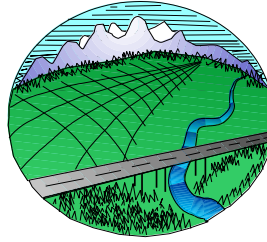


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**EAGLE RIVER COMMUNITY COUNCIL
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24 Feb, 2006

Our 2nd meeting of the year is coming up soon, (March 9) and again we have a full agenda. Bring your questions and concerns for Sgt Cyndi Stanton (APD). Remember, you don't have to wait for a council meeting to talk to Sgt. Stanton. Sgt. Stanton's cell phone # is 317-0985 and her email address is cstanton@ci.anchorage.ak.us. Hopefully, one or both of our Assembly Representatives, Anna Fairclough and Debbie Osslander will be present as well as a representative from Senator Fred Dyson.

Dennis Linnell, from Anchorage Tomorrow, will brief us on the bond propositions on the April ballot. Tentatively, someone from ASD will fill us in on the school bond propositions. Also addressing the council will be Matt Williams from Dryden & LaRue and he will speak about the Eklutna Transmission Line Rebuild Project scheduled to begin this spring.

Phase II development of the Hidden Hills Subdivision (the old Dale Briggs & Meadow Brook Sub. off of Old Eagle River Rd.) is at the top of our New Business section of the agenda. Bill Kramer, Owner and Developer, and his representative from the engineering firm of Rod Kinney Associates, Inc. will make a presentation showing us what is proposed for Phase II and will answer any questions we might have. Phase II will divide 17 acres into 51 lots and will tie Hideaway Ridge Drive into Kantishna Drive.

Under Old Business we will discuss the ongoing Eagle River Comprehensive Plan Update and the Title 21 rewrite. Judith Fetherolf, our CAC (Citizens Advisory Committee) representative, will bring us up to date on these issues. These two issues are very important to the council given the impact they will have on the community. March 8, 2006 will be the last CAC meeting for the CER (Chugiak/Eagle River) Comp. Plan Update. After that, MOA Planning Dept. will prepare a final draft for public review before it is sent to P&Z, the Mayor, and the Assembly for final approval. The Comp. Plan is scheduled to be completed and approved before the T21 rewrite is approved.

At this point, MOA is not in favor of a separate chapter in T21 for CER. Instead, there is favor for an OD (Overlay District) and the CER Chamber of Commerce is trying to develop one. The problem that I and many other CER residents perceive, is that without a separate chapter placeholder, CER will be developed by the standards set forth in T21 that are most applicable to Anchorage. An OD Plan will have specific boundaries and will not address any of the issues outside of those boundaries. The OD Plan being developed by CER Chamber of Commerce will address the commercial district of Eagle River but will not apply to outlying residential development. In November of 2005, ERCC voted in favor of a separate CER Chapter Placeholder in T21 as well as did most of our neighboring Community Councils. A separate Chapter Placeholder will not hinder the progress of an OD Plan nor would it hinder the progress of the T21 Rewrite but without it CER will have a hard time of amending T21 or an OD after they have been approved. The new T21 will have a huge impact on our community in development and zoning. CER is a unique community of diversity with vision, goals, and needs that are not necessarily the same as those of Anchorage. Girdwood, a community of fewer than 2000 has a Separate Chapter in T21. CER is a community of 34,000 and we should have the same authority to guide the development of our community that is afforded Girdwood.

We need to send a strong message to MOA Planning Department, the Mayor, and the Assembly that a CER Separate Chapter Placeholder in T21 is not only desired but required by the members of ERCC and residents of CER. We can do this by sending an email or letter to the Mayor and to each Assembly Representative. A short statement saying that you support (or do not support) a CER Separate Chapter Placeholder in T21 can be sent to Mayor Begich and to the Assembly via email by going online to www.muni.org and follow the link "Contact Us" under the main header. Then follow the link to send a message to the "Mayor's Office" and then the link to send a message to the "Assembly Mailbox". Or you can send a letter via USPS to Mayor Mark Begich, 632 W.6th Suite 830, Anchorage, AK. 99501, and to the Assembly at 632 W.6th Suite 250, Anchorage, AK. 99501. Please take the time to weigh in on this so very important issue as soon as possible.

I want to thank all of you who have renewed your ERCC membership for 2006 and also to welcome all of the new members. You know who you are... Thanks! I also want to thank all of you who responded to the questions I sent out last

month regarding T21 and the Comp Plan. The majority of the respondents do not support the removal of any industrial zoned as identified on the Jan. 17, 2006 LUP Working Draft without first identifying and designating other industrial zoned property to replace that which is re-designated. The majority supports limits on residential structure heights to 35 feet (35 feet) and commercial structure heights to forty five feet (45 feet). The majority also does not have any objection to proposed density changes that are not significantly greater than existing densities in a portion of property encompassed by ER Loop, ER Loop Spur, Coronado, and the Old Glen (16 to 35 dwelling units per acre) or to a residential area including Sunny Slopes Subd., Raymond Tedrow Subd., Briggs Subd., and a portion of the Meadow Brook Subd. (7 to 10 dwelling units per acre).

Brian Fay is our Parks and Rec Board representative and I am the alternate representative. Our 3 year terms expire 1 July, 2006. I will not be seeking or accepting reappointment. Brian could probably be convinced to go another term but if you are interested in either the representative or alternate position, please let us know. Regardless if Brian is re-elected, we will need an alternate so please consider volunteering. Dave Sellie's term as Road Board Representative expires on 1 July, 2007. Currently we do not have an Alternate Representative. Dave has indicated that he most likely will not accept another term upon completion of his existing term. We desperately need someone to volunteer to become our Alternate Representative and to start educating her or his self about the Road Board functions and issues.

I hope that many of you will attend our meeting at 7pm, Thursday March 9, in the MOA conference room above Garcia's Restaurant on Business Blvd.

Thanks for your concern and participation in our community.

Charlie Horsman
ERCC President

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