Matanuska-Susitna Borough
Citizens Advisory Committee on the Goose Creek Correctional Center

Regular Meeting **Minutes** **01/07/2009**
Pt. MacKenzie Public Safety Building (Station 6-4) **7:10 PM**

I. CALL TO ORDER:

The meeting was called to order by Chair Attaliades at 7:10 pm.

II. ROLL CALL AND DETERMINATION OF QUORUM

Committee members Gordon Attaliades, Greg Bell, Toby Riddell, Lynn Gattis, and Art Scates attended, establishing a quorum. MSB staff members, Dennis Brodigan, Emerson Krueger, and Bonnie Allen, RISE Alaska representative Roe Sturgulewski, and DOC representative Ted Kinney also attended. Local property owners Garvan Bucaria, Jeff Wendt and Julie Wendt were also in attendance.

III. APPROVAL OF AGENDA: Member Riddell moved/Member Scates seconded that the agenda be approved as written, motion carried unanimously.

IV. READING AND APPROVAL OF MINUTES: Member Scates moved/Member Riddell seconded that the 12/03/08 minutes be approved as written, motion carried unanimously (MCU).

Note: Charlie Huggins requested inclusion in the minutes recipient list. Borough Clerk requests date of meeting be included in recording motion to approve minutes.

V. PERSONS TO BE HEARD

Garvan Bucaria: Mr. Bucaria highlighted receipt of funding for Goose Creek Correctional Center (GCCC), and draft Assembly ordinance 09-013, introduced 01/06/09 for public hearing 1/10/09. He asked who the owner's representative was that received funding – Mr. Kinney indicated it is Rise Alaska.

Mr. Bucaria mentioned Assembly Resolution 07-002, designating the prison site, which he feels should be referenced in the ordinance 09-013 that speaks to the funding and eventual construction of the GCCC. Resolution 07-002 lists Community Council and community members' concerns including watershed and wildlife habitat and corridor protection. A copy of the draft funding ordinance, 09-013, with his comments, was provided to the committee.

VI. REPORTS

A. Report on items from the previous meeting

1. Recommendations and Responses to date (handout, also on MSB web site)

   Committee members discussed responses with Rise and DOC, receiving clarifications. Mr. Sturgulewski indicated that there are some issues that are not addressable at this stage in the project. The apparent successful bidder, Neeser Construction, will be invited to attend the Feb. meeting to discuss construction phase challenges and issues of trash, work schedule (days, hours of operation) and wastewater disposal as well as the aesthetics of the entrance for visitors.

Mr. Kinney requested a date be displayed prominently on each iteration of the recommendations and responses.

B. Project Update

1. Correctional Center project status: Bonds sold/money received by the MSB. 1/20/09 Public Hearing set for ordinance authorizing contract with Neeser Construction, anticipating Notice to Proceed 1/21/09. Facility building area reduced 8-9% to increase efficiency and reduce construction costs. MTA fiber optics line project serving the site is moving ahead, not released yet.

   DOC highlighted current projected staffing chart (handout/MSB website), in particular the medical staff planned for the facility.

   Clearing anticipated prior to "bird window," construction commencing in April. Groundbreaking, foundation, buildings enclosure planned for this year.

2. Water/Wastewater facility: Project will begin in earnest after contract for GCCC is signed. Staff understanding is that the two facilities – W/WWF and GCCC will likely be operational around the same time. RISE and DOC are pushing to get it started ASAP. HDL is preparing an RFP package for the facility. Conceptual master plan anticipated May 2009.

3. Public Safety Building: Dennis Brodigan provided an overview of the situation. There is no fire service area (FSA) currently encompassing GCCC site and vicinity. FSAs are geo-political jurisdictions, supported through local taxes. Area wide funding cannot be used to support an FSA. Ambulance services *are* supported through area-wide funding, and extend to all portions of the borough. GCCC vicinity ambulance service is provided from station 6-1 in downtown Wasilla. Rescue service is provided from Knik Station, 6-2, at Mile 7 KGB Road. Wildland fire protection is provided by AK-DNR Div of Forestry.

   Mr. Brodigan anticipates joint meetings with State Fire Marshal to discuss GCCC standards, challenges and issues. Structural fire protection at GCCC is not fully defined yet. GCCC will have a robust integral sprinkler system. MSB Department of Emergency Services (DES) has had preliminary discussions about fire protection during construction with the apparent successful bidder. MSB DES will support DOC at GCCC through training and information sharing once the facility is up and running. An FSA encompassing the GCCC site and vicinity can only to be formed according to code:

   1. The area may be annexed into either West Lakes (Big Lake) or Wasilla Lakes (Central Mat-Su) FSA.
   2. The area may form its own FSA.
   3. The FSA proposition is approved or failed by voters within the FSA and area affected.

   - The site was classified for a fire station by the borough before the prison location was selected. Two sites within Point MacKenzie have been so designated.
   - Previous attempts to form an FSA in community failed.
   - The community population has not reached the density typical for FSAs.

- DOC may go through the state fire marshal's office to secure any additional fire protection or training.
- A Public Safety Building is not imminent at this time.

VII. UNFINISHED BUSINESS AND GENERAL ORDERS

A. The video ***Prison Town, USA*** will be shown before the next regular meeting, at 5:30 pm, 2/04/09, at the Point MacKenzie Public Safety Building.

VIII. NEW BUSINESS

A. Member Riddell moved, Chair Attaliades seconded to recommend **that the borough require contractors for projects like the prison or road construction provide a local orientation to workers, including subcontractors**, MCU. This could be informational handouts, group orientation sessions. Suggested issues and items include:

- Trespass – respect private property
- Recreation availability – where to snowmachine, hike or ATV
- Facilities availability – Laundromats, waste disposal, RV parking

The committee recommends the borough require contractors for projects like the prison or road construction provide a local orientation to workers, including subcontractors. Orientation methods may include informational handouts or group sessions. Information should include property ownership in the project area with emphasis to respect private property, and describe recreational opportunities and locations, local laundromats, RV facilities, and waste disposal locations.

IX. PERSONS TO BE HEARD (5 minutes each)

Garvin Bucaria: noted the "breeding and migrating bird window" is prior to April. He cited examples of migratory birds nesting in March. He stated raptors may establish territories earlier. He also expressed concern regarding air quality in the event slash is disposed through on-site burning. He suggested slash burning be conducted during mild winds to allow the smoke to move out of the area while maintaining fire control.

X. COMMITTEE MEMBER COMMENTS: none

The next regular meeting will be 7:00 pm, 2/4/09 at the Point MacKenzie Public Safety Building. The *Prison Town, USA* video will start at 5:30.

XI. ADJOURNMENT: Chair Attaliades moved to adjourn, hearing no objections, Chair Attaliades adjourned the meeting at 9:00.

Gordon Attaliades 2/4/09
Gordon Attaliades, Chair date

Bonnie L Allen 2/4/09
Bonnie Allen, Attest date