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Draft Minutes

April 25 2012

Meeting Minutes of April 25 2012

Jill Flanders Crosby called the regularly scheduled Birchwood Community Council meeting to order at 7:00 PM with 14 members present.

Approval of March minutes with corrections 1- B Trost, 2- J Hartley

GUEST SPEAKER: Jeff Hartley, Birchwood Community Patrol; Jeff explained to the council how the patrol covers various neighborhoods throughout the Birchwood council area and parts of Chugiak. Grant funding obtained through Bill Stoltze and Dan Saddler has sponsored the BCC patrol for the last four years. The patrol has been responsible for reporting suspicious vehicles and activities to APD that have led to arrests. Jeff reports that there have been problems with drugs and vandalisms at Beach Lake Park and at the shooting range. The patrol is now covering those areas as well. If residents see suspicious activity they can call and report anonymously to APD 786-8900. Last week a reporter with 'The Star' did a patrol ride with Jeff, look for the article. Contact Jeff: 862-0279

OLD BUSINESS: Jeff Hartley, Fire Department updates; Jeff gave a brief history of how the station came to exist. The 1980 constructed building was purchased in 2001 because of its location. The modified warehouse was condemned this last winter due to the partial collapse of the roof. While the station has taken up temporary measures to store equipment and office space the legislators have been pushing to obtain funding. Jeff explained that funding pass through the Municipality, the final amount received by the fire department would be decreased by the Muni's overhead, which might leave the fire department with insufficient funds for a new fire station. Discussion was tabled; until next meeting, for motions regarding the handling of these funds.

NEW BUSINESS:

Bill Amidon informed the council that he has been in contact with Bobbi Wells and that she will be gone for an extended period. He suggested that we do a fund raiser to help the family with medical and travel costs. A sign up sheet was passed around for volunteers to help. Bill will set up a bank account to receive donations.

Bobbi Wells leave of absence. The council needed to make some changes to the board in order to conduct business in Bobbi's absence and during summer hiatus. The following changes will enable the board to cover the many day to day functions.

Jill Flanders Crosby announces her resignation as CCERCC Alternate. Call for new representative: Nomination; Barbara Trost 1-G McCain, 2-A Newberry, passed, unanimously.

There is a requirement for three board members to take action and make decisions in behalf of the council (Quorum). The best remedy in compliance with the Birchwood Bylaws is to elect more officers. Open positions are Correspondence Secretary and Communications Secretary.

Nomination for Communications Secretary: James Stewart 1 R-McCain, 2-L Hill, passed.

Nomination for Correspondence Secretary: Barbara Trost, 1-J. Hartley, 2-L. Hill, passed.

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REPORTS:

1. Parks and Rec; Barbara Trost; Barbara informed the council that the Parks and Rec. Board had voted to accept the changes to the trail lighting plan during a meeting when no Birchwood Council representative could be present. The costs for adding and upgrading the trail lighting had increased significantly from earlier estimates. Birchwood Council had made a Resolution that the Park and Rec. Board make an effort to bring costs back to the original quote and omit the lighting of NW ¼ that it be left natural. Because the BCC resolution came after the Parks and Rec. Board vote, the best we could do was to have the Birchwood Council's opposition to these decisions put on record.

There will be an Areawide Trails meeting for public input. Thursday May 3 Room 170 at the Eagle River Town Center.

2. McDonald Center, the driveway is being upgraded.

OPEN FOREM

There have been complaints of odors coming from the airport area land fill. This is a private land fill managed by the shooting range and is for building supplies. There are also concerns about the possible leaching of toxins into the ground water. According to reports the land fill meets the requirements and passes inspections.

MOTION to ADJOURN: 8:58 pm. 1- B Trost, 2-L Hill

There will be one more meeting before summer hiatus.

Next regularly scheduled meeting May 23, 2012