

Birchwood Community Council

REGULAR MONTHLY MEETING

7-9 PM, Wednesday, January 24, 2007

****Beach Lake Ski Chalet on S.Birchwood Loop****

- 1) Call to Order
- 2) Approval of Minutes (October, 2006)
- 3) **Guest Speakers** (7:30 PM)
 - a. Sgt Stanton, if available. The Community council liaison officer is being transferred to the Detective unit. This may happen before we meet.
- 4) **OLD BUSINESS**, updates on the following:

- a. **MOA Title 21 Rewrite:**

Public hearing was Jan 9th on chapters 1,2,8,13, a work session on Jan 19th, and probably a decision by the Assembly later this month..however it won't become effective until fall of this year. An economic report has been undertaken and should be out in April, then the remaining chapters will be scheduled for public hearing and approval.

- b. **Powerline Ordinance:**

It passed but only applies to poles 70 foot or taller.

- c. **Chugiak_Eagle River Long Range Transportation Plan Update:**

To read the P&Z recommendations & Staff's 31 page Issue/Response summary online go to <http://www.muni.org/transplan/CERLRTPUpdate.cfm> Next step is review by AMATS TAC committee and then to the Assembly for adoption (date not known). The hot button issue still appears to be the connectivity issue whereby connections between all subdivisions as well as missing connections between local streets are being listed for development. While this might assist faster emergency response, it also brings up the question of cut-thru traffic in neighborhoods and who is to pay for these connections.

- c. **Mt Baldy access.**

Our Parks & Rec representative should have an update available for the membership at the meeting.

- d. **Eklutna's Tract 40A, the new Master Plan**

for the 404 acres we call the Powder Reserve has been heard by the P&Z Commissioners & will go before the Assembly later this year (date uncertain). MOA Staff recommends a maximum of 2069 units. The smallest lots are 3500 sq.ft., with the average being 6000 sq.ft. They also show 7 acres of B-3 commercial business, mixed use, and a reservation for an elementary school site. There will be both public and private trails and initial road connections to the NW quarter/Almdale area as well as 3 connections to the Frontage Road between the interchange and Terrace Lane. The case number is AO2006-125 and is listed on line where you can make comment (same website address as Eklutna conditional use permit)

- e. **C-ER Consortium Status Report on a separate chapter in Title 21-**

The results of the community survey will be presented to the local public on the 16th by Dittman at the regular Consortium meeting (6:30 PM, above Garcias in the meeting room). Our guidelines in our Comp Plan, this survey, and your input will serve as the basis for suitable land use regulations for our separate chapter to govern Chugiak_Eagle River. We expect to hire the land use planner very soon. After the 16th, the survey results will be posted on line at http://www.communitycouncils.org/servlet/content_c_e.html

- f. **Eklutna, Inc conditional use permit** for gravel extraction & processing, Case # 2007-002 will have been partially heard by the P&Z Commissioners on Jan 8th. Their original application was to process 6 million cubic yards of material over 10 years, both from a site by the Village of Eklutna & Tract B (Eklutna's Tract C accessed on Eklutna Park Drive at the North Eagle River Interchange) with Tract B holding the concrete and the asphalt batch plants. For now they are just going ahead with the Village site. We will discuss this further at the meeting. Your council made comment and can be found at <http://munimaps.muni.org/planning/home3.htm> Type in the case number, then go to "read comments".

- g. **Eagle River de-annexation feasibility study.** This was a study undertaken by the State Local Boundary Commission to determine if it is economically feasible for Chugiak-Eagle River to de-annex from the MOA and become it's own Borough. The report will be completed the end of March. The State Legislature funded this study (requested by Sen. Dyson). If it is possible, the people would have to petition the Boundary Commission for De-Annexation.

(5) NEW BUSINESS

Open for suggestions by membership. We will need to formulate a committee to review the MOA Title 21 draft and also give feedback to the C-ER Consortium

(6) Board Reports

CBERRRSA by Gail Dial-

Parks & Rec Bd of Supervisors-Lexi Hill

Federation of Community Councils-We need a new delegate as Nanette can no longer fill this position.

Open Forum

****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.

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Nanette Belk – Secretary 694-9629