

BIRCHWOOD COMMUNITY COUNCIL

Meeting Minutes of Oct 28 2009

1. Bobbi Wells called the regularly scheduled Birchwood Community Council meeting to order at 7:07 pm with 15 members in attendance.
2. Minutes for September meeting approved as written 1st Randy McCain 2nd Trost.

Change of order: Birchwood resident: Erik Thompson speaks to the council on water rights issues he has with developer Matthias Brothers who he states interrupted his grandfathered water access from Parks Creek.

He makes claim that he holds water rights permit #8333 from the state. Erick shows pictures of the debris, earth movement and the addition of landfill the neighboring property owner has done to cause a diversion of water flow from Parks Creek tributary that Erick's family has historically utilized to fill a small pond on his property.

Bobbi notes that the Matthias Bros were invited to attend this meeting, they have not shown up. Five properties up grade of the Matthias property possibly affected by the land fill, blocking drainage and possibly affecting area wells. There is a municipal complaint filed regarding the amount of permit fill has been exceed and hauling practices are in question.

Speakers from : KABATA (Knick Arm Bridge And Toll Authority) **Mary Anne Pease and Edrine Vesion;** speak to the council asking for a resolution of support of the project. Hand outs made available to council, reference article written by Representative Bill Stoltz in support of the project. Discussions on connectivity, Anchorage to Point Mackenzie. There is Federal and private funding as well as toll revenue to finance the proposed bridge.

Anchorage Citizens Coalition brings opposition papers for council's members to review, available on the front table. Government Hill Community Council; **Bob French** is in attendance he is opposed to the bridge project. He expressed concerns in regard to the route of the bridge traffic and the negative impact on Government Hill. He would be in support of an alternative route.

Bobbi Wells advises council and guests that Birchwood council will take this material to the standing transportation committee for review of possible resolution.

Randy McCain reminds the council that Birchwood council has already placed the bridge project on our list of priority road improvements, the CIP list.

Reports: Parks and Rec, Lexi Hill; no alternate has been elected at this time. Debbie Ossiander has assured Bobbi that Lexi can vote at Parks and Rec. board meetings.

Elections:

Council offices, motion 1st Barb Trost 2nd Lexi Hill, Jill Crosby elected to the Consortium of Chugiak Eagle River Community Council as alternate, Bobbi Wells will continue to serve as primary. Passed. none opposed.

Chair Bobbi Wells, **motion** 1st Barb Trost 2nd Lexi Hill to continue to serve, motion passed.

Vice Chair: Jill Crosby **motion** 1st Barb Trost 2nd Lexi Hill to continue to serve , motion passed.

Federation Community Council, rep Gail McCain to serve another term.

Bobbi advises council members that there are handouts on table, for Eagle River Nature Center and information on a proposal for seat belts on school buses.

Bobbi advises Council that for November and December we should adjourn for holidays and give the officers the authority to speak on behalf of the Birchwood Community Council. Provision in bylaws "Emergency Question" allows this to occur, Discussion, **Motion** to approve officers to speak for council and to adjourn 1st Lexi Hill 2nd Randy McCain none opposed.

Bobbi advises members that there are compost bins available thru ASWCD, about 40 left, if interested email Bobbi.

Adjourn 9 pm