

Birchwood Community Council

Meeting Minutes of September 28, 2011

Bobbi Wells called the regularly scheduled Birchwood Community Council meeting to order at 7:00 PM with 19 members present.

Approval of April minutes 1st C Huffaker, 2nd R. Holmsen

Speakers:

Jim Winchester, Steve Connelly Granite Construction updates the council on the noise solutions in connection with the gravel. They answered questions about the berm construction revegetation process.

Til Wallace and Bill Tucker with Colony Homes Investments gave a presentation on the Wallace Homestead, certain parts of the homestead are steep or not good for construction of homes. They are proposing a possible public use to take advantage views, park access and other recreational uses. They want to sell the land in question for six million dollars and are looking at possible state or municipal parks as a potential buyer.

Lexi Hill, Parks and Rec Rep; Commented on removal of old buildings and trail development, she thinks purchase by Chugach State Park makes more sense.

Til Wallace explained the easy road access to the proposed land and described the unique viewshed area. These areas can accommodate many users, including the handicapped and elderly, all can easily enjoy the nature, quiet and beautiful views.

Other Guests in attendance;

--Representative Bill Stoltze, Susan Wallen with Representative Dan Saddler's office, Jeff Hartley, Supervisor of Birchwood Community Patrol.

--Jeff advises the council on the recent accomplishments and issues of the Birchwood Community Patrol, their progress on the area burglaries and the need State Legislative grant thru the Federation for funding the patrol.

--Bill was instrumental in moving forward the process of repaving portions of the South Birchwood Loop. Altho he insisted Anna Fairclough should get the credit.

--Susan advises the council that the Federation is working with Bobbi Wells to make the grant funds available to the patrol.

Discussion;

--recent vandalism at the firing range. Airport hangers and surrounding areas are being addressed by the patrol as well as local parks and within Chugiak Council boundaries.

--Bobbi Wells advises the council that the larger uncovered dump trucks are not constraining their loads and cautions drivers to be aware while traveling near or behind these vehicles.

Report;

Bobbi Wells, reports on the Official Streets and Hwy Plan.

She is concerned about the definition of Birchwood area roads and streets. How they are classified could affect the area property owner's driveway access to roads that might be reclassified. Needed right of ways may cause the condemnation of properties to bring roads such as North Birchwood Loop Road which will be classified as a Major Class 111 Arterial since that is the only kind or arterial we can now have in C-ER.

The Oct 24 Road Board meeting will be having a presentation on the OSHP. There is information and maps available on line. On Nov 7th there will be a public hearing before the P and Z Commissioners.

Adjourned 9pm

Gail Davidson McCain Council Secretary