

**BIRCHWOOD COMMUNITY COUNCIL  
MONTHLY MEETING**

**Wednesday October 26, 2005 7 to 9 p.m.**

**\*\*\*Birchwood ABC Elementary School – Room 14\*\*\***

- 1) Call to Order**
- 2) Approval of September 2005 Minutes**
- 3) Elections – Chairman, Vice Chairman, Recording Secretary, Correspondence Secretary, FCC Representative and Road Board Alternate**
- 4) Discussion and consensus of changing date or canceling meetings in November and December.**
- 5) Reports – Road Board, Parks & Rec, FCC**
- 6) Old Business – Chugiak-Eagle River Comprehensive Plan Update  
Alaska Railroad Area Projects**
- 7) Open Forum**

**Issues of major importance – Public hearing on Large Domestic Animal Ordinance will be on Tuesday, October 18<sup>th</sup> and even if you don't testify you need to make your presence known. Need to be at the Assembly Chambers by 6:30 p.m. This is a critical issue for our part of the municipality so get off your duff and support the life style you want to continue to enjoy. Also, take fifteen minutes and fill out the Animal Control Survey at [muni.org](http://muni.org). A little help and direction is what they are asking for, so in this instance, you snooze you loose. Finally, please note we are meeting at Birchwood ABC Elementary again this month in Room 14 which is just on the other side of the office....hope to see you there!!**

**\*\*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 us.**

**Bobbi Wells – Chair 688-4321  
Kevin Finnigan – Vice Chair 688-3758  
Nanette Belk – Secretary 694-9629**

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## **Birchwood Community Council Meeting Minutes of September 28, 2005**

Called to order at 7:05 p.m. in room 14 at Birchwood ABC Elementary. June 2005 meeting minutes were approved (Elden King 1<sup>st</sup>/ Debbie Ossiander 2<sup>nd</sup>).

New Business - Extensive discussion about goals, objectives, strategies and policies with our 2020 Comp Plan Citizen Advisory Committee. Some of which include a projected population of 54,695 by 2025 with additional residential dwelling units and economic development to accommodate a 20% local employment figure. Our committee is also working with commercial and industrial development in this plan and advise that a proposed rezoning will be done after the rewrite of Municipal Title 21 and the preliminary drawings for public water and sewer being done in our area are 65% complete. To view the 2020 Comp Plan, a copy is available in the Birchwood Council box at the library or online at the FCC website. A resolution for a separate Chugiak-Eagle River Land Use Regulation Chapter within Title 21 of the Anchorage Municipal Code was passed unanimously by the council. Adoption of a resolution on standards for open space in all new development was introduced and discussed. These standards and regulations are to be included in Title 21 for the area known as Chugiak-Eagle River. Questions raised on the broad wording has tabled this issue until the next meeting. LARGE ANIMAL ORDINANCE – A work session has been held and public hearing is scheduled for 6:30 p.m. October 18<sup>th</sup> in the Assembly Chambers. This ordinance will regulate the number of animals, the acreage to support these animals and put a limit on the amount of structures you build to house and care for the animals. Lots of pros and cons about this so residents are strongly encouraged to make your presence known at the public hearing.

ELECTIONS- Annual meeting in October and we will be electing Chairman, Vice Chairman, Recording Secretary, Correspondence Secretary, FCC Representative and Road Board alternate. If everyone will do a small part we can accomplish a great deal. We are handling many issues and want to address all of them thoroughly so your help is needed. The more people involved the less time it takes to deal with meetings and tasks.

PARKS AND REC REPORT (Lexi Hill)- Currently a Memorandum of Understanding between the Muni and Eklutna, Inc. stating the two of them will negotiate the specifics of a land trade. The idea is to solve several problems: 1) A school site for the Powder Reserve, either purchased or exchanged/trade. 2) Access to Chugach State Park at Mt. Baldy. Broadly, the Muni would give six acres in the southeast corner of NW ¼ of Section 25 and some undetermined acreage in the Edmondson Park and would in turn receive a specific site for a school in the Powder Reserve and acreage owned by Eklutna, Inc. up by Mt. Baldy. After lengthy discussion, the council will wait for more definite details regarding the evaluation of the proposed trade.

Meeting adjourned at 9:20p.m.

### **A Resolution Affirming the Need for a Separate Chugiak-Eagle River Land Use Regulation Chapter within Title 21 of the Anchorage Municipal Code**

**RESOLVED**, That Birchwood Community Council endorses the Updated Chugiak - Eagle River Comprehensive Plan as the guiding document for Land Use and Development in our area, and that this Document be used to create a **separate Chapter** in Title 21 that will govern Land Use and development within the Chugiak- Eagle River community of the Municipality of Anchorage.

Dated: September 28, 2005