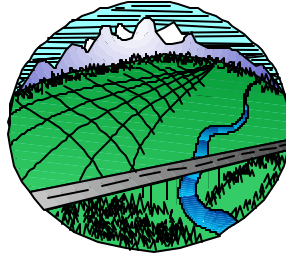


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**EAGLE RIVER COMMUNITY COUNCIL  
P.O. BOX 773952  
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The Municipal Charter states: "The Assembly by ordinance shall provide for establishment of community councils to afford citizens an opportunity for maximum community involvement and means of citizen participation in government and local affairs."

Although community councils are not a branch or layer of government, there exists a cooperative relationship between councils and the municipality. The Muni provides councils with notification of land use, social and economic proposals which may have a significant impact on the council residents. In theory, emphasis will be placed on the initial planning stages of proposals to provide adequate response time from the C.C.s. The Muni also provides for a centrally located resource center, the Federation of Community Councils that serves as a communication and information center to the C.C.s.

The first concern of C.C.s is local issues, those having significant impact within the boundaries of the individual C.C.s. Because local concerns are numerous and due to the volunteer makeup of the councils, concerns are somewhat prioritized and some concerns may not even get addressed. Of second concern to C.C.s are area wide issues. The primary contact for a C.C. on an issue affecting it will be those Assembly members directly representing that area.

C.C.s are obligated primarily to inform their members & residents of matters within their boundaries that require Muni attention and to solicit input regarding those matters from the C.C. members & residents. C.C.s are the first step in the planning and development of their community. A C.C. has a representative on the Road Board and on the Parks and Rec. Board. A strong and viable C.C. provides the Assembly, the Platting and Zoning Board and other agencies with pertinent and valuable information that helps those agencies make policy and important decisions. A strong and viable C.C. depends on volunteers to serve as board directors who try to keep informed of the issues and get that information to its members. And the councils depend on a diverse membership with strong and consistent membership participation to make those decisions that a council passes on to the appropriate agencies.

Eagle River Community Council needs new members and needs past members to renew their membership and needs more membership participation. There are many issues concerning our community that require our attention and input. Some of the issues are the proposed purchase/lease of the Valley River Center, or the Title 21 changes that will have a big impact on us, or the parking and trailhead access to Baldy issue or street and park construction or maintenance issues.

ERCC meets next at 7PM, March 10 in the Muni Meeting Room above Garcia's' Restaurant on Business Blvd. I encourage you to take an active interest in our community by becoming a member of ERCC or of the CC within whose boundaries you reside. You can become a member at that meeting or you can join by mail. As a member you will receive our monthly emails and somewhat less often newsletters that will try to keep you informed of the issues we as a community needs to be concerned with. You can also bring to our attention issues that are of particular concern to you. ERCC membership dues are \$5 per individual and \$10 per business. And will be used to cover postal fees and office supplies. Please join now. Send your name, mailing and email addresses, & phone number, along with your dues to Eagle River Community Council, PO Box 77359, Eagle River, AK. 99577.

Take pride in your community and help your community become the best place to live and enjoy life and raise your family. Become a member of your Community Council.

Charlie Horsman  
ERCC President