

Birchwood Community Council
Regular Monthly Meeting
7-9PM September 23, 2009
Ski Chalet at 17300 South Birchwood Loop

1. Call to Order
2. Approval of June Minutes-

3. **Presentations:**

7:15PM—Granite Construction, contractor for Eklunta, Inc will update the members on the Birchwood Airport gravel extraction site. Things have been a little rocky for them as they have attempted to get this operation up and running while tending to their other ongoing projects. Monitor wells are in, most of the private testing of water wells on neighboring properties has begun, the spur track is in, and the scheduling of the gravel trains seems to be in flux. They apparently have dropped the request for additional equipment for this season.

7:30PM—Bill Starr, Assemblyman. Bill is seated on several Assembly committees this session: Elections/Ethics, Community/Economic Development. Public Safety, Municipal Audit. He is well versed on the budget and has a working knowledge of local area projects which directly affect us. Bring your concerns to this meeting and see what Bill has to say about them.

4. **Old Business**

Status of Beach Lake Master Plan Update. This long-awaited project is finally off the ground, with Agnew:Beck doing some prior literature review. Several walk-about have taken place and suggestions for what we want in our park has been forwarded to Land Design North. Some are wondering if the railroad still intends to move the track inward 300 feet and if so, when.

5. **New Business**

a. Strategies for Setting Long Range Goals for CBERRRSA: The decision was made at the last Road Board meeting to hold one or two meetings in the fall dedicated to strategizing the direction of the Board. Acting Chair Kovac encouraged Board members to talk with their neighbors and pose questions at community council meetings about what services should be reduced or increased and where the Board should be in five to ten years. *One target project is a snow storage area.* Level & type of service that we want.

b. Nomination for council Chair and Vice Chair will be taken. We also have to select a representative from Birchwood to serve as a voting member at the Federation, and on the C-ER Consortium Board. Elections are in October.

c. Neighbor complaints this summer were varied: Excessive train whistling & Sled Dogs barking, Gravel Pit noise complaints, paving of Beach Lake Road, Police Dept re-assignments which have hampered community policing efforts.

d. Local Plats and Site Plans, if any, to be reviewed: The property owners at 20844 Bowery Lane are asking for a variance since the duplex they poured a foundation for is within the setback. The council membership may or may not wish to formally comment prior to their October 8th hearing date.

6. **Reports**, if available

-CBERRRSA Report-their last meeting was in June; no report anticipated, however there's a joint hearing with Parks & Rec on Sept 14th as the State has said they don't wish to build a walkway/trail along the Old Glenn unless one of the local service area Boards will take over the maintenance responsibilities.

-Parks and Recreation Report- of the September 14th meeting (Hill)

-Consortium of C-ER Community Councils of the August Board meeting (Wells)

-Federation of Councils Report. No report anticipated. (G. McCain)

7. Open Forum-8:30PM of items not listed on the Agenda

8. Adjournment—9PM

Our Agenda is subject to modification to allow input/action on issues that did not make this Notice.

Bobbi Wells, Chair 688 4321

Jill Flanders-Crosby, Vice Chair

Gail McCain, Secty