

BIRCHWOOD COMMUNITY COUNCIL

Meeting Minutes of November 28, 2007

1. Bobbi Wells called the regularly scheduled Birchwood Community Council meeting to order at 7:00 pm with 14 members in attendance. Also attending were Sen. Dyson & Rep Fairclough.
2. Meeting minutes for October 24, 2007 approved as written
3. **Announcements:**
 - a. **Presentation by the Alaska Department of Transportation (DOT)**
 - Upgrade status of Old Glen Highway.
 - December 11th 5:00 To 8:00 pm at Fire Lake Elementary School
 - (Scheduled construction to begin final phase of upgrade in 2008 and coincides with an extension/expansion of public sewer line.)
4. **Reports.**
 - Road Board: – *No Report, representative not present.*
 - Parks and Recreation: – *No Report, representative not present.*
 - Federation of Community Councils: - *No Report, delegate not present.*
 - Consortium of Community Councils: **Report moved to later in the meeting.**
5. **Order of the Day revised to take the old business first.**
 - *Bobbi Wells introduced Representative Anna Fairclough whom is on hand to speak with the people in the area affected and impacted by the (NW Quarter Section 25) State gravel permit issues.*
 - (The CU deadline was extended to March 30th , Staff seems willing to grant extended hours of operation in exchange for extended noise and water quality protection... i.e. how far they need to stay above the water table and where the monitoring wells should go. Birchwood not willing to extend to 24 hours of operation)
 - **A Motion was made and seconded (by Barb Trost, second by Jill Crosby) that Birchwood Community Council send a letter of concern and request to Community Planning (Nelson,Barrett), P&Z Commissioners (online comment Case 2007-093), and ADOT thru HDL (T. Mitchell) outlining remaining issues and concerns over the possibility of irrevocable impacts to the aquifer and requesting that Best Management Practices be applied in both the review process of applications and future operations, etc. – Also ask for support from other councils. **Motion carried.****
 - Platting case discussed. S11544-02. Comments to be made by council online.
 - Open floor discussion with Senator **Dyson.**

6. **A Motion was made and** seconded that Birchwood Community Council cancel the December meeting. - **Motion carried. (Eldon King, second by Barb Trost)**

7. **Report** - Consortium of Community Councils

- Open discussion regarding specific issues & concerns affecting Birchwood council area. Major concerns are: setbacks (residential lots, stream), measurement of front lot lines, combining of Title 21 & Title 23 requirements under “Land Use Permit” approval section, elimination of R-5A zone district, should we give zone districts unique C-ER names and/or follow what planning originally proposed in Draft #2, named use regulations inappropriate in rural area, questioned elimination of Class “B” commercial, new R-6 lot size, regs affecting mushers, site condos & conservation subdivision review & approval process, homeowner associations, design standards, plus others. Review will continue (until presented to Consortium’s planner) via email for member input. Our Title 21 committee will prepare final comments. Bobbi announced that Birchwood will present in February to the Consortium’s land use planner along with the other council reps.

8. Meeting adjourned at 9:00 pm

Gail Davidson McCain/Secretary