

GLEN ALPS ROAD SERVICE AREA

Thursday, January 19, 2012
7:00 pm
Bear Valley School

MINUTES

- I. Call to Order: 7:08 pm
- II. Roll Call

Board Present:

Daniel Constantine, Chair
Joe Connolly, Alternate Chair
Shelly Martin, Recording Secretary
Marc Rodman, Project Chair
Carl Luchsinger, Board Member

Contractor Present:

Marc Rodman and Carl Luchsinger represented the contractor

Guests:

Josh Cross, Lounsbury & Associates, Inc.
Todd Jacobson, The Boutet Company

Residents Present:

Judy Caminer, Toilsome Hill
Tim Connolly, Canyon Rd
Brooks & Rita Wade, Canyon Rd
Christi Swanson, Canyon Rd
Tom Burke, Canyon Rd
Ted & Ginny Moore, Echo Canyon Rd
Carol Barnhill, Canyon Rd

- III. Approval of May Meeting Minutes - The May meeting minutes were read and approved during the September meeting, for which there were no minutes recorded (the board secretary was out of state).

- IV. Chair Report:

- o Daniel received an email from Maury Robinson of the MOA late today stating because the GARSa meeting date was not entered properly on the official meeting site, it would hinder voting and approving formal actions. We can take testimony and discuss the grant funding priorities but we cannot take any action. Daniel, Shelly, and Maury will discuss this

error and resolve it prior to the next meeting date of April 19, 2012.

V. Old Business:

- Update of Toilsome/Glen Alps & Canyon Road Improvements Project – Josh Cross, Lounsbury & Associates, Inc.
 - o Background for the Glen Alps/Toilsome Hill/Canyon Rd Project Grant:
 - Original state grant of \$2.5 million was received from the Commerce, Community and Economic Development Department in FY2007. Of that \$1.9 M has been spent/ear marked for road improvements to the Glen Alps/Toilsome Hill project.
 - Intent of the grant was to improve Toilsome Hill, Glen Alps Road and Canyon Road, which are major access points to Chugach State Park. The project contributes to the CCE Department's mission by improving the mobility of people and goods and increasing private investment.
 - Another grant of \$2.5 million was received in FY2011 from state legislatures; so \$3.8 is currently left for the overall project.
 - o The current plan to improve Glen Alps/Toilsome Hill should go out to bid this spring. The next phase is to make corrections and submit the bid documents to the MOA. Lounsbury met with MOA traffic department to resolve some issues with the plan set. MOA traffic directed Lounsbury to construct culverts under all driveways; install "No Parking" signs with "Tow Away" plates attached every 200 feet along the entire project, and the striping is to be removed from the project. ROW acquisition is the next step to get to the bid submittal. The appraisals and ROW agreements need to be updated and completed, and utility agreements also need to be completed.
 - o Tonight the GARS board would like to listen to the resident's residing along Canyon Road to hear their ideas for expenditure of the remaining funds. When the initial funds were awarded, the GARS board held open meetings to discuss the issues and objectives for the project. The objectives decided upon were: 1. Resolve ROW issues; 2. Reduce maintenance costs by paving; 3. Improve sight distance by removing tight curves, and 4. Improve drainage. With the objectives in mind, the GARS board decided on four

priorities: 1. Realign the upper curve in Glen Alps (which has now been changed to pave the existing road); 2. Acquire ROW on Canyon Road through Rohaley; 3. Acquire ROW through the Hooker-Beede subdivision and 4. Improve Canyon Road from DeArmoun to Bee's Hill. At the January, 2011 meeting, the board voted to rearrange priorities 2 and 3 since it seemed most of the ROW issues came from the subdivision.

- o At a special meeting with the project engineers (Lounsbury) to discuss the project status, two options for the Canyon Road project were developed and presented to the residents tonight. The options were to improve the road through the Hooker-Beede subdivision to accommodate increased traffic and improve safety or build a new road using MOA held land that goes around the subdivision. The Canyon Road residents strongly opposed both options. Some residents felt most road issues were resolved by the skim coating of the hill this past summer which helped with dust control.
 - Resident Tim Connolly proposed an option to research the possibility of obtaining Public Use Easements (PUEs) for the residents located along Canyon Road. Please see attachments 1-3 for specific details on Mr. Connolly's proposal and other residents. It appeared from the residents in attendance that Mr. Connolly's proposal has the support of a majority of the residents, so Mr. Jacobson offered to write a white paper outlining the in and outs of PUEs and will present to the residents and GARSA board at the next meeting.
 - One caution that kept getting mentioned about this proposal was that although we might be able to use the grant money to purchase PUEs, we will not be able to use the money to maintain the road or make any improvements.
 - Another note of caution about this proposal is that the MOA may not accept PUEs if the road cannot meet current standards.
- The GARSA Board may hold a special meeting sometime mid-March to discuss the Canyon Road project. Once the date is set the notice will be published on the MOA website.

VI. Treasurer's Report (*see attachment 4*) - Note to MOA: The board had several questions regarding the financial report received from the MOA just prior to the meeting. First, it shows \$16K was the unspent balance remaining from 2011 CIP Contribution - the board thought this figure should be less because more was spent. The second question is in regards to what our capital budget amount is. And finally there was no mention of what contractor bills had been paid.

- **Fund balance (before set asides): \$173,282**
- **Fund balance (after set asides): \$85,786**
- **Emergency Fund Balance: \$61,944**
- **Capital Budget: ?????**
- **Contractor Bills Paid: ?????**

VII. New Business: None

VIII. Next Meeting Announcement - April 19, 2012
7:00 pm
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IX. Adjournment: 9:00 pm