

**Birchwood Community Council
REGULAR MONTHLY MEETING
7-9 PM, Wednesday, March 28, 2007
****Beach Lake Ski Chalet on S.Birchwood Loop******

1) Call to Order

2) Approval of Minutes (February, 2006)

3) Guest Speakers (7:30 PM)

a. AK Dept of Transportation for Conditional Use Permit for gravel extraction in the NW quarter of section 25-Presentation

b. Rainbow Connection, presentation on Proposition 8

c. (tentative) Assembly Member Bill Starr with an Assembly report

4) OLD BUSINESS, updates on the following:

a. MOA Title 21 Rewrite:

Public hearing by the MOA Assembly is scheduled for March 27, 2007 on chapters concerning General Provisions, Boards/Commissions/Muni Administration, Subdivision Standards, and Code Enforcement. An economic report should be released in April, and then the remaining chapters will be scheduled for public hearing and approval. View at http://www.muni.org/planning/prj_Title21_docs.cfm

b. Chugiak-Eagle River Long Range Transportation Plan Update:

To read the P&Z recommendations & Staff's 36 page Issue/Response summary online go to <http://www.muni.org/transplan/CERLRTPUpdate.cfm> The next step will be the public hearing before the MOA Assembly, but the date is not yet set.

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 & the Assembly. It was approved with some minor amendments concerning traffic impact and commercial usage. When full details are available, we will let you know exactly what they are. The neighborhood between Tract 40A and South Birchwood make a got showing with bringing their concerns forward. For now, Eklutna agreed to limit the number of dwellings to 1,550. As each phase is developed, Eklutna will have to come before the Board for further review to make sure they follow their approved Master Plan.

e. C-ER Consortium Status Report on a separate chapter in Title 21-We have ads running for a land use planner to help us with the suitable land use regulations. The guidelines in our Updated Comp Plan, the completed survey, and your input will serve as the basis for suitable land use regulations for our separate chapter for Chugiak-Eagle River. We expect to hire the land use planner very soon. Survey results can be reviewed on line at http://www.communitycouncils.org/servlet/content_c_e.html

f. Eklutna, Inc conditional use permit for gravel extraction & processing for the area near Powder Ridge known as Tract B, has been approved. Their original application was to process 6 million cubic yards of material over a number of 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. Eklutna states that a lot of this material will be used to do land preparation, roads, trails, etc in their Tract 40A plan. Later, they intend to bring forth another conditional use plan for the Alaska Railroad property behind Powder Ridge's existing subdivisions when they have title to that property under a Memorandum of Understanding.

5) NEW BUSINESS

a. There is a proposal for a large area for a shooting/training range for exclusive use of an un-named group to be located in Beach Lake Park. They do not wish to use public shooting ranges as they need to cordon off the area from the public for extended periods. Rumor says in our park, between the Birchwood Camp and the military bases, but accessed thru our entrance. This has been presented to the Parks & Rec Board (March 12), and we note that the Dog Musher's will receive the proposal on March 20th.

6) Board Reports (discussion on continued absence of reports from our representatives) CBERRRSA by Gail Dial-Parks & Rec BD of Supervisors-Lexi Hill Federation of Community Councils-report, if available 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 to not receive council correspondence is urged to contact us.

Bobbi Wells - Chair 688-4321
Kevin Finnigan - Vice Chair (on medical leave)
Nanette Belk - Secretary 694-9629