May 18, 2017

Dear Community Council Presidents,

I am writing to ask for your assistance with the completion of a short history of your community council area.

The Anchorage Historic Preservation Commission with support from the Muni’s Long Range Planning Department is in the process of completing the Municipal Historic Preservation and Revitalization Plan, the MOAHPP.

As part of the MOAHPP effort we are completing short histories of each community council area. Your constituents are the experts on the history of your neighborhoods. We would like to engage with your experts to learn about this important neighborhood history.

Our intent is to have a public review draft plan by August 2017. We will then present the plan throughout Anchorage, the Eagle River area, and Turnagain Arm/Girdwood areas from August through September. The MOAHPP would then be submitted to the Planning and Zoning Commission as the first step in adoption of the plan in October.

On Wednesday May 17, 2017, I distributed draft histories at the FCC meeting to several council representatives. These draft histories were from areas that had readily available information about that council area and the many neighborhoods within those areas. I also handed out maps and the list of history topics that we are looking to discover from you.

The following areas with draft histories:
Chugiak/Birchwood/Eagle River/Eagle River Valley/Eklutna Valley, Downtown, Fairview, Government Hill, Midtown, Mountain View, South Addition, Spenard, Taku Campbell, Tudor Area, Turnagain by the Sea, and University Area.

The areas with no draft history include:

Please contact me at bunnellkr@muni.org or 907.343.7993 to set up a meeting to discuss your area’s history. We will do additional research as needed to fill in any missing information. **We would like to complete this history project by June 30, 2017.**

Thank you, Kristine Bunnell, Senior Planner
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