

**BIRCHWOOD COMMUNITY COUNCIL MINUTES
WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 10, 2003**

THE MEETING WAS CALLED TO ORDER AT 7:00 P.M. BY BOBBI WELLS. OUR AGENDA IS BEING MODIFIED TO ACCOMMODATE OUR GUEST SPEAKERS.

SGT. JAMES TRIPLETT, ANCHORAGE POLICE DEPARTMENT, FULLY INFORMED US WITH A BURGLARY UPDATE FROM SEPT, 2003 TO DEC. 5, 2003. TWO DETECTIVES ARE ASSIGNED TO CASES OF BREAK INS AND BURGLARIES. THESE CRIMES ARE OCCURRING IN EAGLE RIVER AND THE BIRCHWOOD/CHUGIAK AREA AND DURING THE DAYTIME HOURS. SGT. TRIPLETT RECOMMENDS A COMMON SENSE APPROACH, I.E. HOME INVENTORY DOCUMENTATION (THIS HELPS WITH PAWN SHOP IDENTIFICATION), RELY ON EACH OTHER TO KNOW AND RECOGNIZE WHO IS OUT OF PLACE IN YOUR NEIGHBORHOOD AND KEEP AN EYE OUT IF YOU KNOW YOUR NEIGHBORS ARE OUT OF TOWN. SECURITY CAMERA SYSTEMS AREA GOOD TOOL AND CAN BE SET UP VIA A PERSONAL COMPUTER.

PROJECT MANAGER, MIKE RABE AND TOM WINKLER WITH CRW, ENGINEERING GROUP GAVE THE COUNCIL A THOROUGH UPDATE OF THE NORTHERN COMMUNITIES WATER AND SEWER PROJECT, PHASE 1. PHASE 1 COVERS FOUR DISTINCT PROJECT AREAS THAT WERE IDENTIFIED AND PRIORITIZED TO EXTEND WATER MAINS AND A SEWER TRUNK/INTERCEPTOR LINES. WITH THE EXCEPTION OF THE CHUGIAK HIGH SCHOOL AND BIRCHWOOD ELEMENTARY SCHOOL SEWER UPGRADES, THE AREA TO BE SERVED BY THE PHASE 1 IMPROVEMENTS IS LOCATED ON THE EAST SIDE OF THE NEW GLENN HIGHWAY. THE SOUTH BIRCHWOOD LOOP ROAD AND MONASTERY WID/LID DESIGN STUDY REPORT AND ACCOMPANYING MAPS ARE AVAILABLE AT THE CHUGIAK/EAGLE RIVER LIBRARY. THIS PROJECT IS SLATED TO BEGIN IN 2004.

BOBBI WELLS INTRODUCED OUR VICE CHAIR ELECT, KEVIN FINNIGAN AND HE WAS WELCOMED WARMLY.

READING OF NOVEMBER MEETING MINUTES WAS WAIVED DUE TO THE LENGTH OF OUR AGENDA.

CORRESPONDENCE RECEIVED AND NOTED:

**CHUGACH ELECTRIC NOTICE OF RATE INCREASE
ENSTAR NATURAL GAS RATE INCREASE PROPOSAL
TITLE 21 ORDINANCE TO AMEND EQUESTRIAN FACILITIES**

**CONDITIONAL USE IN R-6, R-8, AND R-9
CHUGIAK COUNCIL LETTER TO MOA OPPOSING AMBULANCE
FEES**

MOTION MADE (DEBBIE OSSIANDER/2ND BONNIE NELSON) TO SEND LETTER TO MOA STATING THE BIRCHWOOD COUNCILS OPPOSITION TO IMPOSITION OF AMBULANCE TRANSPORT FEES. MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.

REPORTS:

ROAD BOARD – LOCAL ROAD SERVICE BOARD IS TO BE VOTED OUT OF THE MUNICIPAL TAX CAP BY THE ASSEMBLY AT THE 12/16/03 MEETING.

PARKS AND REC –THE ASSEMBLY PASSED THE NEW FEE SCHEDULE. WORK ON THE SKI CHALET BUILDING IS STALLED DUE TO AN ELECTRICAL HOOKUP CONFLICT. ANCHOR EASEMENT COST IS IN QUESTION BETWEEN MEA AND EKLUTNA, INC.

AFTER DISCUSSION OF THE DRAFT ORDINANCE CONTAINING CHANGES TO THE COMMUNITY COUNCIL DUES STRUCTURE AND ELIMINATION OF LIMITS ON GIFTS OR DONATIONS TO COUNCILS, A MOTION WAS MADE (GAIL DIAL/2ND NORM DIAL) AND PASSED TO NOT SUPPORT THE PROPOSED CHANGES. (TWO-YES AND 12-NO)

GAIL DIAL IS SERVING NOTICE OF BYLAW CHANGES AT OUR NEXT MEETING, SUCH CHANGES INCLUDE REDEFINING OUR COUNCIL BOUNDARIES, DATE OF ANNUAL MEETING AND QUORUM SPECIFICATIONS. ITEM FOR THOUGHT AND DISCUSSION OF POSSIBLY CHANGING OUR MEETING NIGHT.

**FIRELAKE COMMUNITY COUNCIL – PROPOSED BOUNDARIES FOR THIS NEW COUNCIL WERE NOT SET OR DRAWN BY PLANNING AND ZONING AND NO ONE HAS BEEN NOTIFIED OR CONTACTED CONCERNING A THIRD ORGANIZATIONAL MEETING.
MEETING ADJOURNED AT 9:07 P.M.**

NANETTE BELK/SECRETARY