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ERCC met last on March 10, 2005. The meeting was well attended and we covered a lot of issues. At a work session prior to the meeting, the directors elected Bobbie Gossweiler as Treasurer. Welcome and thank you, Bobbie. We heard from Anna Fairclough and a representative of Jeff Johnson regarding their bid for election to the Assembly. Debbie Ossiander spoke to us about the access to Baldy. Engel Goodnight provided us with information about the 3 Day Walk. The 3 Day Walk is a breast cancer awareness and fundraising event benefiting the Susan B. Komen Breast Cancer Foundation. Committed and dedicated volunteers raise money for this cause by walking 60 miles over a 3 day period. These walkers secure donations online from others who recognize the worthiness of this project. Engel Goodnight and Marlene Rice are participating in the next 3 Day Walk in Seattle on July 22 through 24. Engel and Marlene are looking for 2 or more walkers to join them in forming an Alaska Delegation. For more information in joining Engel & Marlene, email Engel at gnightak@ak.net. To support Engel and Marlene financially, go to www.the3day.org and follow the links to Seattle and Engel Goodnight and Marlene Rice.

Many of those present at the meeting were present to discuss the proposed 37 lot development off of Old Eagle River Rd. We also discussed a 16 lot development off of Monte Rd. and a 133 lot development in Powder Ridge. Regarding the 16 and 37 lot developments, ERCC passed a motion expressing concern about the increased traffic impact these developments will have on nearby already problematic intersections. With regard to Powder Ridge, the concern was a lack of usable greenbelt/open space in the development.

With the meeting now in overtime, we amended and approved our by-laws, elected Bill Gossweiler as our FCC representative, and took care of a bit of other business and correspondence. Thank you for volunteering, Bill.

ERCC meets next on Thursday, May 12, 2005. I am sure we will have much to consider and discuss. One upcoming event that is of importance to our community is the planned update of the Eagle River Comprehensive Plan by the MOA Planning Department. The Planning Department is organizing a Citizens Advisory Committee (CAC) to review and make recommendations for the update of the plan. Each Community Council is being asked to appoint 2 representatives to participate on the CAC. If you are interested in being one of our representatives on the CAC, please let me know. We really need your help on this one folks, please consider volunteering. I can be reached by email at seakerr@alaska.com. ERCC also needs an alternate representative to the Road Board. The Road Board meets once a month and is a very important and effective agency that plays a major role in where we spend our road improvement and road maintenance money. The alternate representative attends the meeting when our representative, Dave Sellie is unable to attend. Please help.

An ERCC website is a work in progress and beginning to take shape. It is being provided to us through the Federation of Community Councils. When we get it rolling and start submitting information on a regular and timely basis, it will include copies of minutes past, the by-laws, newsletters, agendas, contact information, and hopefully info that we couldn't squeeze into our meetings.

For those of you that are receiving this newsletter via the USPS, please consider sending us your email address. By doing so, you'll save us (the FCC) postage costs and you'll get other community council notices and information that we send out via email. We are allowed to mail (USPS) the newsletter once a month. We do get time sensitive information that we as members of ERCC should be aware of that requires response. Believe me when I say that you don't want me to provide the only response all the time. I know that some of you out there feel that you are being dragged into the 21rst Century kicking and screaming with everyone pressuring you to email this and web site that. I am accused of the same because I don't have a cell phone or 4 wheel drive. I am beginning to think Star Trek had it right.... "Resistance is futile". ERCC nor I will pass out your email address without your permission, (knowingly, on purpose).

I want to thank those of you who have renewed your membership and I also thank all of you new members. But don't hog all the fun yourselves. Convince, beg, or coerce your friends and neighbors to join ERCC. And please, all of you who are receiving this newsletter and are not current with your dues, send them to the address listed below or pony up at the next meeting.

Remember, the next meeting (and last before summer break) is May 12, 2005. The meeting is held in the MOA conference room above Garcia's Restaurant on Business Blvd. You can renew your membership or join ERCC at that time or you may mail your dues to ERCC, PO Box 773952, Eagle River, AK. 99577. Dues are \$5 per individual or \$10 per business.

Keep informed. Stay involved. Join or renew your membership with ERCC. You know I won't stop bugging you until you do, (and even then not until you enlist a friend on neighbor). Hi, Bill & Jim.

Charlie Horsman ERCC President