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**Minutes**  
**Special Meeting**  
**BIRCHWOOD Community Council**  
Tuesday March 1, 2022, 7 PM

1. **Call to Order-** 7:01
2. **Vote on Resolution 2022-02-2** Matt introduced the Resolution background from the Feb 9<sup>th</sup> meeting. No comments or concerns from the members in attendance. No objections to approving the resolution, so resolution is approved and passed with no opposition.
3. Gretchen stated she has not endorsed any particular reapportionment map. Happy the assembly gave us more time to evaluate the maps.

**Resolution 2022-02-2**

Whereas Birchwood Community Council supports the 2006 updated Chugiak Eagle River Comprehensive Plan and the Title 21, Chapter 10 Land Use Code for Chugiak-Eagle River.

Whereas the Eagle River Community Council has requested Birchwood Community Council's input.

Whereas a marijuana retail business is proposed for 12111 Horseshoe Drive, Eagle River. This site is zoned CE-B-3 and in accordance with Title 21, Chapter 10, Section 21.10-4 Table of Allowed Uses, page 10-54 Marijuana Retail Sales establishments are prohibited in Commercial CE-B-3 and not eligible to be approved under any special land use permits or variances.

Whereas additionally under Title 21.05.055 subsections 2.c and d, a requirement for a 1,000-foot setback from marijuana retail stores and protected uses, such as churches, childcare centers, schools and residential living cannot be fulfilled by this proposed business as it would be much closer than that distance from these uses, and

Whereas further the proposed location is next to a triplex home on the adjoining property to the south, a single-family home to the east and multifamily condominiums across the street to the north, and Horseshoe Drive additionally fails to comply with current road standards and is undersized with no sidewalks.

Whereas there is an intent proposal that the Anchorage Assembly vacate the above ordinance to allow for an otherwise prohibited variance or special land use agreement for the purpose of approving a marijuana retail sales establishment.

Birchwood Community Council resolves to oppose such action in support of Eagle River Community Council's resolution.

4. **Adjournment-** 7:07

2021-2022 board: Debbie Ossiander, Co-Chair; Matt Cruickshank, Co- Chair, Road Board rep;  
Gretchen Wehmhoff: Secretary for Publicity; Barbara Trost, Parks and Rec rep;  
Patty Friend, Member at large; Val Jokela, Treasurer