

Birchwood Community Council Meeting Minutes of September 28, 2005

Called to order at 7:05 p.m. in room 14 at Birchwood ABC Elementary. June 2005 meeting minutes were approved (Elden King 1st/ Debbie Ossiander 2nd).

New Business - Extensive discussion about goals, objectives, strategies and policies with our 2020 Comp Plan Citizen Advisory Committee. Some of which include a projected population of 54,695 by 2025 with additional residential dwelling units and economic development to accommodate a 20% local employment figure. Our committee is also working with commercial and industrial development in this plan and advise that a proposed rezoning will be done after the rewrite of Municipal Title 21 and the preliminary drawings for public water and sewer being done in our area are 65% complete. To view the 2020 Comp Plan, a copy is available in the Birchwood Council box at the library or online at the FCC website. A resolution for a separate Chugiak-Eagle River Land Use Regulation Chapter within Title 21 of the Anchorage Municipal Code was passed unanimously by the council. Adoption of a resolution on standards for open space in all new development was introduced and discussed. These standards and regulations are to be included in Title 21 for the area known as Chugiak-Eagle River. Questions raised on the broad wording has tabled this issue until the next meeting. LARGE ANIMAL ORDINANCE – A work session has been held and public hearing is scheduled for 6:30 p.m. October 18th in the Assembly Chambers. This ordinance will regulate the number of animals, the acreage to support these animals and put a limit on the amount of structures you build to house and care for the animals. Lots of pros and cons about this so residents are strongly encouraged to make your presence known at the public hearing.

ELECTIONS- Annual meeting in October and we will be electing Chairman, Vice Chairman, Recording Secretary, Correspondence Secretary, FCC Representative and Road Board alternate. If everyone will do a small part we can accomplish a great deal. We are handling many issues and want to address all of them thoroughly so your help is needed. The more people involved the less time it takes to deal with meetings and tasks.

PARKS AND REC REPORT (Lexi Hill)- Currently a Memorandum of Understanding between the Muni and Eklutna, Inc. stating the two of them will negotiate the specifics of a land trade. The idea is to solve several problems: 1) A school site for the Powder Reserve, either purchased or exchanged/trade. 2) Access to Chugach State Park at Mt. Baldy. Broadly, the Muni would give six acres in the southeast corner of NW ¼ of Section 25 and some undetermined acreage in the Edmondson Park and would in turn receive a specific site for a school in the Powder Reserve and acreage owned by Eklutna, Inc. up by Mt. Baldy. After lengthy discussion, the council will wait for more definite details regarding the evaluation of the proposed trade.

Meeting adjourned at 9:20p.m.