

**Rabbit Creek Community Council Meeting Minutes for Thursday, October 12, 2023**  
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Location: Golden View Middle School and also Internet Zoom Meeting

Board Roll Call - Present: Ann Rappoport (Co-Chair), John Riley (Co-Chair), Keith Guyer (Treasurer), David Sterling (Secretary), Nancy Pease, Judy Michael, Mike Kenny

Absent: Carl Johnson, Michelle Turner, Amanda Doughty, Matthew Blakeslee

Board Member Co-Chair – Ann Rappoport and John Riley - Opened the meeting formally at 7:04 pm. Requested everyone to sign-in on Zoom or sign-in sheet at school. Determined 7 board members and 23 people at Goldenview + 18 on zoom for a total of over 41 attendees, 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.

- **October Agenda** – Ann Rappoport requested approval of the agenda as written. No objections. Approved.
- **September Meeting Minutes – Motion to Approve by Judy Michael & 2<sup>nd</sup> David Sterling**– To approve as written. No objections. Approved.
- **Treasurer Report** – Current report was Savings \$317.01 + Checking \$1,666.08 = \$1,983.09 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](mailto:Randy.Sulte@anchorageak.gov) – Not present
  - **Zac Johnson** - (907) 343-4122 - [Zac.Johnson@anchorageak.gov](mailto:Zac.Johnson@anchorageak.gov) – Not Present.
  - **Representative Ladie Shaw** – Not present.
  - **Senator Cathy Giessel** – What kind of housing are we going to provide homeless? Went on a road tour with DOT looking at CIP requested projects. Roads identified as high priority 1) Golden View Drive Upgrade from Romania to Rabbit Creek Road. 2) Upper DeArmoun from Hillside to Chugach Park trail head parking. Concern for Firewise and the ability to get firefighters properly paid. Donated blood needs to be tested at outside labs in Minnesota. Hoping to get the Blood Bank of Alaska an in-house lab. Prescription middlemen are getting exorbitant money offering little service.
- **Anchorage School District** – Margo Belamy – Cell (907) 903-9820 – Submitted report now on RCCC website for review.

### **New Business and Old Business Requiring Action & Reports**

- **Open Floor for Quick Comments** - No comments.
- **Potter Marsh Watershed Park Greatland Trust** – David Mitchell and Ellen Kazary – Described projects that Greatland Trust has completed around the State. Handout provided showing proposed boundaries of the new Potter Marsh Watershed Park East of Old Seward Highway and West of Golden View Drive, South of 172 Ave, North of Potter Creek. 300-acre property that feeds the south end of Potter Marsh. 1/3 property is in HLB and 2/3 owned by GCI that will be purchased. Park to be managed by MOA Parks Dept. Nonmotorized park. 200,000 plus people visit Potter Marsh every year. 3.5 miles of trails on property. New parking lot at Potter mailboxes and existing parking up by Moen Park will provide parking access. \$2.6 million already acquired from government grants and will be applying for grants/fund raising for remainder needed. Potential of development of this land is low due to steepness, water issues. Concern for a road and housing was voiced, but many feel there are numerous existing adjacent roads and the road and housing potential is limited because of topography. Parking areas, trails, and uses will be determined by a public planning process on a master plan. The current plan is preliminary.
- **Research on Fire Movement from Hillside Locations** -Dr Jen Schmidt, ISER – Wildfire and wildfire modeling. Intensity of a wildfire is very hot. Suggest a phone tree amongst neighbors.

Focus on how to be prepared for a fire. Presented an exposure map for the Municipality that shows vegetation around the community. Presented modeling based on Zircon fire that happened in May 2023 with both south and north wind. Rabbit Creek Road would have been blocked off. Deciduous forests are less flammable. Once this fire got going it would be difficult to contain.

- **Recycling at New Anchorage Transfer Station** – Solid Waste Services, Kelli Toth – recycling and composting are necessary tasks. 2017 study found that over 50% of material in our landfill is organics. Creating a circular economy by recycling. 80% of what gets buried and the landfill comes through the transfer station. Concerns about lines at the transfer station. Offered various repurposing materials as recycle. Recyclable items can still be taken to facility on Rosewood. For example, glass is stockpiled and awaiting a purpose. Plastics can be made into Grizzly wood.
- **Housing Action Week** – Oct 30<sup>th</sup> to Nov 4<sup>th</sup>. Activities can be viewed on website in agenda.
- **Draft Assembly District 6 Paper on Homelessness** – Lots of issues and no easy answers. Lots of reasons for homelessness. Big shelters will not work in our community.
- **MOA Ordinance to Combine Zoning Areas** – Nancy Pease & Ann Rappoport - Several people on Assembly want to rezone all areas of MOA for increased affordable housing. Decisions have been postponed. Discussed short term rental issues and upcoming Muni ordinance on STR.
- **Rabbit Creek Gateway Sign** – Ann Rappoport - Corner of Rabbit Creek Road and Old Seward Hwy to install a “Welcome to Rabbit Creek” Sign on BLM Property there. BLM is working through their process to provide the Muni with a (free) long-term lease where RCCC can install the sign in 2024. James Michael is donating trees/wood needed for sign materials
- **Schools on Trail** – No report.
- **Resilience Committee** – Ky Holland – Next meeting October 23<sup>rd</sup>.
- **Social Media** – No report
- **Next Meeting** – November 9, 2023. Zoom meeting and maybe in-person at Goldenview Middle School Library.
- **Motion to Adjourn Keith Guyer & 2<sup>nd</sup> James Michael** - No objections. Approved.
- **Meeting adjournment** – Meeting adjourned at 8:50 pm.