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Hello ERCC Members and Friends,

We had a pretty full agenda at our Sept. 8 meeting. We talked about the proposed sales tax, how to spend \$900 million in state budget surplus, liquor license renewals, capital improvement project wish list, the ER Comprehensive Plan update and more. For details on what happened in the meeting, you can read the meeting minutes on our web page at www.communitycouncils.org. Follow the links to Eagle River and the Sept 05 minutes.

The next ERCC meeting will be held 7pm Thursday, November 10. The agenda will be sent out during the first week of November. Some of the issues we will discuss are:

The Budget Surplus Committee will present their recommendations and the council will forward the endorsed recommendations on to Senator Dyson. So far, some of the ideas that have been discussed by our Budget Surplus Committee are as follows:

- ? \$10 M to Red Cross for 80% Katrina, 20% Alaska
- ? \$200 M to the Budget Reserve
- ? \$200 M to Permanent Fund of which the earnings exclusively fund the Budget Reserve
- ? \$100 M to Permanent Fund of which the earnings exclusively fund education
- ? \$100 M to Permanent Fund of which the earnings exclusively fund a Veterans Hospital Complex
- ? \$20 M to develop a Community Comprehensive Development Plan for every village, town & city in Alaska
- ? \$150 M to Permanent Fund of which the earnings exclusively fund community revenue sharing

These are just some ideas that the committee has discussed and may not be what the committee presents to the council on Nov. 10.

ERCC has endorsed a letter to MOA Planning requesting an investigation into the legality of the site condo development behind Shucks Auto.

The Comprehensive Plan Update Committee will present a report and the council will endorse comments and recommendations to be sent to Planning. Also at issue are aspects of the Comp Plan and Title 21 that pertain to housing density and zoning. Birchwood, South Fork, and ER Valley Councils have passed a resolution regarding Title 21 and the possible addition of a separate chapter that pertains to Eagle River that we will discuss.

The Bylaws Review Committee will present their findings and any proposed changes will be reviewed.

Our Road Board Representative, Dave Sellie, will bring us up to date with all that has been accomplished in the way of street improvement and maintenance this summer. I intend to make a case for the rehabilitation and upgrade of Monte Road and Coronado Street. If any of you have other recommendations, please let us know at the meeting. The council is in need of an Alternate Road Board Representative. The Alternate would attend meetings that Dave is unable to attend and have voting power at those meetings. Please consider volunteering for this important position.

I believe that Sgt Cyndi Stanton of APD will be present to listen to our APD safety and protection concerns.

In light of all of the development in our community, I have appointed Bill Gossweiler to head up a Development Oversight Committee. The purpose and objective of the committee will be to keep apprised of platting/planning/zoning requests and development within our council and to bring these issues to the attention of the council at its scheduled meetings and to refer to the ERCC Directors any time sensitive issues and to make comments to the appropriate Muni Agency as directed by the ERCC Directors. I will be a member of that committee and invite anyone else that is interested to join.

Parks and Rec has been very busy this summer and our Parks and Rec Representative, Brian Fay, will be present to fill us in and to field any questions/comments you may have about our Parks.

Anyway, as you can see, a lot is happening and about to happen. Come to the meeting and share your thoughts and vision for a better Eagle River. Don't just let me have all the fun. Participate. And bring a friend. We need more members. Dues for 2006 will be accepted.

Remember, the next meeting is November 10, 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.

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