

Rabbit Creek Community Council Meeting Minutes for Thursday, March 14, 2024
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Location: Internet Zoom Meeting Only since Spring Break at Goldenview Middle School Library
Board Roll Call - Present: Ann Rappoport (Co-Chair), John Riley (Co-Chair), David Sterling (Secretary), Nancy Pease, Judy Michael, Mike Kenny, Amanda Doughty

Absent: Tim Alderson, Lorena Edenfield, Grace Johnston, Matthew Blakeslee

Board Member Co-Chair – Ann Rappoport and John Riley - Opened the meeting formally starting at 7:04 pm. Requested everyone to sign-in on Zoom or sign-in sheet at school. Determined 6 board members and over 26 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.

- **March Agenda** – Ann Rappoport requested approval of the agenda as written. **Motion: John Riley & 2nd Keith Guyer** To approve as written. No objections. Approved.
- **February Meeting Minutes** – **Motion to Approve by Nancy Pease & 2nd Judy Michael** – To approve. Nancy Pease had some changes to the 87S verbiage that Ann will insert in final copy. Approved as modified and will re-post.
- **Treasurer Report** – Current report was Savings \$317.15 + Checking \$1,711.32 = \$2,028.52 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. ASD Fiscal budget. Homeless shelters where they can and cannot be. No turn on red in downtown. Short term rentals. Transit worker protection. HLB annual 5-year plan. 87S P&Z Review received for public consumption. Sarah Vance House bill for security of children on pornographic websites.
- **Zac Johnson** - (907) 343-4122 - Zac.Johnson@anchorageak.gov – Present. Delegation went to Juneau to talk about: Port of Alaska modernization, Homeless shelters, Housing Trust, HB89 Childcare. Port of Alaska project will bid this summer. Short-term rentals, public transit workers and riders who break the rules. Met with CDC about water wells and getting in line with DEC requirements. Recent community water well installed has limited code requirements. Potter Marsh Watershed coming up for vote.
- **Representative Ladie Shaw**–907-465-4945-representative.laddie.shaw@akleg.gov Not present.
- **Senator Cathy Giessel** –cell (907) 242-5450 – sen.cathy.giessel@akleg.gov Not present.

- **Anchorage School District** – Margo Belamy – Cell (907) 903-9820 – email = belamy@asdk-12.org – Detailed discussion about pending School Bond at \$62.3 million. \$12.69 assessed per \$100k valuation on property tax. Edie Knapp Construction Dept attending and offering comments. Balanced budget submitted to MOA Assembly in February. Need BSA help on budget, waiting to see what Governor does. Read thru paid off and retired bond numbers. Average payoff is around \$35 million per year. Brandy Pennington asked about when does the request for money end and late start times [once a week] causing her employees to miss work.
- **Candidate Introduction**–Lee Ellis–Running as Republican for District 9 House Representative. Described background and answered questions.

New Business and Old Business Requiring Action & Reports

- **Open Floor for Quick Comments** – No comments.
- **Status of Anchorage Plans 2040 Neighborhoods and Collapse of Anchorage Zones for Residence AO-2023-87S Assembly HOME Initiative** – Ann Rappoport described letter with RCCC comments and upcoming P&Z meeting. Brandy Pennington described various reasons why she supports this rezoning effort to improve economic development. Nancy Pease described how one can have a detached Secondary Dwelling Unit, why there is not a zoned area on the Hillside for grocery store because of the infrastructure required: such construction needs to be by targeted zoning, not an areawide rezone. Planning staff at MOA has found 87S egregiously violates the comprehensive plan in illegal ways that puts the cart before the horse, there needs to be reason

required for a zoning change. Land Use Plans in place specifically says that areawide rezoning is not recommended. If we are to be data driven, we need to understand why there is a housing shortage and in this city there is no evidence that it is because of zoning. Need to understand what the solutions are. Need an evidence-based approach with proper data. Ann advised of a future planned discussion with MOA members about the top down constantly changing ordinance with minimal public input. What can the city do to build?

- **Bonds on April 2nd MOA Ballot** – Ann read thru and reviewed all bond information.
 - Marc June – Support of Ballot Measure 9 that will pay for the last half mile leading up to Chugach Park along Canyon Road. Showed a diagram of the proposed upgrades. Chugach Access Service Area (CASA) Bond. Public Cost is \$5/Anchorage home. Park plans a future parking lot.
 - Brian Dean – Support for AFD Safety Bond 6. Described bonds in great detail.
- **MOA Long-Range Transportation Plan** – Nancy Pease – Since 2008 there has not been a Long-Range Transportation Plan. Reading from a prepared document: Reasons for Long-Range Transportation Plan: 1) AMATS area from Girdwood to Potter, so this plan covers other areas like Girdwood and Northern communities, 2) Does not take into account City funded projects, 3) Does not look at local land use and safety goals. The survey is hard to accomplish, abstract and disconnected. Relayed to man in charge and he asked for comments. 1) Abstract and disconnected. 2) Why are we being asked to rank strategies. 3) Do the planning first then figure out implementing strategies. 4) Performance measures already adopted elsewhere in the City. Like safety. Put in performance measure to see if we are making progress. 5) Improving school transportation. Specific comments: maintenance, road standards, undeveloped road easement pathways, convenience incentives for walkable transit, parking monetized, adopt land use plans. Early stage of the process that RCCC hopes gets into the Plan.
 - **Motion: Nancy Pease & 2nd John Riley** – Shall RCCC send in comments described above and in already written document. Vote Results: Yes = 11; No = 2; Abstain = 1. Motion passes. Nancy will finalize for submittal.
- **Resilience Committee** – Ky Holland sent in comments. Sent in a CAPSIS proposal for \$500k for egress route, signages, brush clearing. HALO wants Community Councils to coordinate Firewise ideas. HALO getting \$60k over 3 years for vegetation removal and other work that hard muscles can do. Ideas include: clearing, water sources. AFD Brian Dean added comments. Resilience meeting March 25th. Water supply spring exists at East 142nd. Need a new egress plan to obtain funds for a formal study. Selectee for Muni Community Wildfire Protection Plan is negotiating with the Muni about the the position. Brian Dean is working on moving process forward.

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- **Rabbit Creek Gateway Sign** – Ann Rappoport – BLM finished review and passed back to MOA. Sounds like we are close to approval.
- **Land Use Transportation Committee** – Meeting March 28th at UAA Alasa Airline Center. Lots of state departments available to discuss issues. Seward Hwy upgrades folks will be there.
- **Resilience Committee** – Meeting March 25th, 4th Monday of every month. Resources on website. Need ideas for \$60 K HALO funds.
- **Community Emergency Response Team Training** – Keith Guyer - Focused on rural areas. Training mostly online with one 8-hour day class.
- **FCC** – Hiring a leader. Childrens Trust and Child Care study. Homelessness Committee.
- **HALO** – As discussed above. Candidate forum was on March 7th.
- **Schools on Trail** – No report.
- **Social Media** – No report. Thanks to Amanda Doughty for keeping post alive on Facebook.
- **Next Meeting** – April 11, 2024. Zoom meeting and GV School Library.
- **Motion to Adjourn Vivian Mendenhall & 2nd Keith Guyer** - No objections. Approved.
- **Meeting adjournment** – Meeting adjourned at 8:39 pm.