

Willow Chamber of Commerce Dinner Meeting
August 2, 2007
Willow Trading Post – 15 present

6:00 p.m. Dinner Hour

7:00 p.m. The meeting was called to order by Vice President, Tony DeLucia.

The **secretary's minutes** were passed around, and VP Tony asked Secretary, Karen Mattson to read an abbreviated version of the minutes. They were approved as read.

The Treasurer was absent – **no treasurer's report** was read.

President's Report

1. Attended the reception at Port McKenzie – spoke on....
 - a. Railroad Corridor to be used for mineral transport and other materials
 - b. Plans to upgrade and widen Burma Road near Big Lake
2. Met with I.T.C. Stan Hooley concerning the Iditarod Trail Committee
 - a. Prediction – in 20 years 50,000 people will be coming to Willow
 - b. Goal....Need to establish additional parking in Willow – Willow Station Road and Spur (Airport property) is the best option
3. Tippi Canoe will host Milepost 80-81 for the Adopt a Highway program and Nancy Lake Homeowners Association will host milepost 64-65.

Old Business

The By-laws Committee has not met yet, but plan to meet next month.

New Business

1. A Willow area meeting is scheduled for 6:00 p.m. on August 21st with DOT Commissioner Leo Von Scheben to discuss and get community input on several issues. It was reported this meeting was to be rescheduled...? More information to follow.
2. **Kathy Huston** read a draft of a letter addressed to Governor Palin regarding transfer of airport land to the Mat-Su Borough for community development. **Jim Norcross moved we send the letter to the governor as read. The date can be obtained from her commissioner.** The motion was seconded and a discussion followed. The vote: 8 Aye and 4 Nay. The motion passed.
3. Members were asked if we wanted to take a position on the recreational use of Willow Lake. After much discussion, the consensus was not to do so.
3. 4th of July Parade – should the Chamber take over sponsorship? The consensus was more information was needed before we could take a position.

The meeting was adjourned at 7:40 p.m. Next meeting will be on September 6th.

Karen Mattson, Secretary