

Birchwood Community Council

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AGENDA

BIRCHWOOD Community Council

Wednesday, September 14, 2022, 7-9 PM

Hybrid meeting: In person Birchwood Elementary School Auditorium

Or: **Join Zoom Meeting**

<https://us06web.zoom.us/j/88131919316?pwd=RDA5ZGYrSlhORFhyOUtCM2dTRmJXdz09>

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1. Call to Order:

2. Approval of May Minutes:

3. Announcements:

- a) **Call to Action** to purchase OWL Camera/Speakers to hold hybrid meetings: We initiated a fundraiser at our May 12 meeting. Status of funds raised to date: \$500.00/\$1000.00 needed. We have not earmarked funds, yet from our treasury. We have \$252.00 available and would recommend contributing \$100.00 and hold back the rest for incidental expenses like our PO Box. The fee for the box went from \$95.00 to \$100.00 this year. FCC pays yearly \$75.00. FCC refunded our Treasurer and our treasury reimbursed our Treasurer \$25.00. Plan is to purchase it and have it for our October meeting. Discussion over cash or checks.
- b) Hybrid meetings: member preference to hold either at Birchwood Elementary School Auditorium or Eagle River Library Conference Room
- c) Liquor store license renewals
- d) JBER announcements
- e) Salmon Relay hosted by Native Village of Eklutna and the Eklutna River Restoration Coalition with the purpose to return water and salmon to the Eklutna River-September 18

2021-2022 board: Debbie Ossiander, Co-Chair; Matt Cruickshank, Co- Chair, Road Board rep; Gretchen Wehmhoff: Secretary for Publicity, FCC Rep; Barbara Trost, Parks and Rec rep; Patty Friend, Member at large; Val Jokela, Secretary-Treasurer

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4. Reports

- a) FCC Report: Gretchen Wehmhoff:
- b) CBERRRSA Road Board Report: Matt Cruickshank
- c) Parks and Recreation Report: Barbara Trost: (unable to attend tonight)
- d) Chugiak Eagle River Advisory Board: Debbie Ossiander
- e) Treasurer's report: Val Jokela \$252.00
- f) CVFD:
- g) Birchwood Patrol Report:
- h) Birchwood Airport Master Plan: Val Jokela Future stakeholder meeting dates are unknown at this time. We were supposed to hold scheduled stakeholder and public meetings summer 2022 and no action.
- i) Legislative / Assembly reports:

5. Appearances:

- a) Daryl Nelson (D) candidate for House of Representatives- 3 Minutes

6. Old Business

- a) Update Starner Bridge/Aurora Borealis: Debbie Ossiander
- b) AMCO re: Alice's Marijuana Retail Store status Eagle River- Chugiak passed resolution in support shop. It is tabled to the September 21-22, 2022 AMCO Board meeting.

7. New Business

- a) Commemoration Bobbi Wells
- b) 2022-0106 Request for Reviewing Agency Comments-Administrative Site Plan Review non-public hearing and Planning Director will make a decision on October 10, 2022 re: new parking lot and amenities in support of Peter's Creek Park's new off-leash dog park
- c) Resolution on Residential Building Permits: Background-there are 2 different Building Safety Service Area (BSSA) permits: 1. Inside the BSSA and 2. Outside the BSSA. Presently Chugiak-Eagle River is outside which only requires a land use permit for new buildings, or additions. Inside a BSSA is very restrictive for any kind of work you would have done with lots of permits and inspections at every step of the project. Matt Cruickshank Here's the proposed resolution:

WHEREAS, the establishment of service areas allow local communities within the Municipality to choose the governmental services the community desires to be utilized; and

WHEREAS, the communities of Birchwood, Chugiak, Eagle River, Eagle River Valley, Eklutna Valley, and South Fork having voted against being included in the Building Safety Service Area; and

WHEREAS, there appears to be widespread general opposition in the community to being regulated by the Building Safety Division; and

WHEREAS, the building codes adopted by the Municipality apply area wide; and

WHEREAS, there are cost effective alternative services providing similar verification of building code compliance; and

WHEREAS, property and building owners outside the Building Safety Service Area have the option to utilize the building code compliance services of the Building

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Safety Division if they so choose;

NOW, THEREFORE, Birchwood Community Council RESOLVES that the Assembly and Administration take no action on the expansion of the Building Safety Division.

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

9. Adjournment-