

Birchwood Community Council

Ski Chalet at 17300 South Birchwood Loop

Draft Minutes

May 23, 2012

Meeting Minutes for May 23, 2012

Jill Flanders Crosby called the regularly scheduled Birchwood Community Council meeting to order at 7:01 PM. Number of members present to be determined when Gail McCain submits sign-in sheets.

Approval of March minutes with corrections 1- V Jokela, 2- T Schoneberger

ANNOUNCEMENTS:

Reminder for Bobbi's benefit May 24, 2012

Jill announced the new board members elected in previous meeting: Barbara Trost was elected alternate for the Consortium; James Stewart was elected Communications Secretary, Barbara Trost, as Correspondence Secretary, still need a representative for the FCC (Federation of community Councils)

Presentation: Jon Spring, Consultant for MOA/AMATS Trail Coordinator

Jon described briefly the process for the new Trail Plan; it is part of a three pronged trail plan: Pedestrian Plan, Bicycle Plan and (Recreational) Trails Plan. The first two have been completed a few years ago. The Planners had so far held meeting with various stakeholder groups and had 4 open house sessions for the public as well as a maps hanging at the Loussac Library for the public to view. Main focus is connectivity of trails. For the Birchwood Area he noted that there were few trails. He brought up some very old trails along Fire creek, through what is now Powder Ridge. Tony asked about funding for trails along Birchwood Loop Rd, but Jon was aware of any funding. Val and other mushers complained how unorganized the planners were at all of the meetings, the stakeholder and open house sessions. They complained how unaware the planners were of any changes to the Beach Lake Master Plan. Many voiced severe dissatisfaction with the process that used outdated maps (from the 1997 trails plan). They claimed the public was misled by using oversimplified and out of context slogans to elicit feedback. Jon mentioned that there was no funding to update the map to current status. Lexi asked if Mt Baldy access was included in any consideration A public review draft for this report is scheduled for this fall/winter. For complaints regarding the trail plan process Jon recommended contacting Craig Lyon at MOA.

OLD BUSINESS:

NEW BUSINESS:

Diane Benson volunteered to be the FCC representative. Lexi Hill -1, Alan Peck-2

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Hiatus: council voted to take a summer hiatus, next meeting is September 26, Diane Benson moved, Alan Peck -2.

Lexi Hill volunteered to be the alternate for the Road Board, Tony Vita moved, Alan Peck -2..

REPORTS:

1. Parks and Rec; Lexi Hill, need priorities for \$0.5 M for capital projects
2. Road Board: Tony Vita, Eklutna Bridge closed, open only for pedestrians and bikes
3. Consortium: Barbara Trost, starting to work through 16 Amendments, which are the priority (out of 204 Amendments to Title 21)

OPEN FOREM

Dan Saddler gave a report to the Council: grant to BCC community patrol, \$6M for Firestation, \$7.5 M for Artillery Interchange, funds for Eklutna Bridge, ER High School Bridge and school equipment

MOTION to ADJOURN: Not available until Gail McCain supplies meeting notes.
Next regularly scheduled meeting September 26, 2012