

**BIRCHWOOD COMMUNITY COUNCIL
MONTHLY MEETING**

7 to 9 p.m., Wednesday May 25, 2005
Birchwood ABC Elementary School Library

Meeting Agenda

- 1) Call to Order
- 2) Approval of April Minutes
- 3) Guest Speaker – Beth Wallan, Public Relations Coordinator at
Animal Care and Control
- 4) New Business – Discussion of the relationship between council appointed representatives to the local service area boards and the councils they represent. Examples would be, (Parks & Rec or Road) Board lists of improvements to be studied, designed or constructed, also their ranking for desirability or need. After this year, project ranking of Parks & Rec projects will not be done by the council membership carried forward through your Board rep. Several projects have or have not been done by the local Road Board based upon Board decisions that do not reflect the desires or needs of the council membership.
Discussion and appointment of a committee to bring our By-Laws into conformance with the new ordinance that governs community councils for submission to the Assembly for review, correction, and recognition.
On May 16th, the P & Z will have made a decision on what conditions must exist for you to legally have horses, cows, llamas, pigs, and other large domestic outdoor animals on your property. We will inform you of that decision and ask for your input on this issue. The P & Z decision has to go before the Assembly before it becomes law.
Since it is currently against the law to take or keep your business vehicle at your home or to have a home based business that exceeds 500 sq. ft inside your home or 200 sq. ft in a separate building, several councils have felt this ordinance needs to be re-visited to reflect the needs of the citizens. We need your input since Birchwood residents are regularly being investigated for violations under these two laws.
Beginning in June, the Chugiak/Eagle River Comprehensive Plan will begin the updating process. Birchwood will have several representatives sitting on the Advisory Committee. Community Planning expects to have it completed by September of this year. Since this council does not meet in the summer, your reps need another way to keep you informed and to receive your feedback. This is a critical document and will directly impact you and your neighborhood and your lifestyle. Our Assembly representatives have promised that the rewrite of Title 21 will not take place until our new Comp Plan is approved.
Beginning in June, the local area Long Range Transportation Plan will be updated. Birchwood will have two representatives sitting on the Advisory Committee. Since finalization will not happen this year, Birchwood will have time to present and receive member comments in the fall.
The Council will be asked to review a number of Capital Improvement Projects for the 2006-2011 CIP list. There will be projects within our council boundaries as well as other projects that will impact our area. We can also add or delete any projects to compliment our priority list. If there is time, perhaps we could review Parks & Rec projects and prioritize them although they have the option of not accepting our input (as a council).

****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 constantly be modified and anyone wanting to change to email or not receive council correspondence is urged to contact up.**

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