

ERCC Annual Report January 21, 2006

2005 was a very busy and productive year for Eagle River Community Council. There were a good number of important issues that were addressed by the council. Many of those issues concerned the sharp rise in new development in Eagle River. The two new development projects on Monte Rd together with the new development on the Glen Briggs Subdivision and their impact on the surrounding neighborhoods and traffic were and are still of great concern. The clear cutting of the property being developed on Bowen Circle behind Shucks Auto was directly responsible for the formation of a Development Oversight Committee by the council. As Chair of that committee, Bill Gossweiler has been instrumental in shedding light on the inadequate law that allowed such development to move forward and as a result of his efforts a new ordinance has been introduced by Debbie Ossiander and Janice Shamberg to prevent this in the future.

In addition to the development issues, the council designated Judith Fetherolf and Bobbie Gossweiler to represent us in the update of the Eagle River Comprehensive Plan. Together with the Comp Plan update Judith and Bobbie are watching the Title 21 rewrite and providing the council with information and recommendations. The Chugiak/Eagle River LRTP (long range transportation plan) is being updated and Judith Fetherolf and Dan Pace are the council's representatives on this important committee.

FCC (Federation of Community Councils) has provided our council (and all councils) with a lot of support last year. Debbie Baur and Ed Leach are doing an excellent job in getting pertinent information to our council as well as distributing all of our information (agendas, minutes, and newsletters, etc.) to our members via email and USPS. At the beginning of 2005, Debbie found and gave to us a banner for ERCC. Ed has worked hard (among others) to develop a FCC web site that provides a web page for each community council. Despite being somewhat "computer challenged" I have been trying to update our web page in a timely manner.

Senator Fred Dyson or one of his aides/representatives regularly attends our meeting to keep us apprised of his efforts on our behalf and to listen to our concerns and assist us when he can.

The Anchorage Police Department has provided the community councils with an APD liaison officer, Sgt Cindi Stanton. Sgt. Stanton does an excellent job of keeping us informed of policing concerns in ERCC and listening to and following up on police issues that we bring to her attention. Sgt. Stanton can be reached at 786-2668 (office), 317-0985 (cell), or by email at cstanton@ci.anchorage.ak.us.

Membership grew in 2005 and we currently have enough money to cover the fee for our box at the Post Office. As of Jan. 12, 2006, we have \$338.14 in our bank account. The PO Box will cost us \$106. The balance of our account is there to cover office supplies and or other costs incurred on behalf of the council. In 2005, I spent \$92.80 of my personal money for paper, stamps and printer ink. I am hoping that with future dues we

can raise enough money to purchase a recording device to help take and keep accurate minutes at our council meetings.

Mike Foster, Mike Meliolo, and Mark Risi were elected by the membership on Jan. 12, 2006 to serve as ERCC Directors for another 2 year term. Thank you Mike, Mike, and Mark. The directors then elected the officers for the 2006 year. They are as follows:

Treasurer – Bobbie Gossweiler

Secretary – Mark Risi

Vice-President – Mike Foster

President – Charlie Horsman

Brian Fay continues to serve as ERCC's representative on the Parks and Rec Board of Supervisors and is currently President of that board. Dave Sellie serves as our representative on CBERRSA (Chugiak / Birchwood / Eagle River Road Service Area) Board of Directors.

And I am still whipping the same horse.... Urging all of you to become a member of ERCC if you are not already a member.... pay your dues for 2006 if you are and urging everyone to bug and hound your friends and neighbors into becoming paid up members. Share your comments and concerns of Eagle River, be involved. You can bet that I will be expressing my opinions and with the level of involvement I'm presently at.... I could do a lot of damage! And I promise to share the blame for any damage with all of you who fail to participate.

Respectfully Submitted

Charlie Horsman
ERCC President