

April 21, 2006

Abbott Loop

Mar - Various road extensions (Bragaw, Dowling, Independence)
Parks plan shows projected trails that traverse developed properties
Compiling a CIP for the Legislature

Airport Heights

Oct - Their issues continue to be crime and traffic.

Jan - 1) Funding for their Community Patrol - would like to work with the FCC regarding financial assistance.
2) Lack of action regarding improvements to Lake Otis between Northern Lights and 15th Ave.
3) Safety concerns at Lake Otis and East 20th intersection.

Feb - 1) The Strain family recently suffered the loss of their husband & father. Deborah Strain was left with three young children. Donations can be made to: Stephen J Strain Memorial Fund, Wells Fargo Bank #723219178.
2) Awaiting action on property cleanup on Columbine Street.
3) Additional patrol member needed for the Community Patrol. Lack of support for the program.

Mar - Drive by crime at the East Ridge development
Bragaw & 20th - intersection has problems with the school children crossing, Chester Creek culvert, & the proposed extension of Bragaw through the University Area

Apr - 1) Discussed ways to increase community participation in the Council.
2) How to increase revenues - might operate a concession stand at community events.
3) Executive Board review of Bylaws.

Bayshore/Klatt

Mar - Keep the president screening emails

Apr - Coastal Trail - finalize the decision for no trail for now.

Birchwood

Sep - They are reviewing Title 21 and trying to get a large piece of land dedicated to

- Jan** - 1) Title 21 rewrite
2) Comp Plan
3) Long-range Transportation plan
4) Large Animal Ordinance - Finally!
5) Utility corridor upgrades

Mar - Chugiak-Eagle River Comprehensive Plan
Need for a separate chapter in Title 21, land use regulations, for this area

Campbell Park

- Oct** - 1) The proposed Folker St. light removal needs to be left for access to Tudor Rd. Too much traffic would be funneled through residential neighborhood if Folker light is pulled.
2) Sex offender (not convicted yet, but released on bail) is in the neighborhood, and neighbors are concerned.
3) Call of the Wild is fighting against the license restrictions that were approved by the Assembly.

Chugiak

Sep - They are working on the Chugiak Comp Plan. They want to get it updated before Title 21 goes into effect. They are worried they won't be able to have large animals on their properties.

Downtown

Sep - Please read the brochure on the E Street improvements. This will be a great improvement and F Street may become a pedestrian friendly street.

Nov - The Presidents of Downtown, South Addition, Fairview and Government Hill got together and formed a Coalition of Community Councils to discuss common issues.

Mar - McKinley Building will open this summer, and the Convention Center is breaking ground.

Eagle River

Sep – 1) Seven acres of forest has disappeared for 91 new apartments, and the Community Councils didn't hear about it until it was too late.

2) They are concerned about violations in assisted living houses and want to hear what other Councils know about any violations. Also about Sweet Lorraine's Halfway House.

Oct - They are horrified by the clearing of the 10 acres above Tips Bar and want to know why it was allowed (MOA determined that since the individual lots are less than 2 acres, no permit or public notice was required). The builder will have to submit plans and get approval before he begins building the site condos.

Jan - 1) Particle Accelerator and Cyclotron commercial operations are not appropriate in residential areas. Proposed Ordinance AO 2005-178 would amend the Anchorage Municipal Code (AMC) Section 21.45.150 to prohibit the operation of Particle Accelerator Systems, including Cyclotrons as "Home Occupations" in dwelling units. ERCC fully supports this Ordinance.

2) Janice Shamberg and Debbie Ossiander have submitted AO 2005-5 amending AO 2002-117, Land Clearing Ordinance to strengthen and add more definitive language to the Ordinance which will prevent future wholesale mechanized land clearing without consideration for air and water quality, effects on neighboring parcels and the aesthetics of the community. This amendment has not yet been voted on by the Assembly. ERCC has been impacted by the land clearing by a developer who used the loophole in the current Ordinance and encourages other Community Councils to provide strong written support for this amendment and a heartfelt thanks to Janice Shamberg and Debbie Ossiander for their work in protecting us all.

Mar - Chugiak-Eagle River Comprehensive Plan Update

Vietnam Wall coming in June to Eagle River

Veterans' Wheelchair Games in July

Seeking support from all Community Councils for a separate Chapter in the new Title 21 for C-ER.

