

Rabbit Creek Community Council Meeting Minutes for Thursday, January 11, 2024
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Location: Internet Zoom Meeting and a few souls at Goldenview Middle School Library
Board Roll Call - Present: Ann Rappoport (Co-Chair), John Riley (Co-Chair), Matthew Blakeslee (Treasurer) David Sterling (Secretary), Nancy Pease, Judy Michael, Mike Kenny, Amanda Doughy, Tim Alderson, Lorena Edenfield
Absent: Grace Johnston

Board Member Co-Chair – Ann Rappoport and John Riley - Opened the meeting formally starting at 7:05 pm. Requested everyone to sign-in on Zoom or sign-in sheet at school. Determined 10 board members and over 33 attendees total on zoom and in the Library. Declared a Quorum and General Meeting. Ann Rappoport described the Sign-In Method. RCCC follows Roberts Rules of Order. The attendance list is attached. Zoom advised of recording the meeting. Described methods to vote on issues for this meeting. People calling in on telephone will need to vote in the chat. Described voting eligibility, attendance of one prior meeting in past 12 months. Described Zoom protocol and instructions. Land Acknowledgement – Meeting on unceded lands of the Dena'ina Athabascan.

- **January Agenda** – Ann Rappoport requested approval of the agenda as written. **Motion: Ky Holland & 2nd Tim Alderson** To approve as written. No objections. Approved.
- **December Meeting Minutes** – **Motion to Approve by Judy Michael & 2nd Keith Guyer**– To approve as written. No objections. Approved.
- **Treasurer Report** – Current report was Savings \$317.09 + Checking \$1,711.29 = \$2,028.38 available. Outstanding debt encumbered for ongoing records scanning.

Announcements & Legislative Reports:

- **Assembly Members for RCCC Area -**
 - **Randy Sulte** – (907) 343-4121 - Randy.Sulte@anchorageak.gov – Present. Meets every Saturday at Kaladi's on Huffman with constituents. Special Assembly meeting on Jan 16th. Identified various meetings. Last Tuesday approved Don Young Port of Alaska name. Approved joint resolution with Anchorage School Board requesting increase in education funding, including to Base Student Allocation, to the State Legislature. Passed marijuana free samples. Started first hearing on Holton Hills, remainder on Jan 23rd. Expects it to pass. Property Tax will go towards Girdwood. Not allowing short term rentals in the neighborhood, or ADUs. \$5 mill for downtown bathrooms at \$500k per bathroom. If voters approve this bond proposal, will go thru the RFP process. ASD Bond of \$62 million for the April ballot approved with Inlet View Elementary School in this package. Chugach State Park Access Roads that Run Thru LRSAs - Original version passed before they could get their version into the mix. 3-Plex as residential.
 - **Zac Johnson** - (907) 343-4122 - Zac.Johnson@anchorageak.gov – Not Present.
 - **Representative Ladie Shaw** – Not present.
 - **Senator Cathy Giessel** – Was present, had to go before available time.
 - **Anchorage School District** – Margo Belamy – Cell (907) 903-9820 – email = belamy@asdk-12.org - ASD Board meeting on Jan 9th work session and guidance to Administration. \$98 million deficit, due to all kinds of things. Boundary change for Dimond Estates mobile home area approved, \$3 million AEA Health contribution, per agreement. Will spend down fund balance to 5%, which brings deficit down to \$71 mil. Will provide access to board meetings on You Tube. Nancy Pease – asked about public involvement to determine budget savings. ASD reached out for comments. Winter retreat 1/19/24. Advocating to override Governors cut on baseline. Dianne Holmes – Not expecting Governor's veto to be overridden because of 2/3rds vote required. Tim Alderson – Expand on spending down. Margo discussed various issues under consideration for what they want to keep and what is on the table to be removed or modified. David Schaff – Favorite ASD provided program. Hard to answer, different strokes for different folks. Reducing sports would get the biggest response.

New Business and Old Business Requiring Action & Reports

- **Open Floor for Quick Comments** –
 - Nancy Pease – Assembly Meeting on Potential bond project for Road & Chugach State Park Trail Head Upgrades. Several Assembly Member folks have misconception toward the Hillside and LRSAs. Consider the Hillside District Plan is favorable because it allows for public input, but only reflects the desires of the people who live there. Strong implication that it is a bad thing.

Suggest that we need to educate the Assembly members. Their idea is to increase density everywhere. Misconceptions against HDP. Mike Kenny discussed issues about Assembly members. Dianne Holmes advised that RCCC needs to educate Assembly members. Other area neighborhoods have their own plans, like East side and Government Hill, among others.

