

# ***BIRCHWOOD COMMUNITY COUNCIL***

## **Meeting Minutes of January 23, 2008**

1. Bobbi Wells called the regularly scheduled Birchwood Community Council meeting to order at 7:00 pm with 29 members in attendance. Also attending were members of the outdoor range coalition guest speaker Don Simmons with Rise Alaska ,Jonathan Steele with Ecyhyek inc., Major Matt Leveque with state troopers, Deputy Chief Smith
2. Meeting minutes for November 28, 2007 approved as written  
Motion made by Randy McCain 2<sup>nd</sup> by Janet Brand
3. **Announcements:**
  - Town Hall meeting., Jan 30 5:30 pm, Consortium booth /councils
  - Feb 6 Chugiak/ER site plan/ Heritage land bank 4 parcels 160 acres
  - Meeting on move of church located on Old Glenn/S Birchwood to Old Glenn/Darby
4. **Reports.**
  - Road Board: – *No Report*
  - Parks and Recreation: – *No Report, representative not present.*
  - Federation of Community Councils: - *No Report, delegate not present.*
  - Consortium of Community Councils: **Report and discussions were moved to later in the meeting.**
5. **Order of the Day revised to take the old business first.**
  - Bobbi Wells introduced Guest speaker Don Simmons with Rise Alaska, presentation was made, open discussion with attending members regarding the site selection of the new municipal law enforcement shooting range, comment sheets were handed out, web site information.
  - **Barb Trost and Jill Crosby presented** a letter of concern and request to Commissioner Leo von Scheben in reference to NW1/4 Sec 25 Conditional use permit for natural resource extraction. They are asking for community support and signatures of local residents.

**A motion was made by Gail Dial 2<sup>nd</sup> by Lexi Hill;** for Birchwood Council to sign letter as council. *Motion carried*
6. **Consortium of Community Councils Report and open discussion**
  - Bobbi gave an update and announced the Consortium of Community Councils up coming meeting with Land Design North. Each of the local councils represented by the consortium will give a formal presentation of local issues and concerns regarding the changes in the proposed new Title 21 land use regulations.

Bobbi announced that Birchwood will present in February to the Consortium's land use planner along with the other council representatives, open discussions focused on various issues including the proposed 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,
- Proposed changes in the way lot sizes are measured,
- Regulations affecting mushers, site condos & conservation subdivisions,

**A motion was made by John Cruickshank and 2<sup>nd</sup> by Gail Dial;** to carry forward the R5A concept, a name change would be acceptable as long as the usage of trailers and other unique differences remained. *Motion carried.*

Other discussions included individual dimensional limitations on garages, carports, worksheds. Stick with 30% lot coverage for large lots. R6 to stay the same size and same set back.

**A motion was made by Gail Dial 2<sup>nd</sup> by Eldon King;** That home business are to be limited to 40% of the dwelling and 100% accessory buildings. *Motion carried*

- Meeting adjourned at 9:15 pm

Gail Davidson McCain/Secretary