Eagle River Valley

Mar - Chugiak-Eagle River Plan

Locating a cell-phone tower in the area

Fairview

Oct – 1) They are concerned about the highway-to-highway connection.

2) Working on their Neighborhood Plan.

3) There are issues at 13th and Gambell - crime, drug dealers - the residents and businesses have formed a coalition to address these issues.

Mar - Neighborhood plan committee is meeting on Saturdays, applaud the Assembly's authorization of the Fairview neighborhood plan

Want to name the highway-to-highway connection the Fairview Parkway

Girdwood

Sep – They are looking for an appropriate land use plan for their Title 21

Government Hill

Mar - Concerns over the Knik Bridge, looking at mitigation efforts
C Street overpass has a severe problem with ice build-up, traffic accidents would be more frequent with the Knik Bridge traffic volumes

Mid-Hillside

Mar - Against the sign ordinance changes
Want the Hillside District Plan to be done
Analyzing the Title 21 rewrite – very time consuming for non-professionals

Mountain View

Sep - The City is doing a sample road project on one block of Mountain View Drive between Klevin and Park. They are narrowing the lanes by a foot and widening the sidewalks and putting in crosswalk paving. There will be new streetlights as soon as they arrive. They took out the Street calming barrier on Klevin and made half of it into parking spaces - it is now one-way in.

Oct – 1) One block between Park and Klevin on Mountain View Drive has been done as a pilot project to see how it works (and how people like it) before continuing the renovation to Bragaw next summer.

2) The Council is talking to the Post Office about relocating a drop mailbox within the boundaries of Mountain View.

3) The Arts and Cultural Steering Committee continues to meet and things are beginning to happen. A Power Point presentation is being shown.

Apr – 1) Looking good for the Spring Clean-Up.

2) Glenn Highway – Bragaw Street Interchange – committee meeting weekly to design in a welcoming gateway and not just another overpass.

3) PoB Montgomery will be breaking ground on the new retail development.

North Star

Sep - They are surrounded by future upgrade plans

Mar - Fireweed Lane upgrade is halted due to objections – affecting pedestrian safety

Northeast

Oct – Wal-Mart

Mar - Opposed to the Wal-Mart rezone, Planning & Zoning was unanimous

Old Seward/Oceanview

Oct - They are concerned about the South Anchorage Coastal Trail Extension.

Mar - Beginning joint meetings on the Old Seward Highway upgrade, construction scheduled to begin in 2007

Apr – 1) Huffman Road Project – four roundabouts are planned. Businesses are concerned because of “no left turns”. The consultant said they were 75% completed with the traditional stop light type intersections, when they were directed to change to roundabouts.
2) Old Seward Highway Project – also a roundabout. There would be limited access to businesses with the medians at the Klatt Road intersection. There are also questions about the process for Right-of-Way acquisitions in light of Title 21.

Rabbit Creek

Sep – 1) There will be a new MOA computer system land use issues, code enforcement issues and eventually ordinances.
2) They have tried to get the Hillside District Plan funded. There is minimal money in the budget for neighborhood Plans, but they are waiting for the Assembly to pass the mechanism for groups to be able to sponsor them. Rabbit Creek is frustrated with the lack of implementation of the 2020 Plan on new plats.

Oct - They want to know how to can get their own Title 21 like Eagle River.

Mar - Rapid pace of development versus the slow development of a Hillside Plan
Sub-area traffic circulation

Rogers Park

Sep - Sidewalk and traffic calming projects have been delayed again.

Oct – 1) Will soon begin Bylaw revisions per the new Muni regulations.
2) They passed a resolution opposing any taking of residential land from their area for the construction of the highway-to-highway freeway connection, and proposes maintaining and improving the current barrier between the Seward Highway and their residential area.
3) Fireweed and Latouche upgrade updates will be presented by DOWL Engineers monthly. The project will include a permanent solution of the north Juneau St. drainage quagmire.
4) They had good returns of their survey.
5) They will be discussing issues raised about the Oxford Houses at their next meeting.

