

Birchwood Community Council

Meeting Minutes of January 25th 2012

Bobbi Wells called the regularly scheduled Birchwood Community Council meeting to order at 7:05 PM with 25 members present.

Approval of October 2011 minutes postponed.

NEW BUSINESS

Guests:

Jim Winchester and Steve Connelly representing Granite Construction, headed up a discussion on the companies proposed increase of operation hours. Granite Construction is requesting a change in permitting to allow 24 hour transportation of extracted gravel. Numerous council members in attendance expressed their concerns over the proposed increase of noise. That noise all night long in their neighborhood would be intolerable. Granite claims that it is necessary to step up operations ~~and~~ finish the contract due to costs and potentental looses. ^{TYPO} _{To}

Birchwood Community, having heard the presentation by Granite Construction during its regular meeting whereby the petitioner proposed that a modification by amendment be made to the ~~exciting~~ ^{EXISTING} CUP to permit unlimited hours of operation at the site located in the immediate vicinity of Birchwood Airport.

- Motion; A proposal to permit 24 hour operations is not acceptable, as we find that the negative impacts to the neighborhood cannot be made acceptable through mitigations. 1) Jim Stewart 2) Valerie Raatz,

Passed unanimously, thereby rejecting this change to the exciting ^{TYPO} CUP listed hours of operation.

Bob French, Government Hill Community Council Chair; Bob brings with him hand outs on the Knick Arm Bridge and the Metropolitan Transportation Plan. He led a discussion on the subject of the proposed bridge access through Government Hill. He has concerns about the cost and funding sources of the project. Bob stated that the off ramps from the bridge would be underground, through the neighborhood. Also in attendance; Mike Foster, Project Manager of KABATA, he clarified some of the misunderstandings in reference to the project.

Reports:

Parks and Rec, Barb Trost, The Beach Lake Park lodging will be under new management. The Barrier Free Facility will be managed by Focus; there will be new care takers on site. Loretta French Park will be adding ^{ONE} ~~a~~ ball park and bleachers. ^{EXPANDING}

Adjourn ^{ADDING}

Gail Davidson McCain Council Secretary