

BEAR VALLEY COMMUNITY COUNCIL NEWS

NEXT COUNCIL MEETING: Wednesday, 7:00–9:00 p.m., February 11, 2004
Bear Valley Elementary School, 15001 Mountain Air Drive



ANNOUNCEMENTS

Bear Valley Community Council web site now online : web site at www.bvcc.info is up and functional. Please email any suggestions to jsteele@msdspro.com. Council information is also available online at <http://www.communitycouncils.org/frame.html>

Community Councils/HALO Candidates' Forum will be held on April 1, 2004 at Holy Spirit Center, O'Malley and Hillside. Candidates for upcoming municipal elections will talk about their plans and ideas.

Spring Cleanup May 15th - Each year a citywide Creek Cleanup is held on the third Saturday of May. The Anchorage Waterways Council would love to have you and your neighbors form a team to cleanup the area near your neighborhood. They can provide bags, gloves, and coordination to collect the gathered trash.

Last meeting summary

Senior Planner Thede Tobish spoke about the Anchorage Parks Plan. Last year a consulting firm was called in to help prepare a draft plan. The expected draft will include a new designation system based on three types:

- Type 1 – Community Use Areas – considered larger parks that serve broader portions of the bowl and are located within two to four miles of residential areas.
- Type 2 – Special Use Areas – used for sporting events such as softball tournaments. These are generally scattered about as needed.
- Type 3 – Natural Resource Areas – including linear greenbelts, lakefronts, critical habitat areas and wetlands.

Final steps involve releasing the draft to the public sometime in February, then to Parks and Recreation Commission in March, on to the Planning and Zoning Commission in April and finally to the Assembly. In the end, this will become a part of Title 21.

Later in the evening, Tom Knox (Municipal Surveyor and Project Manager), Robert Kean (Project Surveyor with Kean & Associates) and Gordon Schadt (Project Attorney) were available to discuss the Rabbit Creek View / Rabbit Creek Heights Subdivision Resurvey project. Mr. Knox explained that the survey project is near completion. After two summers of surveying and re-staking, they have arrived at a final plat with all lot lines identified. A scheduled court hearing was postponed until February 20th at the request of Claire Steffens. Once the court approves the plat, it will finalize the property line locations and be filed and recorded. It has yet to be determined how much each property owner will pay. The Assembly will make the final decision on both amount and time allowable to pay.

More details about January 14th council meeting are provided in the meeting minutes available online at <http://www.bvcc.info/minutes.htm>

February 11, 2004 Meeting Agenda

7:00 Bear Valley Community Council (BVCC) Updates & Announcements

- Treasurer's report – Karen Brandon and Claire Steffens
- Federation of Community Councils (FCC) update – Deborah Mole and Scott Pexton
- Hillside Area Land Owners Association (HALO) update – Dan Stone
- Limited Road Service Area (LRSA) update – Kathleen Rice and/or John Pezzenti, Jr.
- BVCC website – Jim Steele
- January 14, 2004 Meeting minutes
- Other announcements or motions

7:15 Assembly update

- Assembly Member Dick Tremaine or Assembly Member Janice Shamberg will update us on issues before the Anchorage Assembly

7:30 Wildfire Mitigation and Forest Stewardship Programs

- **Forester Sue Rodman** with the Municipality of Anchorage Fire Department will talk about wildfire mitigation plans for 2004 in the Bear Valley area, a tree removal cost share assistance program, Firewise, and fire safety issues
- **Stan Vlahovich with the Alaska Division of Forestry** will describe the Forest Stewardship Program and a landowner assistance program available to help offset tree removal costs

8:10 Other Issues and Discussion

- BVCC Committees – need to recruit new members
- BVCC By-laws – updates needed
- Permanent Fund Program – local discussion about a statewide issue
- Title 21 Planning and Zoning – proposed changes under review
- Other topics of interest

9:00 Adjourn

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Limited Road Service Areas

- Bear Valley LRSA, Kathleen Rice, 345-0754
- Rabbit Creek View/Heights LRSA, John Pezzenti Jr., 345-8999

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- Assembly member Dick Tremaine, 343-4122, tremaine@alaska.net
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