



MID-HILLSIDE & HILLSIDE EAST COMMUNITY COUNCIL NEWS October 2006

**Next Meeting is October 19, 2006
7pm at O'Malley Elementary School in
the Library**

**We meet on the third Thursday of each
month.**

Agenda

- Introductions and approval of previous minutes
- Presidents' & FCC Reports
- Assembly Report
- Old Business
- New Business
 - Speaker – Phil Steyer for Chugach Electric to address the easement needed for the transmission line along Elmore/Abbott Loop and Carlson Roads.
 - Discussion of the public sharing the cost of undergrounding power lines.
 - Firewise and Forsythe Park (Tentative)
- Annual Meeting
- Nominations and Election of Officers. Four seats are open.
- Adjourn

ILL AT EASE OVER CHUGACH ELECTRIC'S EASEMENT? ?

Some residents along Carlson and Abbott Loop Road are worried about Chugach Electric's need for 15 more feet of easement along their properties. The first time some of these folks heard about it was when the Right of Way surveyors showed up in the past month or so. That'll ruin your day!

We had a couple presentations over the past few years and a few mentions in our newsletter about Chugach Electric's plan to make another loop for their transmission line. After much study, it was decided to run it up O'Malley to Elmore then tie into the lines that head north along the Abbot Loop/Elmore.

The lines along Elmore/Carlson/Abbott Loop are designed for the higher voltage but have never been powered up to that level. Chugach rules require more easement when the bump up the kilowatts.

We'll learn more about Chugach Electric's plans and hear from concerned neighbors at this meeting.

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Open House for all community council members October 25 4-7pm at the Community Council Center 3350 Commercial Drive Join the governor, mayor, assembly members, and state legislators. RSVP 277-1977

We are in need of a newsletter writer. If interested please contact Linda Perkins on Jennifer Johnston.

**HILLSIDE DISTRICT PLAN:
You are the expert!**

I've been closely involved with this plan from early efforts to get it funded and now as a member of the "Oversight Committee." That is a committee with representatives from AWWU, Planning, Project Management & Engineering, Traffic, On-site Services and three citizen representatives: Chris Hamre, Connie Yoshimura and me. Recently appointed were eleven people to a broader "Citizens Advisory Committee." They are: David Beveridge, Lori Davey, Perry Eaton, Carol Fries, Dee High, Fred Jenkins, Dave Lappi, Vic Mollozzi, John Reese, Neil Thomas and Wayne Westberg.

So with all these people involved, why should you take time to pay attention and contribute? Because it's never safe to assume others know what you take for granted. Not long ago, a replat decision was about to be approved based on a road dead-ending. That road had been a through road for years but the maps were wrong. Just because you and your neighbors spend days every winter sanding and draining your glaciated road doesn't mean anyone else knows you have a problem. If you have a free running stream through your lot, don't assume anyone downtown knows it's more than a drainage ditch. If you drive your kids to school every morning because there's no safe place to walk, who else would know? If you ever find yourself thinking "If only the City would [fill in the blank]," then this plan is a blank slate for you!

You are the expert when it comes to your neighborhood and why you live here. Your expertise is needed to write a good plan.

Submitted by *John Weddleton*

TRAILS PLAN FOR FAR NORTH

BICENTENNIAL PARK As reported in last month's newsletter, a trails plan for Bicentennial Park is being conducted by the city to coordinate with the planning for an extension of East 48th. That new road will go from Tudor Road about where the Tudor Center is to connect with the new Abbott Loop/Bragaw Extension.

At the Citizens' Advisory Group meeting in September, we saw that the new plan for the road

would cut directly through the brand new Chuck Albrecht fields! (Don't let any taxpayers know that 'cause it'll really tick them off!) There were lots of creative suggestions for possible trail crossings of the new road, but nothing can really be determined until we know where buildings may go along Tudor Road.

TRAIL TRANSITION If this rain ever turns to snow, we will have a tremendous ski season! Remember that while all of the trails in Bicentennial Park are "multi-use" in the summer, some trails become "ski only" after they are groomed by the ski club.

THE WOODLOT IS OPEN! Clear your lot of all that forest fire fuel and haul it down to be chipped and recycled.

The woodlot is open seven days a week through October 31! It's a dreary place tucked into the north east corner of Minnesota and C St. On weekends it is a gathering of long faced folk who clearly want to be doing anything else. At the end of the day, you'll be glad your property looks better and if the conflagration we've been warned about occurs, maybe you'll be one of the lucky ones!

COMMUNITY COUNCILS' "MAMA" WILL HAVE AN OPEN HOUSE! The Federation of Community Councils (FCC), which is the main source of support for individual community councils, is having an Open House on October 25, 2006, 4-7 pm, at its "home" at 3550 Commercial Drive, #230.

This Open House is a chance for folks to learn more of the important role that FCC has in providing resources of all kinds that help the individual community councils do their jobs.

Another developing situation with the FCC is that it is developing a program that will be a source of MONEY(!!!) grants for the individual community councils....More info to come!

Submitted by *Lance Powell*

This month's meeting is our "Annual Meeting" where we will fill four board seats. When it comes to life in Anchorage, these are front row seats where you can see all the action. There are only a few available so get on it quick!