

BIRCHWOOD COMMUNITY COUNCIL
MONTHLY MEETING

Wednesday April 26, 2006 7 to 9 p.m.

Beach Lake Ski Chalet on South Birchwood Loop Road

- 1) Call to Order
- 2) Approval of March 2006 Minutes
- 3) Old Business -

Updates on Chugiak-Eagle River Comprehensive Plan. The comprehensive plan is finally ready for public discussion and review. Copies are available online at www.muni.org/planning/ChugiakERCompPlanUpdate.cfm & we will have both hard copies & CD's available at our meeting in limited numbers. The citizen input covered updating our Goals & Objectives. A Land Use Map based on a future population in our community of 52,695, local employment at about 7,900 jobs, & a need for 8,532 more housing units in 2025 was the basis for the allocation of residential, commercial, & industrial zoning districts. Unfortunately we didn't adopt a future "Vision" for our area, nor could we agree on a maximum height of buildings or a maximum allowable residential density. Another point of disagreement concerned whether to continue industrial use in the Springbrook/ER Loop area or not. Complicating every thing we worked upon was the pending issue of the new Title 21 land use regulations that laid out new and different zone districts. The very first public community meeting will be at Mirror Lake Middle School library from 7-9PM the night of our council meeting, followed by a second meeting on May 9th at Chugiak High library from 7-9PM. The public comment period will end June 2nd. You can comment online or mail comments to MOA Community Planning in Anchorage.

Title 21 rewrite. The final draft of this extensive rewrite for the "new" Anchorage should be available sometime this summer. Although the official comment period has expired on Draft #2, the Assembly Title 21 review committee meets with Staff from 9:30-11:30AM in room 170 in the MOA building on Tudor/Bragaw. A list of dates are available online at www.muni.org/planning/prj/Title21.cfm and the public can make inquiries as the line by line examination continues.

Long Range Transportation Plan. Meetings stalled because of the delay on the Comprehensive Plan Update but may resume again by June.

Separate Chapter Resolution: This was passed by the Assembly with support voiced by the Administration on March 28th that a Placeholder for a Separate Chapter is appropriate at this time. Several Assembly members stated that Chugiak-Eagle River will have to completely convince them that we can't develop appropriately under the tools listed in the proposed Title 21 re-write such as the overlay districts or special Chugiak zone districts proposed. All six local councils will earnestly strive to meet that point by point challenge, with presentation scheduled to occur after Assembly approval of our local Comprehensive Plan.

- 4) New Business -

Our council seats on both the Road **Board and Parks & Recreation Board** will terminate on July 1, 2006. We need to have a voice on both of these local Boards, someone that will represent Birchwood issues and keep the membership continuously informed of actions that may affect us. The current holders of those seats have not expressed their desires.

Some members along the **Peters Creek** are working with the Corps of Engineers & other jurisdictions to contain the damage, both now and in the future, from the periodic flooding. They would like the Council to send a letter of support to assist them in getting relief from this problem.

Work will begin this summer on construction of the **sewer line on Chugiak High and Birchwood ABC property**. The final connections will not be made until a later date, possibly in 2008 and 2010 when the South Birchwood/Old Glenn sewer line segments will be constructed. The finalization of right-of-way issues along the Old Glenn will also begin this summer.

This will be the **last scheduled meeting for the summer season**, with important council business being conducted in the interim as outlined in our By-laws. Meetings will again resume in the fall. Members will be kept informed thru newsletters, etc. A good source of current information can be found online by visiting the council web pages available through www.communitycouncils.org. Scroll right to visit a list of all council sites from the home page.

5) Reports - Sgt. Stanton/APD, Parks & Rec Board, Road Board and FCC, if available.

6) Open Forum for the membership to bring up issues of concern or make inquiries of the Council..

****Note**** Our agenda is subject to modification to allow input/action on issues that did not make this notice. Any problem or concern you may have about your area, please contact us. Our mailing lists are constantly be modified and anyone wanting to switch to email or discontinue receiving council notification is urged to contact us.

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