

Birchwood Community Council Meeting Minutes of October 25, 2006

- 1) Meeting called to order at 7:04 p.m. in Beach Lake Ski Chalet with 10 members in attendance.
- 2) Meeting minutes for September, 2006 approved.
- 3) State Senate candidate Jay Cross spoke with us about his background and reasons for running for office. Being born and raised in Anchorage, Jay has lived and worked here his entire life and will be an Independent voice for all his constituents.
- 4) President Wells brought the council up to date on all the burning issues of the day which include: **The Municipal Rewrite of Chapter 21 Land Use Regulations**, reviewing sections 1,2,8 &13, general provisions, board & commissions, subdivision standards and enforcement. Tonight there is a public information meeting on this rewrite at the BP Building and the next meeting is November 13th, also a public hearing before the P& Z commission. Proposed hiking trail width of 20 ft. is a major concern to this council among other things. **Powerline Ordinance, S version**, was not available, as it stand it is back to a 70 ft. height. **CERLRTP** – Two public meetings have been held with not a good turnout. Connectivity is an unwanted contentious issue/proposed street lighting for all streets/capacity on Glenn Hiway/levels of service/trail along Eagle River Road. At this point the motion was made and seconded (Randy McCain/Harley Sidebottom) to allow President Wells to submit written comments on behalf of the council membership to the planning committee.
- 5) **Sgt. Stanton** presented us with a 30 day comparison of calls of service and crime stats of our area. Ten officers have been taken out of traffic unit and put back on patrol and hoping they will go back to traffic unit when more officers are hired. Sgt. Stanton can be reached at 786-2668 or cstanton@ce.anchorage.ak.us.
- 6) **New Business/Concerns:** Membership agrees to not meet in November or December 2006. Our next meeting will be January 24, 2007. On November 6th Eklutna tract 40A New Master Plan meeting with Planning & Zoning Commission will include a lengthy explanation of proposed development. C-ER Consortium has hired Dittman Research to do a telephone survey of the community. The poll will take place after the election. There will be a Comp Plan work session at 2:00 p.m. on Friday, October 27th. Changes need to be made to the Comp Plan Land Use Map and a few other items i.e. density, building height etc.
- 7) **Motion** made and seconded (Kay Sisson/Randy McCain) to retain Kevin Finnigan as Vice President.
- 8) **Side Notes:** Northern Economics, a company solicited by C-ER Consortium to write our area land use regulations has declined due to the fact that it would be a conflict of interest as they have been contracted by the State of Alaska to do the feasibility study of Chugiak/Eagle River de-annexation from the municipality. Comments are still being taken online about herbicide use by the railroad. Eklutna, Inc. has applied for a conditional use permit for long term gravel haul, a five year haul in two locations.

Meeting adjourned at 9:03 p.m.

Nanette K. Belk/Secretary