- Nov** – 1) Maplewood Street Sidewalk Improvements Special meeting tonight to inform residents of project’s status.
- 2) E Northern Lights sound barrier design. Resident Tom McGrath feels the Rogers Park Community Council should sue the Municipality to force compliance with ordinance that stipulates sound barriers will be built to a standard that greatly exceeds the standards of the sound barrier construction proposed by the Muni.
 - 3) Rogers Park Community Council discussed and distributed the new Rogers Park By-Laws which were adopted 10/5/05.

- Jan** - 1) East Northern Lights sound barrier. It now appears that the project has only 28% of the funding needed to complete the entire project. The RPCC will work with our legislative delegation to obtain the necessary funding.
- 2) The Maplewood Drive to East 24th Ave sidewalk will probably be installed on the West side of Maplewood.
 - 3) MOA traffic Engineer, Lance Wilber, and engineers from Dowl Engineering gave presentations regarding various road projects which are scheduled for the near future.

Russian Jack

Sep - San Antonio Park has been dedicated and crime is down.

- Oct** – 1) Weed ‘n Seed funding has been received. Planning some private security for hotspots at specific times. The Community Patrol has doubled its membership.
- 2) Concerned that the proposed Bragaw Extension will lead to high-speed traffic on Bragaw on the north side. They realize that extending Bragaw is necessary to improve access into the University Area, but at what speed?
 - 3) They want to develop 3 more neighborhood parks - Reka and Pine, Taku (near Davis) and 8th and Hoyt.
 - 4) P&Z Commission Resolution 2005-058 to reduce commuter traffic, P&Z wants a traffic parking study that includes parking price increases for the high intensity centers (Downtown, Midtown, U-Med, Creekside/Muldoon, and Dimond.)

Mar - Williwaw Elementary School boundary changes will relieve overcrowding
Bragaw Interchange on the Glenn Highway will include a gateway appearance
Getting matching grants to install a playground at Williwaw Park – need \$10,000

- Apr** – 1) Still very concerned with the equitable resolution of the school boundary issue.
- 2) Very concerned about P&Z’s proposed rezone of the Northway Mall area as an industrial area under the new Land Use Plan Map.

Sand Lake

- Sep** – 1) The gravel pit housing well water is getting muddy.
2) The Strawberry Road improvements are going in.

- Feb** - 1) Well water quality and water testing for the gravel pit development.
2) Area crime report.
3) Mayoral election.

Mar - Water testing for the gravel pit development

- Apr** – 1) Gravel pit house building and the accompanying truck traffic, speeding, dirt and dust.
2) Community sign-park by the Tasty Freeze.
3) Desire to do a community wide Mailout.

Scenic Foothills

Sep - The developer working on the curve at Tudor and Muldoon is not doing a good job. It is not draining properly and is causing flooding.

- Apr** – 1) Drainage is a continuing concern along the Scenic View Park subdivision.
2) School zone signage along 36th Avenue west of Muldoon Road.
3) How to participate in the Capital Improvements Projects process.

South Addition

- Oct** - 1) Concerned about a professional engineer who is conducting research on radioactive isotopes as a “home occupation” in an R 2 zone fronting on the park Strip, and who plans to manufacture isotopes in 2006. Is this a home occupation and how will the new Title 21 handle it?
2) Knik-Goose Bay Bridge.

Mar - Rewrite of Title 21 – want to keep the old town character of South Addition
Delaney Park Strip future development – keep openness of the park for personal safety
Parks Dept does not appreciate the popularity of the Pete’s Gym area

South Fork

- Oct** – 1) Title 21 rewrite - they want a separate chapter for the Eagle River/Chugiak area, or at the very least an overlay district for downtown Eagle River.
2) Open space requirements! Council members and most Eagle River residents were horrified to see the trees behind Tips Bar removed without any public discussion because of a loophole in Title 21. They want specific requirements for developers for public and private space.
3) Eagle River High School and growth issues.

- Jan** - 1) Speeding.
2) Construction theft.
3) Road safety - design of Hiland Road

Spenard

- Oct** – 1) Northwood Drive improvements - the project has been delayed until 2006 for construction. This will be bid out during the winter.
2) Brown Jug conditional use permit approved for a new package store at Spenard and Northern Lights.
3) Discussion of the Long Range Transportation Plan - they are against the 8 lanes proposed for Minnesota.

- Nov** – 1) Getting the Harding Road/Van Buren Road project funded, designed and built.
2) Ensuring that Northwood Road project, which was scheduled for construction in 2005, actually gets built in 2006.

