

Historic and Cultural Resources Focus Group

In Attendance –Gastineau Genealogical Society representative, Gastineau Historic Society representative, CBJ Community Development Department

S.W.O.T. Analysis

STRENGTHS:

- Vacant land available for housing development
- Lemon Creek is a shopping hub for Juneau

OPPORTUNITIES:

- Good location for businesses
- Recreational opportunities behind Home Depot and Costco

THREATS:

- Lemon Creek gets the worst weather in Juneau
- Keeping a tenant in the Wal-Mart building
- Parking requirements for businesses
- Heavy traffic
- Commercial/Industrial uses are restricting recreational uses

PATTERNS OF DEVELOPMENT IN LEMON CREEK:

- Louie Lund owned a ranch near present day Lund St. where he kept his horses. Lund started the first transport company in Alaska.
- Charlie Switzer owned a large dairy farm that was located between Switzer Creek and Fred Meyer.
- Switzer Creek was originally located west of its current location. The creek was re-routed as part of a DOT Glacier Highway project.
- The first home was built on Sunny Point in 1929.
- The Hildrey Family owned the first business in Lemon Creek.
- Grant's Plaza was once a large nagoonberry patch.
- From the late 1960s up until the late 1970s a mobile home park was located at the end of Shaune Drive and Jenkins Drive.
- The LDS Church was built in 1971. The original church was destroyed by fire on Christmas Eve 1974 and was re-built the next year.
- The LCCC has been in its current location since at least 1975.
- The industrial uses and storage uses picked-up in the 1980s.
- Costco and Home Depot developed in the 1990s.
- Most of the development West of Glacier Highway is fairly new.