

## **BIRCHWOOD COMMUNITY COUNCIL**

### **Meeting Minutes of March 23, 2011**

1. Bobbi Wells called the regularly scheduled Birchwood Community Council meeting to order at 7:00 pm with 12 members in attendance.
2. Minutes for February meeting approved as written (1<sup>st</sup> Randy McCain 2<sup>nd</sup> Alan Peck)

**Speaker from: Anchorage Tomorrow; Scott Roelfs,** Scott gave a presentation and discussion on the following propositions; prop 4 for road and drainage repairs, prop 5 for parks and green belts, football stadium and sports complex upgrades. These two propositions will not affect Chugiak Eagle River taxes. However prop 6 for public safety and transit will affect our taxes. Prop 6 is for the acquisition of various vehicles to include ambulances.

**Speaker from: Anchorage School District; Pat Higgins,** Pat is a school board representative; He handed out flyers on the following school bond propositions. Prop 1 for repairs and additions to Service High School. Prop 2 is for building life extensions and design projects to a number of elementary, middle, and high schools. Prop 3 is for various educational program expansions. There was a lengthy discussion with questions and answers with council members and Pat urged members to vote for the school bonds.

#### **Announcements:**

The Federation is discouraging agendas being sent out via the post office route because of the drain on the FCC budget and we have too many on our mailing list, they are trying to do away with it and provide mailing thru email only. Arguments can be made for both methods of notification. Several council members offered suggestions.

MEA's presentation on their proposed Power Plant will be made before the local Chamber, on April 6, held at the Elks Club.

Dan Sadler gave us a Legislative update with handouts provided

#### **New Business:**

Randy McCain brings up an issue from Chugiak Community Council is expressing over the Old Glenn Highway Upgrade and adjoining bicycle, pedestrian pathways. It became apparent this winter that certain sections of the project have not adequately addressed the safety of pedestrian and bicyclists. There is a need to provide barriers between them and vehicular traffic until a safer solution can be undertaken.

Resolution; to support the concerns expressed by Chugiak Community Council regarding the new pathway along the Old Glenn Hwy from Chapel Dr. to North Birchwood. The Resolution will be sent to the head of DOT and copied to Chugiak Council. (1<sup>st</sup> L Hill 2<sup>nd</sup> R McCain)

Randy also gave a talk on the restriction of public use of meeting rooms in public facilities. The outline of concern is described in a draft letter Randy read to the council. The limitation of use by the Community Councils to utilize these facilities for meetings and other necessities is being restricted and fees for additional usage are to be charged for more than one usage per month for each council.

Motion; Birchwood supports Chugiak's concerns and will write Parks and Rec. and copy Chugiak Community Council. (1<sup>st</sup> R Holmson 2<sup>nd</sup> J Holmson.) Passed with 1 abstention

**Reports: Parks and Rec**, Lexi Hill updates the council on Nordic Ski Club, McDonald Center performance Bond and the Beach Lake Master Plan to be sent to the Assembly. She also adds that there are no dogs allowed inside the Ski Chalet but people are ignoring that rule.

Adjourn 9:00 pm

# Sign In

NAME

Bobbie Wells

Lisa Sanders

Kay Holmsen

Jan Halmsen

Scott Roelfs - Arch Tomorrow

MARK LITTLEFIELD - CBERRRSA

Amy Dembostki - chugiak council

Alan Peck

Pat Hussen (PAT HIGGINS) ASD

Gail McCain

Kandy McCain

Lexi Hill

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