

Meeting Minutes for Birchwood Community Council of May 25, 2005

Called to order at 7:07 p.m. in the library of Birchwood Elementary. April meeting minutes were approved. Guest speaker Beth Wallan, Public Relations Coordinator for Anchorage Animal Care and Control Center spoke with us on a wide range of issues relating to Title 17 of Municipal Code: Animal Control is a good resource to be utilized in the community, the shelter is filled to capacity now, mostly with cats, only 3 to 11 % of these cats are being adopted out of the 200 or more that come in each month, a Facilities License is required if you have more than three of either dogs, cats, rabbits, ferrets or horses, dispatch hours with officers on duty are 7:30 a.m. to 10:00 p.m. and someone is there through the night but will only handle emergencies, response time to our area is approximately the drive time from Anchorage, volunteers are always needed and welcomed to help with the walking of dogs and socializing with both the dogs and cats, and a reminder to have identification on your animals to help get lost and roaming critters back home. Beth can be reached at 343-8118 or 343-8138. Correspondence: Creekside Consulting, representing the Eklutna Village Community Health Clinic project is requesting an additional letter of support to send with their application for matching funds to HUD. New Business: Jim Cantor, HLB Board Member, advised us that the Muni Development Authority has been set up and this will make it possible for large parcels of land to be sold or developed with minimal process. Anna Fairclough, Assembly Chair, provided the list of state budget allocations for our area and parts of the municipality. Gail Dial, Road Board Rep, reported that a new and different company has been awarded the bid for road maintenance and our efficient and reliable Anderson Brothers are retiring. Also most of the summer road work will be in Chugiak and chip sealing on a few roads that weren't done last year will begin in July. Lexi Hill, Parks & Rec Rep, spoke with us about the expanded parking project at the new Ski Chalet and that power is going to be installed in the Mushers building in Beach Lake Park. A motion (Jim Cantor/2nd Gail Dial) was approved for Lexi to request Municipal Parks & Recreation provide this council a detailed summary of project design, management, and cost details of the Mirror Lake Picnic Area Rehabilitation and Eliasson Park Phase II Picnic Shelter Construction. Discussed at length was the question of council input on prioritized CIP Program projects and how such public input is handled at this point in time. The point of elected board representatives is to ensure our priorities are not forgotten. P & Z will conduct a work session on June 20th concerning law enforcement on multiple and large animal ownership. This work session follows the May 16th P & Z meeting to decide what conditions must exist for anyone to legally have horses, cows, llamas, pigs and other large domestic outdoor animals on their property. The Comprehensive Plan Update is beginning and our committee, Diane Payne, Bobbi Wells and Val Jokola will be in attendance. Chugiak/E.R. Long Range Transportation Plan will be meeting also this summer and Bobbi Wells and Gail Dial will represent the council there. MOA Capital Projects Ranking Sheets were made available and input on their priority is needed. Having so many committees working this summer the council has decided to continue meeting during the summer months. We will be meeting in June at the Ski Chalet on South Birchwood. John Nelson, CYSA, indicates that meetings with ASD to be held for user groups to discuss equal access and permit holdings for fields and gyms. Meeting adjourned at 9:20 p.m.

Nanette Belk/Sec.

(cc: Chugiak/Eagle River Library, Linda Vizenor/Parks & Rec, council/Federation Office)