

Birchwood Community Council Meeting Minutes of May 23, 2007

- 1) Meeting called to order at 7:04 p.m. in Beach Lake Ski Chalet with 23 members in attendance.
- 2) Meeting minutes for April 25, 2007 approved and Chairman Bobbi Wells indicates that a hydrogeological report done by Jim Munter on subsurface water flow for the Terrace Lane area is circulating, we only have one copy available, and we can discuss it at the end of our meeting.
- 3) **CAPITAL PROJECTS RANKING**-Council ranking on fifteen local projects are as follows:
 - 1) E.R./Chugiak Road & Drainage System Rehab
 - 2) Replacement Pumps – (CVFD)
 - 3) Replacement of Air Resources Equipment (CVFD)
 - 4) New Eagle River Valley Fire Station #18-Needs Assessment, Site Selection & Design
 - 5) North Eagle River Area Safety Study/Intersection at Fred Meyer Entrance
 - 6) Glenn Hwy Hightower Lighting-S. Birchwood Lp to Knik Bridge –Council requests 40ft safety light instead.
 - 7) Chugiak High School Access Improvements- South Birchwood Loop Road
 - 8) Glenn Hwy Expansion-North Eagle River Access Rd. to S. Birchwood Loop
 - 9) Eagle River Area Snow Disposal Site
 - 10) Birchwood Loop Gravel Multi-purpose Trail
 - 11) North Birchwood Loop Rd./Birchwood Spur Rd Upgrade
 - 12) Peters Creek Drainage Basin Flood Study
 - 13) Projects given a zero ranking were – South Birchwood Loop Road Upgrade/Old Glenn to North Birchwood Loop Road, Glenn Hwy Hightower Lighting/Hiland Road to South Birchwood Loop and Glenn Hwy Interchange between North & South Birchwood Loop Road (the Council opposes this project entirely).
- 4) Motion made (Gail Dial/2nd Eldon King) and amended (Eldon King/2nd Harley Sidebottom) and approved to not meet as a Council again until September 26, 2007 and to allow officers to conduct business if necessary during the summer months.
- 5) **Sgt. Dennis Allen, APD Liaison Officer**, request feedback on reported speeders due to the usual summer increases. Needs input to know if speeders are getting tagged. Norm Dial asks questions about all the junk cars on private property and on right-of-ways and easements. Tim Hamrick, Code Enforcement Officer, hands out detailed information and reiterates the procedures for filing a complaint. Sgt Allen can be reached at dallen@ci.anchorage.ak.us or 786-2693. Tim Hamrick can be reached at HamrickT@muni.org or 343-8335.
- 6) **Chugiak/Eagle River Chamber of Commerce Resolution** – After lengthy discussion and very limited details and information at this point, this council reluctantly approved a motion (Kurt Johnson/2nd Gail Dial) to voice the opinion that based strictly on the basis of accessibility the Valley River Center would be better suited as a Town Center than the former St. Andrews church. This motion is not to be construed as an endorsement of this project.
- 7) **Assembly Workshop on proposed Weapons Range**- Assembly Rep. Bill Starr informed us that APD presented the assembly with their statement of need and six sites are still on the selection list and the assembly is touring the sites and discussing locations. No new information is available concerning funding for the committee to update the Beach Lake Park Master Plan.
- 8) **MEA Energy Plant Location** – A public meeting addressing the proposed locations is May 24th at the Eagle River High School. After discussing this issue at length a motion (Kurt Johnson/2nd Tom Henry) was approved by the membership to support MEA in reconsidering options to power sources other than the current CFC plant proposal.
- 9) **Plats for approval** – 19341 Richner Road and 19827 Dotie's Drive – Comments submitted and

can be viewed in library copy of minutes.

Meeting adjourned at 9:10 p.m.

Nanette K. Belk/Secretary