Birchwood Community Council

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Draft Minutes, Regular Meeting, October 22, 2014

1 Call to Order: Barbara Trost, BCC co-chair called the meeting to order at 7:02.

2. Approval of July and September 2014 Minutes: July meeting approved with amendment that a title be added, and September meeting minutes approved as presented.

3. Announcements

Barbara Trost provided Glenn Hwy update sent out through FCC email list and reminded members to sign up for the FCC emails.

BCC Facebook: Dave Wolfe presented information on the new BCC facebook page Status of BCC By-Laws: We are waiting for final approval from the ombudsman and assembly. Once the new by-laws have been approved, we can address changes that still need to be discussed.

4. Presentations:

a. Chris Wilson, presented his proposal for singletrack trails in the Mirror Lake and Edmunds Lake Parks. He requested support from the council for the design and construction of the trails. Debbie Ossiander motioned to go on record as a council supporting the concept of CMBRs efforts. The motion was seconded and approved unanimously.

b. Julie Estey, MEA, announced that crews would start clearing the easements. Clearing would be to the full width of the easement. After notice folks have 2 weeks to contact MEA with questions/concerns. Contract ends November 30,2014.

Justine Parks Upgrades: MEA will go back and follow process, involve the community in design. Hoping for new plan in front of P&Z by next fall. Will hold a work session. Terrace Lane substations: planned out for the future, more than 2 years out.

5. Old Business

a. Terrace Lane/Powder Hills update – not available

b. MEA Justine Parks Substation update

c. Monofil update – assembly decisions postponed to March 2015

d. AK RR Right of Way permits – response to Old Seward CC resolution?. It was decided that we needed to have more information. A motion was made and passed to invite Tim Sullivan from AK RR back and also have a representative from the Old Seward to speak,

e. Birchwood Bash after action report – bash received positive feedback. Next year maybe combine it with the Chugiak Community Council and andy other C/ER council that has interest,

6. New Business

a. Chugach Access Plan – comment to Assembly? Debbie presented the issues surrounding the Chugach access plan and how it is tied into Title 21. Chugiak Eagle River Advisory Board will hold A meeting on Sat October 25 from noon to 4 PM at the Eagle River Town Center for the public to record their concerns/support relating to the plan.

2013-2014 board:

Jill F. Crosby & Barbara Trost, Co-ChairsLexi Hill, SecretaryDebbie Ossiander, CERABTony Vita, Road BoardDave Wolfe, FCC

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b. Title 21 changes before Assembly- according to Debbie these are just minor changes cleaning up Title 21. None really pose a issue for the council area.

c. November meeting: The council decided to have a short meeting in November

d. October Elections of officers:

Jill Crosby Flanders and Barbara Trost were re-elected as co-chairs. (Term ends October 2016)

Kevin McNamara was elected as Member At Large (Term ends October 2016) Dave Wolfe was elected as Secretary of Publicity (Term ends October 2015)

Debbie Ossiander was elected as Treasurer (Term ends October 2015)

7. Reports

a. FCC Report: Dave Wolfe

b. CBERRRSA Road Board Report: not available

b. Parks and Recreation Report: not available

c. Chugiak Eagle River Advisory Board (CERAB)

d. Treasurer's report - BCC has no account and no funds

8. Open Forum-floor opened to public, any issue

Daryl Nelson presented the need for a local transit area service board, similar to CBERRRSA. He had talked to Tony Vita (BCC) and Mark Littlefield (CCC) CBERRRSA reps for support. Both are willing to help in drafting the official request, but wanted Daryl to seek approval from the councils. A motion was made and passed to record the conceptual support of requesting the creation of a transit area service board.

9. Adjournment-9:15 pm