

# **Birchwood Community Council**

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## **AGENDA**

Wednesday, October 10, 2018, 7-9 PM

**NOTE DIFFERENT MEETING LOCATION FOR OCTOBER:**

**Beach Lake Lodge, 20100 Beach Lake Road  
(end of Beach Lake Rd., next to the lake)**

*Agenda subject to modification to allow input/action on issues that did not make this notice*

### **1. Call to Order**

### **2. Approval of September 2018 Minutes (available at the meeting)**

### **3. Announcements**

- a) The Municipality is working on a Climate Action Plan. Handout sent with agenda.
- b) Ted Stevens airport runway work done for this season; will resume in April 2019.

### **4. Reports**

- a) FCC Report: Matt Cruickshank
- b) CBERRRSA Road Board Report
- c) Parks and Recreation Report: <http://www.muni.org/Departments/ERparks/>
- d) Chugiak Eagle River Advisory Board
- e) Treasurer's report
- f) Tim Benningfield - CVFD
- g) Birchwood Patrol Report – recent crime activity – Jeff Hartley

### **5. Appearances:**

- a) AWWU water line update

### **6. Old Business**

- a) Elections: Chair, Vice Chair, Rep at Large (currently combined with Treasurer) up for election; Secretary, Secretary for Publicity, FCC rep, to continue in their two year terms.

### **7. New Business**

- a) Proposed resolution asking the Muni department to review and revise as needed their timelines for getting information to community councils, in order to allow time for councils to receive, discuss and provide feedback on muni decisions.
- b) Rogers Park Community Council resolution on homelessness

### **8. Open Forum-floor opened to public, any issue**

### **9. Adjournment-9pm**

2017-2018 board: Kevin McNamara, Chair; Debbie Ossiander, Vice Chair & CERAB rep Tony Vita, Road Board; Lexi Hill, Secretary & Parks and Rec rep; Matt Cruickshank, Secretary for Publicity; Barbara Trost, Member at large

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## Stream setback message:

Dear Community Council Representative :

Assembly Member Demboski requested that I contact you in regards to the proposed changes to the stream setback provisions of Title 21. The public hearing on the ordinance to adopt these changes, AO 2018-067, was opened at the August 14<sup>th</sup> Assembly meeting and will be continued during the October 9<sup>th</sup> meeting. I would be happy to come speak to your Community Council during September, prior to the next public hearing on the issue.

During the outreach for the P&Z hearing for these proposed changes I had the opportunity to speak to some members of your councils, both at the Federation of Community Council meeting in November and at the Chugiak Eagle River Advisory Board in December. While what is before the assembly is largely the same as the version your Community Council last November, some changes were made that are reflected in the proposed ordinance. Community members from the Anchorage Hillside requested more stringent requirements for the Anchorage Hillside than what was proposed by staff. These provisions are contained in the "S" version of the ordinance. Changes from the original P&Z case that are generally applicable to your community or were specifically requested from Chugiak Eagle River include:

- For this code chapter the definition for "legally established" is expanded beyond permitted or constructed to include those elements that are part of an approved conditional use or master plan
- Substantially damaged structures (fire, flood, etc.) can be rebuilt in all stream setback areas. As originally proposed, this allowance was limited to structures greater than 25 feet away from the creek
- Flexibility was added to the tracting of wetlands during development
- Unpaved trails near creek are limited in width
- You may not alter the location of a stream on your property in a manner that impacts your neighbor without written permission
- Clarification that hydropower projects are allowed in stream setbacks
- Riparian edge zone allowances may not cover more than ½ of the setback area, cumulatively.

Beyond Community Council meetings (or in the event that a Council meeting in your area cannot happen for whatever reason), I am happy to respond to questions or concerns about what is proposed, the impacts to specific properties, etc. You are welcome to contact me via phone or email. I have attached to this email, PDFs of the proposed ordinance and the S version of the ordinance. As part of the larger outreach about these proposed changes, we have created an interactive map showing how streams will be impacted. The header of the map also contains links to the documents I have attached, as well as to a number of other related documents, including the current stream setback code. This map can be reached at <http://arcg.is/OPm4TW>.

Thanks,  
Jeff

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