

# **BIRCHWOOD COMMUNITY COUNCIL**

## **Meeting Minutes of February 24, 2010**

Bobbi Wells called the regularly scheduled Birchwood Community Council meeting to order at 7:05 pm with 8 members in attendance.

Minutes for January meeting approved as written 1<sup>st</sup> Trost 2<sup>nd</sup> R McCain

### **NEW BUSINESS:**

**Anchorage Bicycle Plan**; the Chugiak Eagle River portion of the plan has 58 miles of designated bike lanes, paths and or road shoulders. Bobbi Wells circulated maps and lists of affected roads to council members. Due to lack of attendance, further discussion will be required for a resolution on this subject.

Local schools have requested a number of items thru **capitol requests** mostly consisting of classroom and lunchroom furnishings. A number of schools have listed interactive white boards. There was very little information on the white boards or reasons for the requests. Council members expressed concerns with the economy and lack of information for Birchwood Council to support this request.

Bobbi Wells advises the council that the **AMATS funding** plans will combine Chugiak/ Eagle River with Anchorage for federal funding. Chugiak /Eagle River has been classified as an urban area, all of it.

The State's "**Bear Cop**" ordinance, proposed local police could take action to eliminate wild animals who pose a threat to human life.

**The Girl Scouts** lost their building at Edmond Lake last summer due to arson. They are asking for the support of area councils in there efforts to rebuild and apply for a State Grant. They wish to build a community building designed to provide out door experiences to special needs individuals. A motion to send a letter of support 1<sup>st</sup> Trost 2<sup>nd</sup> Peck, Passed.

**The Birchwood Crime Patrol** has made application thru the Federation of Community Council for State grant funding to provide signs for their vehicles and fuel reimbursement. Bobbi Wells will submit the request.

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**The Alaska Rail Road** has applied for herbicide use for weed control along tracks and is in review with the DEC. This herbicide is a different formula than what was proposed last year, if approved they will be spraying the herbicide this summer.

The second phase of the Old Glenn project is out to bid. Also the lights along New Glenn will be put in place between South Birchwood and Eklutna this summer.

#### CHANGE OF ORDER:

The membership confirmed Barb Trost as the alternate Parks and Rec Representative for Birchwood Council. Bobbi Wells will submit necessary letter. **Motion** 1<sup>st</sup> R McCain 2<sup>nd</sup> Sanders.

#### OLD BUSINESS:

**Beach Lake Master Plan;** our sub committee, Barb Trost and Alan Peck discuss the latest draft of the Parks and Rec web page. There seems to be a disconnect when it comes to the wishes and input of the community and Birchwood Beach Lake Park Consultants. The web page shows a trail around the lake and down both sides of the road when it has been clearly and repeatedly suggested that the trail only be on one side and the same for the main entry road. The mushers and the skiers do not object to the off-season use of their trails by horses and bikes. The Birchwood community has serious concerns that the proposed changes will have profound effects to the look and appeal of the park. There will be a public hearing March 2 at the New Town Center.

Adjourn 8:45 PM 1<sup>st</sup> R McCain 2<sup>nd</sup> Trost