

Rabbit Creek Community Council Meeting Minutes for Thursday, December 14, 2023
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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), Keith Guyer (Treasurer), David Sterling (Secretary), Nancy Pease, Judy Michael, Mike Kenny, Amanda Doughty, Matthew Blakeslee
Absent: Carl Johnson, Michelle Turner, John Riley

Board Member Co-Chair – Ann Rappoport - Opened the meeting formally at 7:06 pm. Requested everyone to sign-in on Zoom or sign-in sheet at school. Determined 8 board members and over 32 attendees total on zoom. 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.

- **December Agenda** – Ann Rappoport requested approval of the agenda as written. **Motion: Judy Michael & 2nd Keith Guyer** To approve as written. No objections. Approved.
- **November Meeting Minutes** – **Motion to Approve by Nancy Pease & 2nd Keith Guyer**– To approve as written. No objections. Approved.
- **Treasurer Report** – Current report was Savings \$317.01 + Checking \$1,711.22 = \$2,028.23 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, comments below.
 - **Zac Johnson** - (907) 343-4122 - Zac.Johnson@anchorageak.gov – Not Present.
- **Representative Ladie Shaw** – Not present.
- **Senator Cathy Giessel** – Present, but had to leave early.
- **Anchorage School District** – Margo Bellamy – Cell (907) 903-9820 – ASD Board meeting on Dec 5th work session. Budget presentation to balance a \$98 million deficit. Unable to fill numerous positions, so those budgeted funds may go to the deficit. Approved 1 year contract with AEA for teacher subsidy. Budget survey on line for all to take. Comments: Dianne Holmes - School bonds are too big and destined to fail. This year's bond is half of what last year's bond was. Wonder why legislature funding dates that do not jive with when schools need the money. Nancy Pease – Concern about attendance by kids to sign-on to computer classes when remote learning is happening. Is ASD monitoring and collecting data of quantity sign-in? Rachel Blakeslee also raised concern about poor attendance and wants to see results of attendance survey data. Grace Johnson – Concerned about having teachers assigned to several grades. Responses: 2-snow days in budget, any more needs to be made up extending school year. Needs to find out when data will be available. Snow removal in Anchorage is a huge issue since not just for buses, but everyone has a difficult time driving in the housing areas of the neighborhood. Make-up day options are: 1) shorten spring break. 2) Extend the school year. 3) Extend the school day. The ASD does not manage parents but provides information and assistance so parents can manage their children.

New Business and Old Business Requiring Action & Reports

- **Open Floor for Quick Comments** –
 - Dianne Holmes voiced concern about the antiquated computer system at the FCC Offices that need to be updated for website software. **Motion: Dianne Holmes & 2nd Amanda Doughty** To write a letter to FCC in support of replacement of their computer system. No objections, motion passes.
 - **Board Members Update After November Board Elections** – Had an Organizational Meeting in December. Keith Guyer (Treasurer) stepping down with Matt Blakeslee or Judy Michael taking over. David Sterling remains as Secretary. Grace Johnston will be Membership lead; John Riley and Ann Rappoport to be Co-Chairs. Amanda Doughty and Nik Kinsman as Social Media.

