

BIRCHWOOD COMMUNITY COUNCIL

Meeting Minutes of January 27 2010

1. Bobbi Wells called the regularly scheduled Birchwood Community Council meeting to order at 7:07 pm with 20 members in attendance.
2. Minutes for October meeting approved as written 1st Trost 2nd Hill

Announcements: Anchorage bicycle plan (commuter plan) is scheduled for hearing at the March AMATS meeting. **The bicycle plan** covers safety for bike paths in our community and planning for the connectivity of paths to allow for a more usable system. Council members would like to table this topic further discussion until next meeting for a more lengthy discussion and possible resolution from the council.

There are changes and possible eliminations of bus routes in Birchwood coming up. Jill Crosby comments that one alternative is going to be Anchor Rides expanding access to more riders. It will pick up bus passengers and transport them to transfer stations for a fee.

Speakers from : LDN Sara Wilson Doyle speaks on the Beach Lake Master Plan. She reminds us that Beach Lake Park is highly functional as it is, that making improvements to what is already in place heads up the plan.

Alternative uses for seasonal activities such as some of the mushing trails that could be used as trails for bikes or horses. Multiuse trails along the main access road into the park and further research into some paths that already may exist along the rail road. There are a lot of possibilities for additional multiuse trails that could be developed around outer edges of the park.

The lake it self has possibilities for improvement, a discussion took place on how much of the area surrounding the lake should have trail access. Some members expressed concerns about leaving some of the lake shore undeveloped and left a natural habitat.

The gravel extraction and what the landscape will look like after the fact is in question. There is a need to define how the contours of land will be and specify types of vegetation that will be in place after the extraction. The plan will need to specify the maturity and types of replacement trees

The need for more parking areas, and perhaps some of them will be located closer to specific uses or activities in anticipation of a larger population using the park in the future.

--Parks and Rec: Lexi comments that Barb Trost has accepted the position of Parks and Rec Board alternate.

Adjourn 9:30 pm