

BIRCHWOOD COMMUNITY COUNCIL MINUTES

Wednesday, April 14, 2004

Chairman Bobbi Wells called the meeting to order at 7:10 p.m. in the Birchwood Elementary School Library. Minutes from March's meeting were approved.

Bill Mears, Anchorage Road Coalition for Safe and Sensible Streets, gave us information on their objective, Context Sensitive Design, which they want the municipality and the state to adopt in principle. Motion made by Mitch Axtell/2nd by Lexi Hill to support ARC resolution, with modification, for broader acceptance of community input of areas directly affected by road projects.

Notice of meeting on 4/20/2004 at noon in the Mayors Conference Room on Fixed-Guideway Transit in Anchorage (LRTP).

Road project for this summer (April 19th thru Sept 1st) is to improve and rap ten miles of gravel roads in the Birchwood area. Some residences are declining to have this done due to specifications of two 10 ft. driving lanes and snow storage lanes. Legal aspects of project are under review.

Eklutna River Watershed Council meeting is on 4/20/04.

Birchwood Airport Master Plan changes being done by HDR, Alaska are in the environmental review stage. Alternatives 1 and 3 are under consideration as is the no action Alternative.

Heritage Land Bank is being retitled Heritage Land Bank Development Authority and has a new director, Robin Ward. The new head of Community Planning is Tom Nelson.

Bobbi composed a letter to the other area councils requesting their support of the transfer of the N.W. Quarter of Section 25 to our local Parks and Rec Board. Motion made by Lexi Hill/2nd Sue Axtell and passed for letter to be sent to Mayor, Assembly and Parks and Rec Commissioners.

Parks and Rec Rep. Lexi Hill thanks the community for voting for the extra ½ mil in money for budget projects. Ski Chalet should be done by mid-summer.

Kevins inquiry into demands for dedications by developers for open space is included in Muni Code, Title 21 for Real Estate Property and can include parks, parkways, recreation areas and school sites.

Meeting adjourned at 9:00p.m.