

Birchwood Community Council

Meeting Minutes of April 28, 2010

Bobbi Wells called the regularly scheduled Birchwood Community Council meeting to order at 7:07 PM with 13 members present, excluding the Neighborhood Watch Group

Approval of March 24th minutes (1st B Trost, 2nd C Huffaker)

NEW BUSINESS

The newly organized **Neighborhood watch** program is in next room with Officer Natasha Welch of the Anchorage Police Department, where she led a discussion with residents from Scenic Drive area in response to burglary concerns in the Birchwood area. To start up a watch program on your street contact Officer Welch at 786-2437.

Beach lake master plan update; clearing for gravel extraction is shown to start in a different area instead of the south west corner of the north west quarter. Barb Trost comments in reference to parks & rec. public hearing, there are a number of discrepancies she is going to make a list for Bobbi

Local summer Construction report:

- There will be repairs made to the Farm Avenue problem culvert sometime this summer.
- Glenn hwy lighting is still out to bid from S Birchwood to Eklutna. –
- Paving to begin on the New Glenn by Granite Construction, this will result in some single lane passage.
- There will also be paving and closures on the Old Glenn continuing on to North Birchwood and then on to Peters Creek to include night paving.

May 2nd June 6th **bike races** from high school Birchwood Loop to Birchwood Spur, Hillcrest Drive, Shims, Almdale, Husky, James, Terrace and ending back at the High School. If you would like to volunteer or you have questions, Contact Bike for Women; Race Director, Kristin Wilkinson 301-8871 or for Eagle River Triathlon; co Race Director, Shareen Crosby 317-8811.

Birchwood Airport Gavel Extraction:

Guest speakers; Granite Construction: **Dave Laster & Jim Winchester** address issues from 2009 season; noise, accidental removal of trees along the road, working after 10 PM on a few occasions. There are no plans for clearing this year. Neighborhood complaints from last year have hopefully been addressed. Plans to crush rocks 3”-8” in size and rocks larger than that will be set aside. Residents are concerned about the noise level created by loading/crushing the rocks. Jim stated the conveyer system modifications should reduce noise level. Neighbors with concerns should call Dave Laster 350-0790 Jim Winchester 229-6629.

Guest speaker **Tim Potter** (Dowl Engineering); advises the council of the plans to rearrange the berm at the driveway and possibly of putting up a noise-insulated wood fence. He says that dogs and other businesses in the area make more noise than this operation. Tim plans to have constant monitoring of noise levels and wants to see how things go at the first week.

Mining to start May 10th and the first train to start up on target date of May 17th.

Guest Speaker Officer Natasha Welch gave the council membership a brief outline of the neighborhood crime watch program and encourages residents to organize their streets. Call the above mentioned contact number and she will help you get the program started for your street.

Time ran out for completion of the Agenda.

Adjourn 9:04PM (1st R McCain 2nd JL Hayden)