- **Resolutions in Support of Full Funding for Public Education** – Ann Rappoport – Extending and in support of a Rogers Park Community Council Resolution. Concern about low teacher salary, smaller class sizes, defined retirement benefits, Base Student Allocation (BSA) not being increased enough. Resolution to ask legislature to override the Governor’s veto of half the Legislature-approved BSA increase, immediately upon assembling in 2024.
 - **Motion: Matt Blakeslee & 2nd Nancy Pease** - To support the Rogers Park Resolution to ask Legislature to override the Governor’s veto of the BSA immediately upon assembling in 2024. Discussion – Margo Bellamy – ASD working with Assembly on joint written resolution. Added link in chat. Ann modified motion to include this document in the RCCC Resolution. Increase of \$1,413 to BSA, up to \$7,373, and account for inflation, return to historic cost models for BSA. Not have employee positions deducted. David Nogg, Goldenview School Principal, voiced support. Margo read thru the ASD & MOA Assembly preliminary written Resolution.
 - **Motion: Matt Blakeslee & 2nd Nancy Pease** - Ann Rappoport requested to remove her support of the Rogers Park Resolution and to instead support the ASD & MOA Assembly School Funding Resolution.
 - Question 1 - Covers Support of the ASD & MOA Assembly preliminary written Resolution.
 - Question 1 Vote Results: 17 = Yes; 2 = No; 0 = Abstain. Motion passes.
 - Question 2 – Covers Overturning the Governor’s Veto on BSA and reinstate the money now for this school year.
 - Question 2 Vote Results: 15 = Yes; 2 = No; 0 = Abstain. Motion passes.
- **Safer Seward Highway** – Ann Rappoport & Nancy Pease & Tim Alderson - Initial draft options. Currently in the middle of comment period. Encourage all to look at website interactive map for design information, link posted in chat. Best to look at that for the numerous details and options. All can give your comments. Potter Valley Road intersection has changed around. Seward Hwy traffic speed may be 65 mph in one 4-lane concept, faster than current 55 mph, and other issues. RCCC members can provide comments to Nancy for inclusion. Is this the best use of this money and are there other projects of higher authority? Focusing on concepts 2, 7, & 8. Huge volumes of soil for cut & fill depending on the accepted concepts. RCCC submitted comments, which will be looked at by consultants and DOT after some studies are completed.
 - **Motion: Nancy Pease & 2nd Ann Rappoport** – That Land Use and Transportation Committee convert the already posted RCCC comments and concerns, along with any other concerns. Submit before the Jan 4th deadline. Expecting firmer concepts in February 2024. Nancy wants to add concerns on each of the three most popular concepts. Dianne asked about archeological sites, like at Beluga Point. Cultural inventory is underway.
 - Vote Results: 18 = Yes; 0 = No; 2 = Abstain. Motion passes.
- **Potter Ridge Subdivision** – Adam Trombley – 750-linear-foot road thru middle of subdivision with 17 lots, all over 1 acre. Perc tests most lots show adequate percolation for sewer. Some lots need per test in May. Will request one variance, for road to be private. The reason being, creation of new HOA for this subdivision. Trail will be improved by CY Investments. HOA will take over maintenance of the trail. Current HOA has restrictions around design standards to allow ADUs, Barndominiums, and Detached Garages. Topography limits trail locations. Determined that Title 21 steep slope standards are not an issue. Notices sent out had the wrong meeting date, so new notice with Zoom community meeting will be sent out. Expect March 6th Platting Board meeting. Nancy Pease questions/comments: Lots 10 and 11 are steep, so concerned about driveways. Concern about Potter Creek water system. Potter Creek Road folks concerned about private road. Can trail be put in a skinny public tract rather than be an easement on a private lot. Recommends trail connectivity to the south to Potter cul-de-sac to the south. Adam will address questions at the next meeting. Potter Valley Road is an ARTSA road. Matt Blakeslee concerned that subdivision HOAs normally can’t do proper snow removal for under 20 lots.

- **AO 2023-103 for 3 & 4-plex to be Zoned Like Single Family** – Nancy Pease – Selective rezoning of R2M, basically around downtown and midtown. Start with these zoned areas, then address the issue in other zoning areas. These sorts of rezoned areas would not involve the planning staff, so the public would not be allowed to provide input. Dec 19th is the meeting. Nancy recommends these comments: maintain landscaping, 10' side setbacks instead of 5' setback. Retain sunlight requirements. Unclear if parcels will have design standards. Require onsite snow storage. Count ADUs as part of the density. Proposed change could create up to 37 units per acre, therefore not conforming to established density. Request a 2-3 month delay. Request that our Assembly members remove their sponsorship because this does not allow for public review in the process. Randy Sulte – Reason is to move 3 and 4-plexes out of commercial code into residential code, to be less expensive to build. Working for 8-months on issue. Was trying to allow for 2024 construction season, but willing to delay. Not part of the 2-zone housing issue.
 - **Motion: Nancy Pease & 2nd Judy Michael** – Motion to submit comments mentioned above, request a delay for planning to perform and full review, and allow ample time for review and comment on any amendments.
 - Vote Results: 12 = Yes; 0 = No; 1 = Abstain. Motion passes.

New Business and Old Business Requiring Action & Reports Not Critical

- **Rabbit Creek Gateway Sign** – No report.
- **Glen Alps CC requesting RCCC sign on to Canyon Road upgrades for Chugach State Park**
Access requesting \$75k to maintain 2,000 feet of roadway. People parking on some days is breaking up the roadway. LRSA cannot go into a State Park.
 - **Motion: Nancy Pease & 2nd Mike Kenny** – Motion to support the request for \$75,000 to Glen Alps CC for road maintenance. Voice vote passed without any opposition, 1 abstention.
- **Schools on Trail** – No report.
- **Resilience Committee** – No report.
- **Social Media** – No report
- **Next Meeting** – January 11, 2024. Goldenview School and Zoom meeting.
- **Motion to Adjourn Nancy Pease & 2nd Mike Kenny** - No objections. Approved.
- **Meeting adjournment** – Meeting adjourned at 9:10 pm.