO.

Adjourned: 9:10 pm

Next Meeting: March 3 at 7 pm

SUBMITTED:

Secretary

Date

APPROVED:

John Anderson, Chair

Date