

Birchwood Community Council

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Minutes

Wednesday, May 8, 2019, 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 6:57

2. Approval of Minutes (February and April) approved

3. Announcements

- a) Chugiak-Eagle River secession group meeting – EaglExit presents their pitch for detachment from the MoA. See www.eaglexit.com for details
- b) Upcoming 2020 census: The Census is hiring, at \$28/hr. See www.2020census.gov/jobs.
- c) Municipality of Anchorage Annual Memorial Day Ceremony, 9:30 - 10:30 a.m. Monday, May 27, 2019, Delaney Park Strip Veterans Memorial West 9th Avenue and I Street Downtown Anchorage. The public is invited to this remembrance.

4. Reports

- a) FCC Report: Matt Cruickshank We (the Birchwood council, officers) are not covered by insurance for our activities; FCC petitioned the Assembly to add funding so that community councils would have basic coverage. Matt discusses the FCC resolution about notice to community councils. They lost quorum at their meeting and so did not pass the resolution this month; they will vote next month. But resolution is done. Patty moves that Birchwood Community Council supports the FCC resolution to improve notice requirements to community councils. The motion is seconded. It passes unanimously.
- b) CBERRRSA Road Board Report Tony Vita has resigned his Road Board position; we will vote for Road Board rep at the June meeting.
- c) Parks and Recreation Report: <http://www.muni.org/Departments/ERparks/> The Parks meets next week. There was some discussion of Beach Lake Park potential easement; different people had heard different things. Lexi will try to get some clarity.
- d) Chugiak Eagle River Advisory Board has not met since our last meeting
- e) Treasurer's report \$185
- f) Tim Benningfield – CVFD this month there were 65 responses and 5768 volunteer hours; 359 responses / 23000 hours in 2019 to date. At the Birchwood ABC school family fun day they made mud for the mud run; they helped at the grad blast at McDonald Ctr, doing demos and watching bonfires; They were at the Senior Center on May 17th for veterans recognition; and also on May 17th they, along with emergency services fire departments around the country, put out an engine with lights on to bring attention to first responders' own mental health. He introduces Ben Woods, who is 18 years old, and got involved through a fire and rescue class at King Career Center. He wants firefighting as a career. He's just finished EMT training and got certified; he volunteered 138 hours last month. There is a question from Andy Brewer – will loss of the ladder truck from station 11 affect us? No, it won't. We need them very rarely, and when we do, there's time from them to come help us from Anchorage or Mat Su stations. Also, the truck is being replaced with a non-ladder truck with much more water (than the ladder truck).

2018-2019 board: Debbie Ossiander, Chair & CERAB rep; Gretchen Wehmhoff, Vice Chair; Tony Vita, Road Board; Lexi Hill, Secretary & Parks and Rec rep; Matt Cruickshank, Secretary for Publicity; Patty Friend, Member at large; Val Jokela, Treasurer

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g) Birchwood Patrol Report – recent crime activity – Jeff Hartley

There was a rash of burglaries in Feb, daytime kick-in-the-door and steal. Two weeks ago there were 2 burglaries on Jayhawk, and an arrest was made. There was a motor home stolen and recovered. APD has been working on their community policing, Danny Gill is our policeman and will be here in September. Jeff introduces Officer Jim Conley. Officer Conley was raised here and has been with APD since 1988. He worked out here from 2000 – 2010. He talks about community perception of police, and of community policing. Police need to be proactive, but from within the car, it's awfully easy to just be reactive, wait for crime to occur instead of preventing it. It's important to be available as an individual to people who need police help. There used to be 3 officers out here; now, most days we'll have 4. Matt C asks if we will have the same officers on patrol, month to month, and also how patrol boundaries would be set. Yes, we will keep the same 6, covering 4 slots, going forward. His major message is to call (police, or Jeff) if you need help. Also, he asks us to notice, and intervene (by calling police) if we see domestic violence).

h) Legislative / Assembly reports (none)

5. Appearances:

- a) (see EagleExit, above)

6. Old Business

- a) Update on transportation planning: Matt Cruickshank (AMATS): They are working on the Metropolitan transportation plan. They eliminated the idea of an HOV lane for the Glenn; saved Eagle River Loop road as a possible project. There's \$30 million to be spent on short term projects; which projects are yet to be determined.
- b) Cemetery update: Debbie believes that Crystal Kennedy got a cemetery on the long range HLB plan. The Committee is fairly active and Debbie can refer those interested to the minutes.
- c) FCC resolution on public notice (see above, FCC report)

7. New Business

- a) CIP project priorities
Debbie suggests we just choose 2 or 3.
In Parks, Patty moves that we continue to support the Cemetery.
In transportation, Matt moves that we improve merge lanes on the Glenn
Seconded and Approved together by acclamation as our only submissions.

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

9. Adjournment-Adjourned at 8:45