- **Safer Seward Highway** – Nancy Pease – Nancy and Ann had one-on-one meeting with staff consultants and submitted formal comments. Still need to pursue. Items that DOT needs to consider include costs, opportunity costs consisting of the value of this project versus other projects, speed limits. Specifics: Potter Marsh area and Potter Valley Road intersection. Will not need 75' high tower lighting, not sure how much lighting along marsh will be required. Noise abatement issues will probably not be funded. 65 mph with 4-lane divided highway, lower speed if 2-lanes. Review of design concepts online. Mike Kenny – How about noise in the summer when bird traffic is at a peak. Tim Alderson – Noise abatement by moving vehicle roadway outward and railroad inward of inlet. Difficult to accomplish. Stay tuned for more.
- **Heritage Land Bank - Draft 2024 Annual Work Program & 2025-2029 Five-Year Management Plan** - Plan to submit comments by Feb 9th, for Feb 22nd meeting. Girdwood Holton Hill being re-introduced the same as last February. Ann thought the community involvement needs to be brought in and considered. On the 8.5-acre parcel donated to MOA, recommend consideration of a trail on that land to connect Bear Valley to Storck Park, entire parcel should be added into Section 36. 2024 Work Program documented Schools on Trails, Goldenview Middle School to Bear Valley Elementary School needs two parcels to be considered. Potter Valley Watershed Park is included in the plan, as is the Natural Burial Cemetery on Golden View Drive for a disposal of HLB land. Fire fuels reductions by working with the fire department. Access to Chugach State Park from some HLB parcels is under consideration. Nancy Pease advised that parcel 2-139 is around 80-acre parcel that is large enough to provide potential trail head with access to Chugach State Park, not encumbered with other private lots. Tim Alderson comments regarding Holton Hills. MOA is not respecting planning process and community groups involvement. Girdwood Board of Supervisors instead of Community Council which is a resourceful group of Girdwood folks.
 - **Motion: John Riley & 2nd Mike Kenny** – Should RCCC submit the comments above regarding HLB issues. Vote Results: Yes = 17; No = 0; Abstain = 0. Motion passes.
- **AFD Station 9 Comments - Captain Stevens** – Bond for Fire Apparatus. Many items are beyond their life. Tire chains cause damage. Vast quantities of snow are causing issues getting equipment to fires or call-outs. Hillside needs tanker water tenders. Always a challenge, almost impossible. Need roads opened up more. Snow is blocking addresses, so shovel off areas for visible addresses. Station 9 does not always have chains. Station 8 and 10 always have chains. Clean out hydrants in your areas. Workforce attrition due to retirement situation. Carbon Monoxide is always a winter issue, so keep your alarms working. Medic 12 converted to Advanced Life Support. Medic 9 is the only ALS in our area, often occupied. PIO (Public Information Officer) Lexie Trainer is now available, located at ASD Headquarters.
- **Licensing of Short-Term Rentals** - Randy Sulte – Several versions under consideration and is being revised. Will meet with several Assembly members tomorrow to continue discussions. Not in a hurry. Trying to do this right, which takes time.
- **Notice of Spruce Terraces Water Rights** – Located off 162nd, near Shangri Lai. Plan for one community water well servicing entire subdivision. If you have water rights, yours supersede their water rights. Most homes do not have water rights, but there are no real rights except that you can get water. No recourse if your neighbor sucks up water. Water rights do not guarantee anything.
- **Viewpoint South Subdivision by Patter Valley** – Might be reduced from 14 lots to 13 lots, because of the steepness factor and the way lots are laid out. Had a recent community meeting. RCCC requested trail on separate easement and on the south side of area. Subdivision is proposing they

would not be part of Potter Valley Homeowners, but a separate HOA. Expecting plat in next few weeks. Once published, RCCC will review.

New Business and Old Business Requiring Action & Reports Not Critical

- **ASD/Assembly Resolution Asking Legislature to Overrule Governor's Veto of Education Funding** – Determined as a long shot. Can override if passed within 5 days after the session start.
- **Rabbit Creek Gateway Sign** – Still pending.
- **CAPSIS Projects** – Will submit proposals again that are due Feb 14th. Ann listed several projects that RCC has previously requested. Ky Holland has Public Outreach re wildfires. Resources for local landowner to do fire mitigation on their property. Ongoing issue of critical access roads that need upgrades but are not in LRSAs and then dependent on developers to upgrade when and if they develop. Wildfire work has had some successes getting funding recently.
 - **Motion: Nancy Pease & 2nd none** – Motion to submit CAPSIS projects and Land Use Committee develop between now and next RCCC meeting. Decision to wait until Feb meeting for final approval since proposals are not due until Feb 14th.
- **Resilience Committee** – Report above in CAPSIS. Meeting 4th Monday of every month. Resources on website.
- **LRSA Seats** - Open to volunteers by running for seats.
- **HALO** – On break
- **Schools on Trail** – No report.
- **Social Media** – No report.
- **Next Meeting** – February 8, 2024. Goldenview School and Zoom meeting.
- **Motion to Adjourn Keith Guyer & 2nd Mike Kenny** - No objections. Approved.
- **Meeting adjournment** – Meeting adjourned at 8:54 pm.