

Birchwood Community Council

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Minutes

Wednesday, May 9, 2018, 7-9 PM

Beach Lake Chalet, 17611 S Birchwood Loop Rd

Agenda subject to modification to allow input/action on issues that did not make this notice

1. Call to Order

2. Approval of April 2018 Minutes (available at the meeting)

3. Announcements

4. Reports

- a) FCC Report: Matt Cruickshank notes that Parks and Rec is starting a park rehab program. If you have a park in need, let them know. There are plans to build a veteran's shelter on JBER near the weigh station – pending federal approval. It will be a clubhouse, various living cabins, workshops, gardens, etc. with the idea being to move veterans in need from homelessness to countryside. The next hurdle is grant money for construction.
- b) CBERRRSA Road Board Report: <http://www.muni.org/Departments/works/operations/streets/Service/Pages/CBERRRSARoadBoard.aspx>
Starnier Bridge replacement options: even though CBERRRSA has stopped maintenance on Aurora Borealis, they have to reach homes across the bridge, and it's not safe. There are 4 options, two that were reasonable and in the \$400,000 range. There is money in the budget to do it. DOWL is working on alternatives for road improvements near Brooks drive, as well.
- c) Parks and Recreation Report: <http://www.muni.org/Departments/ERparks/> no report
- d) Chugiak Eagle River Advisory Board (Debbie Ossiander): There's been a request for board to meet on the Cemetery issue. She is conflicted because there's nothing they can do, beyond what we've already done which is to ask Parks and HLB to define where such a think bight happen.
- e) Treasurer's report: we have \$124
- f) Tim Benningfield –CVFD is on track to 1000 responses this year. We know people burn things this time of year; if you want to burn things, visit www.muni.org/fire to see if burning is allowed on any given day. If burning is reported, they will go look. No burning of garbage, lumber, construction debris; no beetle kill, no slash pile/other debris, and no burn barrels. Tim can't explain why no spruce bark beetle kill. Burn barrels aren't allowed, but you can have a contained barbeque grill or fire pit. He thinks the problem is burning garbage. Only a 3'x2' fire, unless you have a permit for a larger one, which takes 2 weeks. There's another regulation for ceremonial fires. He introduces Captain Zach Sullivan – he's been a member for 3 years, gave 106 hours last month. He runs a crew of 8 people and also is the department's safety officer.
- g) Birchwood Patrol Report – recent crime activity – Jeff Hartley: The mailbox thief started back up last Sunday (female, blond hair) – there's been no successful action to stop her yet. Community policing should start June 1. (we're area 52). There's a question for Jeff about person who let animals loose and attempted to break into houses on Jayhawk. He was arrested, is currently out on bail awaiting trial. Ken McCarty, President of the Birchwood Airport Association asks if Birchwood patrol goes as far as the airport? Yes, both Birchwood Patrol and APD are down there. APD especially is at firing range late at night.

2017-2018 board: Kevin McNamara, Chair; Debbie Ossiander, Vice Chair & CERAB rep Tony Vita, Road Board; Lexi Hill, Secretary & Parks and Rec rep; Matt Cruickshank, Secretary for Publicity; Barbara Trost, Member at large

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5. Appearances: none

6. Old Business

- a) AWWU Task Force Update – Community meeting in the ER Town Center, May 16
- b) Capital Projects ranking see We chose:
 - SB Glenn Hwy ER bridge replacement (1)
 - Terrace Lane (2)
 - Parks: Cemetery (1)
 - Matt C will get these into the survey.

7. New Business

When will we meet in the summer? We will meet in July, skip June and August.

8. Open Forum-floor opened to public, any issue

Dan Saddler gave us a report from Juneau

9. Adjournment-9pm