Mar - Some road projects do not meet community concerns (35th & McRae upgrade, etc.)
Zoning appeals board has been tied up for weeks over an unauthorized coffee cart
Habitat for Humanity wants to build a 12 unit apartment building – SCC supports

- Apr** – 1) Policy #84 re: CONEXs allowed on residential property without a permit appears to be inconsistent with Title 21.
2) Code enforcement still has a significant backlog in our council area. Some are repeat or habitual offenders – what can we do?

Taku/Campbell

Jan - More moose getting hit along the roads in the Community Council area. Not only moose are getting killed. The cost of accidents to the drivers, passengers and auto repairs are very high. We are supporting “Wildlife” fencing or other means of keeping moose and wildlife off of the roads to increase safety in our area. Currently, in the bypass, there are two major areas in which moose have been hit as well as on the on and off ramps.

Tudor Park

Oct - Traffic congestion in the U-Med – nothing in LRTP addressing traffic here.

Mar - Continue having the President screen the emails
More information should be placed on the FCC website

Turnagain

Oct – 1) Turnagain Slide Redevelopment - residents concerned about construction traffic starting next spring for the loop road from Marston Drive to Foraker Drive and 22 lots being developed. Where property boundaries next to the Inlet ends - all the way to the Inlet or not? The issue will probably go to a court to decide.

2) Working with the Spennard Community Council on the Airport proposal to expand the general aviation tie-down lot in Turnagain (into the bog closer to Turnagain residential area). This is being done outside the General Aviation Master Planning process, which was supposed to evaluate need, community concerns and input.

Nov - Subcommittee has met on the Turnagain Slide Redevelopment project and drew up a list of concerns as well as requests for information from the consultant, AWWU, and the Municipality Project Manager of the road project. Assembly Representative Pamela Jennings informed the committee that the Muni will pay an outside consultant \$5,000 to review the geotechnical data that was gathered by Shannon & Wilson, whose results indicated the slide area that moved in the '64 earthquake is now stable enough to develop. The outside consultant will not do any additional testing: they will just make sure the methodology that was used in the previous testing was current.

Jan - 1) 35th and McRae Road project: Muni and consultant had a public meeting and showed cookie cutter collector design. Residents voiced strong objections to that design. They want narrow road and maybe pathway (not 8 ft wide) on one side of the road. Retain as many trees as possible and minimize the impact on property owners.

2) Airport has released Draft Preferred Alternative for the General Aviation Master Plan. It includes two large areas in Turnagain Bog closer to Turnagain homes slated for development: more wheeled tie-down spaces (92) and large lease lots. Comment deadline is March 15th.

3) AWWU has announced at its latest public meeting that the new pump station down by the Coastal Trail will not be built until Summer 2007 - it was originally going to be built this coming summer. This is in response to numerous other concerns/questions on development in the area voiced by residents - all of which need to be comprehensively addressed.

Feb – The first meeting of the Northwest Park District Advisory Committee was held on February 13, and all but Midtown were represented. The Parks Department has forty high school students coming for the summer from the lower 48 to do community service work on city parks. Each council is urged to list projects for consideration for work this summer. The Advisory Committee will work with the Parks Department to prioritize and select projects.

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Applying to Rasmuson Foundation for a grant to upgrade Didlika Park

Traffic calming Study underway

Turnagain Slide Area development delayed until summer '07

General Aviation Airport Master Plan Preferred Alt. out for review

Land Use Plan Map update —working on comments

Upgrade of 35th Avenues and McRae Road – residents do not like the Muni design plans

Renovations to West High School and Romig Middle School — continuing to follow

University Area

Sep - Piper is being pushed through to 36th from Tudor. The light at Tudor will be moved from Folker to Piper in March.

Oct – 1) Gospel Mission and homeless people.
2) Piper Street extension.
3) Tudor Road traffic calming measures.
4) Bragaw extension/link between Northern Lights and Tudor Road.

Jan - 85 unit apartment complex planned for the west end of Bryn Mawr (which is a cul-de-sac).

Apr – 1) Traffic issues related to the Bryn Mawr apartments.
2) Extension of 40th Avenue to Lake Otis Parkway.
3) Electric transmission line poles on Northern Lights Boulevard.