

BEAR VALLEY COMMUNITY COUNCIL

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NEXT COUNCIL MEETING: Wednesday, 7:00–9:00 p.m., November 10, 2004
Bear Valley Elementary School, 15001 Mountain Air Drive

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ANNOUNCEMENTS

News is updated weekly on the BVCC website at <http://www.bvcc.info/news.htm>

Firewise Boards – The Anchorage Fire Department is looking to the communities to become involved in their campaign to make our neighborhood more fire aware. Its goal is to encourage and acknowledge action that minimizes home loss to wildfire by preparing for a fire before it occurs. It provides citizens with the knowledge necessary to prepare and maintain a Firewise neighborhood while coordinating with the Anchorage Fire Department for effective emergency response. The program draws on a community's spirit, its resolve, and its willingness to take responsibility for its ignition potential. More information can be found at <http://www.muni.org/fire1/FirewiseCommunities.cfm>.

Anchorage Police Department – The APD has joined the community councils and will be attending meetings to discuss related police issues as well as to hear from residents. This will be an ongoing effort.

From The Platting Board:

Case 2004-021 is a Master Plan Review for a public parks master plan. A hearing date is set for Monday, Feb 07, 2005. This plan updates the 1985 Anchorage Bowl Parks Plan. It provides new policies, standards and guidelines for planning parks, recreation, and natural use areas. Municipality of Anchorage, ATTN: Thede Tobish, Senior Planner PO Box 196650, Anchorage, AK 995196650.

Case Details - <http://munimaps.muni.org/website/htmlviewer/generic/casebody.asp?case=2004-021>

Comments - <http://munimaps.muni.org/planning/allcomments.cfm?caseNum=2004-021>

PREVIOUS MEETING HIGHLIGHTS

Guest Speaker Pat Wolf, Executive Director for the Anchorage Museum of History and Art, was on hand to provide an overview of the proposed expansion to their facility.

- The expansion project has been in the planning stages with architects and local contractors for over six years when it became apparent that the Museum was poised to outgrow its current facility. The Museum has launched an exciting project to expand its space and transform the undeveloped lot on the buildings west side into a new 70,000 square foot building complete with an urban oasis. The Museum cites Anchorage's growing community needs as the primary reason for expansion and hopes that such an undertaking will provide room for the Museum to continue attracting innovative exhibits and works from around the globe.
- The expansion provides for two acres of new landscaping on the C. Street side. This area will serve as a welcoming entry to the new building as well as provide visitors with an interpreted view of Alaska's native flora and fauna. Highlights include:
 - An urban birch forest
 - Local plants, including dogwood, shooting stars and masses of iris.
 - A promenade running parallel to the building.
 - A winter ice skating rink.
 - A summer tidal pool timed to coincide with the Cook Inlet's tides.
 - A pavilion for outdoor functions.
- Total project cost is estimated to be close to \$100 million. The Museum currently has \$75 million in hand and will look to private donations and the Anchorage Assembly to provide the remaining \$25 million. Annual operating costs are expected to be \$1.75 million. The Museum plans to ask the city's residents to cover annual operating costs via a proposed ballot measure in April 2005.

Assembly Notes

- Ordinance 2004-158 was approved which authorizes an easement to the U.S. Forest Service to construct and maintain the Iditarod National Historic Trail across municipal lands in the Upper Girdwood Valley. This would

provide for a relocatable trail so that, in the event of development, the trail could be moved. It also provides that the locals in Girdwood could maintain the trail in the even there was not government funding available in the future.

- Ordinance 2004-137 submits to the qualified voters residing in the South Goldenview Limited Road Service Area (LRSA), a ballot proposition at the regular Municipal election in April 2005 to impose a maximum 1.80 mill levy rate for the South Goldenview LRSA, effective retroactively as of January 1, 2005. The suggestion was proposed by Dick Tremaine to amend the ballot proposition to include the three year extension required of all LRSAs. The Assembly decided on December 6, 2004 to go ahead and vote on the matter. It was approved.

Meeting Minutes for any previous meeting may be obtained on the Bear Valley Community Council's website at <http://www.bvcc.info/minutes.htm>. Hard copies are available at each BVCC meeting, held the second Wednesday of each month at Bear Valley Elementary, or by contacting Jim Steele.

January 12, 2005 MEETING AGENDA

7:00 Introductions & Opening Announcements

- Secretary Vacancy – Any volunteers?

7:15 Guest Speaker: Anchorage Fire Department

A representative from the AFP will be on hand to discuss winter safety issues.

7:30 Guest Speaker: Tom Rayfield of Borealis Broadband

Information on broadband internet services now available in the Bear Valley area.

7:45 Anchorage Police Department Update – Sgt. Cindi Stanton

8:00 Bear Valley Community Council (BVCC) Updates

- Treasurer's report – Deborah Mole
- Federation of Community Councils (FCC) update – Cheri Howland
- Hillside Area Land Owners Association (HALO) update – Rodney Powell
- BVCC website update – Jim Steele
- December Meeting minutes – Jim Steele
- LRSA update – Cheri Howland
 - Grant Requests
- Other announcements from council members

8:25 Assembly Update

- Assembly Member Janice Shamberg and/or Dick Tremaine plan to update us on Assembly issues

8:30 Legislative Updates

8:45 Other Issues

- Suggestions for next meeting
- Other council member ideas or concerns?

9:00 Adjourn