

BEAR VALLEY COMMUNITY COUNCIL

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NEXT COUNCIL MEETING: Wednesday, 7:00–9:00 p.m., March 9, 2005
Bear Valley Elementary School, 15001 Mountain Air Drive

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ANNOUNCEMENTS

News is updated on the BVCC website at <http://www.bvcc.info/news.htm>

The Bear Valley Community Council's website will be moving in February. An exact date has not been determined but users should expect an outage for up to three days.

From The Platting Board:

Case 2004-021 is a Master Plan Review for a public parks master plan. A hearing date is set for Monday, Feb 07, 2005. This plan updates the 1985 Anchorage Bowl Parks Plan. It provides new policies, standards and guidelines for planning parks, recreation, and natural use areas. Municipality of Anchorage, ATTN: Thede Tobish, Senior Planner PO Box 196650, Anchorage, AK 995196650.

Case Details - <http://munimaps.muni.org/website/htmlviewer/generic/casebody.asp?case=2004-021>

Comments - <http://munimaps.muni.org/planning/allcomments.cfm?caseNum=2004-021>

PREVIOUS MEETING HIGHLIGHTS

Guest Speaker Mike Davidson, Captain, Anchorage Fire Department, Station 10 (Bear Valley), was on hand to introduce himself and members of his team. He provided the following information:

- Encouraged members and attendees to become involved with the Anchorage Firewise programs. Bear Valley is considered a prime area for wildfires. Defensible space is key is saving your homes! More information is available on the Municipality's website at <http://www.muni.org/fire1/firewise.cfm>.
- Discussed the new Brush Truck that will be assigned to Station 10. Station 10 will be the only station with such a vehicle. The truck itself is built on a one ton chassis, carries a 250 gallon water tank, "hose-bags" that support hundreds of feet of water hose and a variety of other equipment. Because of its smaller size, this vehicle will be able to gain access to areas inaccessible to the larger trucks. The truck is expected to be on-site by this spring
- Carbon Monoxide detectors are critical this time of year. Because carbon monoxide gas is colorless and odorless, a detector is the only safeguard that gives indoor residents a chance in the event of exposure. Typical sources of carbon monoxide include vehicles, furnaces and stoves. Digital detectors are recommended.

Cindi Stanton, Sergeant with the Anchorage Police Department and Community Council Liaison.

- In an effort to create closer ties with the Municipality's Community Councils, the APD has assigned Sgt. Stanton as the Community Council Liaison. The role is designed to provide an interface with the community that is able to provide information regarding the APD, field questions and educate the various communities.

A representative with Borealis Broadband spoke to the council regarding the availability of high speed internet in the Bear Valley area.

- Service levels come in three tiers. Each tier requires a \$99.00 installation fee and a one year service contract.
 - Tier 1 offers 320 kbps, 5 mb of web space and 3 email accounts for \$44.00 per month.
 - Tier 2 offers 640 kbps, 5 mb of web space and 4 email accounts for \$54.00 per month.
 - Tier 3 offers 768 kbps, 5 mb of web space and 5 email accounts for \$64.00 per month.
- Anyone interested in more information should contact Borealis Broadband at 632-2005 or visit them on the web at www.borealisbroadband.net.

Speaker Jerry Krieter asked for the floor to discuss an issue regarding the DOT's prioritization of snow removal as pertains to the Hillside.

- Mr. Krieter is visiting the various Hillside councils in an effort to garnish support in prioritizing the snow removal criteria. He argues that the current priority plan is outdated and needs to be revised to accommodate the strong residential growth in our hillside communities.

Assembly Notes

- A proposal to place a 4% increase on the bed tax will be presented to voters on the April ballot. The increase would go toward funding a new convention center. Currently the bed tax is set at 8% with 4% allocated to revenue and 4% allocated to the Municipality. The proposed increase would raise the total tax to 12%.

Other Notes

- The Anchorage Assembly awarded the FCC a \$108,000 Operating Grant for 2005. FCC Chair Merten Bangemann-Johnson stated the Assembly would not sign the grant contract until all council's adopt the new ordinance. The FCC should distribute the new ordinance soon. It will be necessary for all Community Councils to adopt new policies and bylaws based on the FCC updates.
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- Vice Chair Howland authored and submitted to the Municipality of Anchorage a grant request for \$150,000 to be used toward capital improvement projects in Bear Valley. The monies would be used to offset the under funded LRSA's servicing the Valley and could be used for road improvements, erosion control and drainage improvements to name a few. Bear Valley residents need may be asked to increase their MIL Rates in order to properly fund our LRSA's.

Meeting Minutes for any previous meeting may be obtained on the Bear Valley Community Council's website at <http://www.bvcc.info/minutes.htm>. Hard copies are available at each BVCC meeting, held the second Wednesday of each month at Bear Valley Elementary, or by contacting Jim Steele.

February 9, 2005 MEETING AGENDA

7:00 Introductions & Opening Announcements

7:05 Guest Speaker: Robin Ward, Executive Director, Heritage Land Bank

Mrs. Ward will be available to discuss areas of interest to the council including and specifically, Section 36.

8:00 Legislative Updates – Tentative teleconference with Senator Con Bunde

8:15 Anchorage Police Department – SGT Cindi Stanton

8:25 Bear Valley Community Council (BVCC) Updates

- Treasurer's report – Deborah Mole
- Federation of Community Councils (FCC) update – Cheri Howland
- Hillside Area Land Owners Association (HALO) update – Rodney Powell
- BVCC website update – Jim Steele
- January Meeting minutes – Jim Steele
- LRSA update – Cheri Howland

8:45 Assembly Update

- Assembly Member Janice Shamberg and/or Dick Tremaine plan to update us on Assembly issues

9:00 Adjourn