

BIRCHWOOD COMMUNITY COUNCIL
Minutes of September 26, 2012

Jill Flanders Crosby, acting Chair called the regularly scheduled Birchwood Community Council Meeting to order at 7:03 PM with 13 members present.

Motion to approve minutes of May 2012, 1-R McCain, 2-R Holmsen, passed.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

- Nominations for one secretary position.

NEW BUSINESS

Guest Speaker: Jim Winchester with Granite Construction announced the estimated completion date for the gravel extraction to be August of 2013. At that point all gravel processing and transportation will be completed and the berm re-vegetated.

GUEST SPEAKER

Dan Saddler; Dan lead a discussion on the potential hazards of precarious trees that did not fall completely down in the recent storm. He notes that many of the areas agencies were quick to respond, including the Kenna Brothers, who got right on the downed trees in the roads. Dan will look into possible disaster relief for the removal of trees that pose a danger by falling on structures and power lines. Anyone wanting to collect firewood in Beach Lake Park should contact Mona at Parks and Rec for permission, Mona 343-1500.

GUEST SPEAKER

Randy McCain, President of the Consortium of Chugiak Eagle River Community Councils; Randy updated the council on where the separate Chapter 10 is in the process. The draft has gone to P & Z for comment and to the Assembly for final approval together with the rest of Title 21. Randy requested a motion from BCC to support the separate Chapter 10 for the Chugiak/Eagle River. Birchwood Community Council specifically reaffirms strong support to retain:

- A) The Chugiak Eagle River Advisory Board as submitted in Chapter 10 at 21.10.030, Administration and Review Procedures and
- B) The concept of separate zoning districts as distinguished by the C-ER prefix for any Chugiak Eagle River zoning within our communities. See 21.10.040.A through F.

Motion 1- L Hill 2- J Stewart, passed unanimously

OLD BUSINESS

A subcommittee was formed to address concerns voiced at the May council meeting in regards to the Anchorage Areawide Trails Plan update. Lexi Hill and Barbara Trost will prepare a letter to the planers on behalf of the BCC. 1-R McCain, 2- L Hill, Passed unanimously.

REPORTS

Road Board, Tony Vita; Tony updated the council, the area wide overlay is completed. The drain pipe survey is near completion, all the areas drainage pipes have checked by scope or in person. Eagle River area street maintenance has been added to the municipal mapping. Tony will obtain a copy for Bobbi Wells. The state funding for the replacement of the Eklutna Bridge has been granted in full.

Parks and Rec, Lexi Hill; Lexi brings the council up to date on how the fallen trees from the storm have affected various parks to include Beach Lake and Mirror Lake. Many of the trees have already been cleared, the trails are passable although the trails at Mirror Lake are wet and muddy. There will be a ribbon cutting at the McDonald Center next Saturday, September 29th.

Adjourn 9 PM

Chair: Bobbi Wells

Acting Chair Jill Flanders Crosby

Secretary Gail Davison McCain .