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Hello ERCC members and Friends;

Wow, this summer is going by fast. I hope that all of you have taken the opportunity to enjoy some of what living in this paradise is all about.

Next month, ERCC will resume bi-monthly meetings. We will meet at 7pm, September 8, in the muni conference room above Garcias' Restaurant on Business Blvd.

There has been a flurry of new construction this summer in Eagle River. Two new subdivisions are being developed off of Monte Road, one an 8 lot project and the other a 13 lot project. Construction has begun on the 37 lot single residence development off of Old Eagle River Road. Upon completion, those projects will put a lot of traffic pressure at the intersections of Old Eagle River Road & Monte Road and Old Glen & Monte Road. Credit Union One is building a new branch at the intersection of Business Blvd. and Regency Drive. Parking and access to Baldy is still an issue and as of yet unsettled. Permitting for a new subdivision up there has been approved as has permitting for another development phase of Powder Ridge. Construction of a basketball court and a bocce ball court and other upgrades is under way at Eliassen Park in between Upper Sunny Circle and Aurora Street. It looks like there will be a new Charter School located in the old Auto Max Building. Hopefully they will purchase or acquire a new US and Alaska State Flag to fly on those magnificent flag poles. With these and many other projects going on in our community, we will have to remain vigilant in becoming and staying aware of what is being developed and express our concerns that these projects be developed with the best interest of our community in mind. We can maintain and even improve our status as one of the 850 best cities to live in America if we continue to be involved. Involvement can take the form of becoming or remaining a member of your community council or the Chamber of Commerce and encouraging your friends and neighbors to do the same. You can also keep abreast of the issues by buying a subscription to the Alaska Star.

Speaking of community participation, congratulations and thanks to Brian Fay for taking over as Chair of the Chugiak/Eagle River Parks and Recreation Board. If you have Parks and Recreation questions or concerns, you may speak to Brian at our council meetings or P&R meetings or contact Brian by email at Brian_Fay@asdk12.org Questions or comments regarding street maintenance or repairs should be directed to the ERCC Road Board representative, Dave Sellie. You can speak to him at our council meetings or road board meetings or email him at dave@sellie.com Also thanks to Sgt. Cyndi Stanton for her work as the APD liaison officer to the community councils. If you have a question or concern about APD related incidences in your neighborhood, Sgt. Stanton can be reached by email at cstanton@ci.anchorage.ak.us

ERCC has not been completely inactive over our summer break. I have been monitoring mail and info that we have received from FCC and other agencies and if I felt that it was important enough; have authorized FCC to email that info to all of you on our email list. We recently received a request for a letter of support for the construction of a 4' x 8' sign from Bob Young at Holy Spirit Episcopal Church on Eagle River Road. Via email, ERCC Board of Directors offered no objection to a letter as long as all municipal permitting and ordinances were adhered to.

I have received a CD and book detailing the Anchorage Long Range Transportation Plan (LRTP). Contact me if you wish to view it or better yet, it is available to view online at www.muni.org/transplan. Your comments on this issue would be appreciated.

There will be a title 21 workshop at the North Slope Restaurant August 24, 7 to 9 pm. This is an important issue concerning updating land use regulations and will affect development for decades to come. The current rewrite/update of the Eagle River Comprehensive Plan will be covered also.

I have not yet set up the agenda for our next meeting, so if there is anything specific that any of you want to discuss or information from any agency that you want provided, please contact me by email at seakerr@alaska.com as soon as possible.

Copies of our past meeting minutes and agendas and newsletters are available online at www.communitycouncils.org Follow the links to the Eagle River Community Council web page.

Remember, the next meeting is September 8, 2005. The meeting is held in the MOA conference room above Garcia's Restaurant on Business Blvd. You can renew your membership or join ERCC at that time or you may mail your dues to ERCC, PO Box 773952, Eagle River, AK. 99577. Dues are \$5 per individual or \$10 per business. If you are already a member, please badger your friends and neighbors to become members. Make copies of this newsletter and distribute them at church or your club or at a social gathering.

Hope to see you at the next meeting!

Charlie Horsman
ERCC President