



Willow Area Community Organization
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Meeting Minutes

Date: August 1, 2016

Occasion: General Meeting

Called to Order: 7:06 pm

Quorum: Community and Board Quorum present.

Agenda: Approved as written.

Minutes: July 11, 2016 minutes approved with one correction.

Borough Assembly Report: Randall not present.

Officer Reports:

- 1. Secretary:** No report.
- 2. Treasurer:** Vince had an August financial statement.
- 3. Vice Chair:** New cabinets and sinks for WCC kitchen remodel arrived and will be installed soon.
- 4. Chair:** Preschool is funded in Willow. Harry attended State Historical Office of Preservation meeting in Anchorage regarding the old log building. Application for historical designation has been tabled until ownership of building is resolved. Harry said a 5013c entity does not have to own the property to apply for historical status.

Committee Reports:

- 1. Carnival:** First meeting will be August 15, 7 pm in WCC. Fireweed is the theme.
- 2. Trails:** Windsock trail hardened. Applying for a grant for new trail from Shirley Creek trail to 40-acre park.
- 3. Youth Forum:** No Report.
- 4. CERT:** Brenda provided information about CERT. Willow CERT has 24 members and is one of 3 active CERT teams in Alaska. Two Willow CERT members will attend training in Maryland.
- 5. Willow Recycling:** 110 households participated in recycling. Cannot accept waxed cardboard.
- 6. Fire Service:** No report.

Unfinished Business:

1. Reconsideration of July motion regarding marijuana businesses within WACO boundaries. Andy Anderson was on the State Marijuana Commission and said only recognized community governments can make decisions regarding allowing marijuana sales etc. Willow is unincorporated and therefore cannot make decisions on this.
2. Old log building historical status. The following statement was made by the State Historical Preservation Committee: 1) Building represents history of community as it was constructed by local citizens, 2) was an action from the whole community, 3) was used on original site from 1960-1992 so does not meet 50 year requirement but does demonstrate the newness of Alaskan History.

Harry asked what positive new action could WACO take to help the log building gain historical standing. Next Willow Historical and Wildlife Foundation meeting Thursday, August 11 at 7 pm in old log building.

New Business

1. Dave Korpi spoke about use and continued development of an amphitheater for concerts in Sockeye Road area. Future concerts are expected to draw from 5,000 to 10,000 people.

Dave outlined the following issues: 1) access to amphitheater goes through a residential community and stirs up a lot of dust, 2) road is substandard for that much traffic, 3) noise issue is severe with music starting at 4 am, 4) concern about drug use and sales.

Dave asked if WACO would draft a letter to Borough with these issues. A suggestion was made to try to gather information from concerned citizens on WACO list serve. Much discussion followed. This issue will be on September agenda.

2. Revenue Share Committee made the following recommendations for revenue share funds distribution: \$10,000 for Willow Public Library Replacement, \$800 for Willow Parks and Trails, \$2,000 for Willow CERT, \$2,000 for Mat-Su Imagination Library, \$1,250 for Willow Recycling, \$1,250 for Willow Cemetery Development, \$1,000 for Weekend Food Packs, \$1,000 for Sunshine Transit.

MOTION: Distribute funds as recommended by Revenue Share Committee. Motion seconded.

VOTE: Passed unanimous.

At-Large Representative Reports:

Talon reported there is an open meeting training at the Borough, August 24th 6 pm.

Community Groups/Clubs

1. **Chamber of Commerce:** Alaska Pioneer Award will be presented to Mrs. Earl Norris once she feels better.
2. **Community Enrichment:** Kids dance classes will have a show Sunday, August 7th at 3:00. Movie night will start in September.
3. **Library:** Thanked WACO for support for library replacement and Garden Club for maintaining the library garden. Eighty youth participated in summer reading program.
4. **Lion's Club:** Had a summer program for older Willow youth. Work has begun on the Community Calendar.
5. **Willow Health Organization:** No report.
6. **Willow Long Term Recovery Team:** No report.
7. **Willow Historical Wildlife Foundation:** Application to place old log building on historical register by State Historical Office of Preservation: decision was postponed.
8. **Willow Dog Musers Association:** Discussed that the club would like to put on new race – the Willow 300 – and would like to use WACO gaming license. Race will be held the first weekend of Carnival. (This has since been changed to second week)

MOTION: Allow WDMA to use WACO gaming license for Willow 300 Sled Dog Race. Motion seconded.

VOTE: Passed unanimous.

9. **Garden Club:** Next club event will be preservation of fruit and vegetables. Thursday, August 18 at 6:30 pm in WCC.
10. **LNG:** Will post recent information on bulletin board in WCC.
11. **PTA:** There will be an ice cream social on Wednesday, August 10th at 3 pm. This is an opportunity for families to meet new teachers.

Persons to be Heard: None

Announcements:

Better Breathers meeting moved to 11:45 am starting Wednesday.

MEA will do additional clearing in fire area of trees near lines and will contact landowners. There have been some MEA fraud calls reported. Don't give out any private information on the phone.

Sunshine Community Health Clinic 30 year anniversary party will be August 13, 2 pm at the Talkeetna clinic. Suicide awareness fundraiser – Color Run – August 31st. Clinic has openings for a few new board members.

Next Meeting September 11 at 7 pm
Adjourned 8:43

SUBMITTED:

Secretary

Date

APPROVED:

Harry Banks, Chair

Date