## BIRCHWOOD COMMUNITY COUNCIL MONTHLY MEETING

7 to 9 p.m., Thursday, January 13, 2005 Birchwood ABC Elementary School Library

## **Meeting Agenda**

- 1) Call to Order
- 2) Approval of November Minutes
- 3) Reports: Road Board

Parks and Rec

FCC – We will be discussing our position on the proposed Ordinance amending the definition and recognition Of Community Councils.

- 4) We need to appoint an alternate to our local Road Board as that Seat has been vacant for awhile
- 5) We need two members willing to represent the council on the upcoming update or re-write of our Chugiak-Eagle River Comprehensive Plan, to serve mid-February to late-May.

For those of you that have encountered problems at the trailheads leading into Chugach State Park, the Advisory Board is holding a special meeting January 18<sup>th</sup> and would like your input on what you feel the solution would be. We will have location info for you at the meeting.

For the benefit of the senior citizens in our area, we have a new volunteer group that will make themselves available to do those pesky chores you have trouble attending to. They have given contact information to the folks at our Chugiak Senior Citizen Center. For 2005, People Mover has decided to issue a \$1.00 all day pass to those over 60. You will get the pass from the driver. The catch is you have to go to the customer service office in Anchorage to get the Reduced Fare ID card to show the driver.

Sgt. Cindi Stanton of APD has been appointed as Community Council Liaison and she would like to know if we have any issues regarding APD that she can come and address for us. We need your input in order to pass this on, both for content and scheduling.

The Birchwood Airport Association sent a letter to the State of Alaska requesting that ownership of Birchwood Airport NOT be transferred to the Municipality of Anchorage. Available information sources felt this was a way to generate more revenue for the muni since Birchwood operates in the black. Transportation

funding for our airport would no longer be available. They indicated they would like our support on this issue.

We've also been told informally that Alaska Railroad intends to expand the use of their property by the Birchwood Airport. Hopefully we will have more info before January 13<sup>th</sup>.

Speaking of the MOA and revenue, this council has received a request from the Mayor's office asking for a list of all businesses within our boundaries. We haven't been able to inquire why before this newsletter/agenda goes out to you but we will certainly keep trying.

Have all of you read the proposed re-write of MOA's land use regulations found in Title 21 and given them your input? You need to involve yourself with this as it will directly impact you in ways you probably haven't thought of. Other than the limits on number of animals any household can have "by right" (5 inside, 4 outside), here are two of my favorites: Under Code Violations found in 21.12.030, prohibits the "Storage of snow (intentionally or otherwise) outside, and in plain view." My second nomination is found in 21.07.080 discussing maximum fence height in areas not residentially zoned. "Side and rear yards shall not exceed 80 feet in height."

\*\*Note\*\* Our agenda is subject to modification to allow input/action on issues that did not make this notice. Any problem or concern you may have about your area, please contact us. Our mailing lists are still being modified and anyone wanting to change to email or not receive council correspondence is urged to contact us.

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