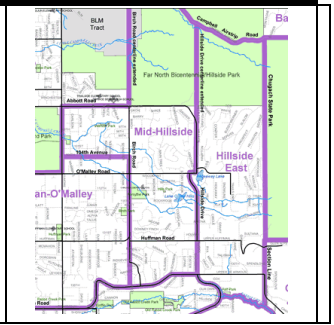


MID-HILLSIDE & HILLSIDE EAST COMMUNITY COUNCIL NEWS

January 2005



A PLAN TO SUBDIVIDE 2 LOTS INTO 1. A property owner would like to combine two approximately 1/2 acre lots into one. These are located on the Southeast corner of Beverly and Birch. Apparently there are drainage issues that limit the room to build on either single lot.

This is an established neighborhood with nice homes and trees. The lots are generally about 1/2 acre so they are smaller than the 1.25 acres typically required for the R6 zoning. Many appear to have standing water (or ice!).

If you have comments on this replat, we can discuss them at our meeting. This is case S11335-1 for hearing at Planning & Zoning on Monday, February 14, 2005.

MUSEUM EXPANSION MOVING FORWARD.

Plans for a \$100 million expansion of the Anchorage Museum of History and Art include \$75 million in private donations, along with state and federal grants. Anchorage voters will get the chance to accept that money as a gift when they vote on a ballot measure in April. At the same time, voters will be asked to pay roughly five dollars a year on \$100,000 of assessed property value to help pay the operating costs of the expanded museum.

If voters approve it, the measure will bring in \$1.25 million a year, which would pay one-third of the museum's operations.

A representative for the Museum will be at our meeting to make a pitch for your vote!

THEY RUN, BUT THEY DON'T HIDE! Our representatives may be in Juneau, but they remain just a phone call away. We are fortunate that our reps are willing to keep in touch by joining us via a teleconference while they are busy in session. Join us at 7:15 to chat with them. It's always interesting.

CHUGACH STATE PARK ADVISORY BOARD SEEKS CITIZEN COMMENT TO TRAILHEAD ISSUES at a special meeting on Tuesday, January 18th at the Atwood Building, 550 West 7th Avenue, Ste. 240 from 7:00 p.m. to 10:00 p.m. The Chugach State Park Citizens Advisory Board wants to hear from the public about management of the Park's trail heads.

The Prospect and Huffman Parking areas and some smaller railheads border the Hillside East CC. Tell them what's going on up there!

THE PARKS PLAN UPDATE that was to go to the Planning and Zoning Commission on January 10 has been delayed. Some comments pertaining to our Councils are posted at the website. Go to www.weddleton.com/CC/PPupComments.htm

ONE OF THE OBSERVATIONS IN THE PARK PLAN UPDATE is that Parks and Recreation relies on property taxes for 88% of its budget. Nationally, that figure averages around 60%.

To bridge the gap between many desires and limited money, the Anchorage Park Foundation was created. The announcement was highlighted with the first gift to the foundation of \$400,000 from the Rasmuson Foundation to be used for capital improvements for trails and parks.

(How did we get by without the Rasmuson Foundation?)

Agenda

O'Malley Elementary School
Thursday, January 20, 2005

- 7:00 pm Introductions and approval of previous minutes
- 7:05 Presidents' & FCC reports
- 7:10 Assembly report
- 7:20 Legislative Teleconference
- 7:35 Old & New Business
- 8:00 Museum Expansion
- 8:30 Assembly Bylaws Requirements
- 9:00 Adjourn

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Our next meeting is Thursday, January 20.

We meet at 7pm on the third Thursday of the month at O'Malley Elementary School on Rockridge off O'Malley. For more info see

www.communitycouncils.org/hillmid.html