Rabbit Creek Community Council Meeting
Minutes for Thursday, April 13, 2017
FINAL

Meeting Called to Order at 7:07pm
Board Present: Adam Lees (Chair), Ky Holland (Vice-Chair), Keith Guyer (Treasurer), Vivian Mendenhall, Nancy Pease, Joan Diamond, Mindy Willis (Alternate)
Excused: David Sterling (Secretary), Pat Abney, Bert Lewis, Janie Dusel, Phil Fortner

Vivian Mendenhall appointed by chair to take notes/minutes of meeting.
15 voting members in attendance, meeting declared a General Membership Meeting

Fire Dept: Fire season may better than last year— late snowmelt, good ground water
Burn pile (even with burn permit) can be required to be extinguished, if it's smoking up someone's house

Guyer announced that DOT will be repaving south part of the NSH, to the Way Station

Motion to adopt minutes made by Dianne Holmes, 2nd Keith Guyer to adopt minutes with submitted amendments to clarify and expand certain details. Unanimously carried.

Motion to amend the agenda by Dianne Holmes, 2nd Nancy Pease to add under "New Business" the issue of "MOA Acquisition of BLM Property at OSH and Rabbit Creek". Unanimously carried.

Motion to amend the agenda by Nancy Pease, 2nd Dianne Holmes to include additional platting cases. Unanimously carried.

Motion to amend the agenda by Nancy Pease, 2nd Dianne Holms to consider platting cases ahead of scheduled presentation. After brief discussion, unanimously carried.

Motion to approve the agenda as amended by Keith Guyer, 2nd Joan Diamond. Unanimously carried.

Replats (Pease):
Short plat #12346 on DeArmoun at Elmore
Short plat #12341 on Rabbit Creek Rd, at Loc Loman, SE corner (1 -> 2 lots); how will Loc Loman be aligned, and how wide? Is it on the easement now? It's very pretty now. Not an official ROW; one should be designated.
Replat of lot in Potter Highlands; Lands Committee will check on it.

S-12346, Abbreviated Plat for decision May 8th, 1 lot into 2.
14040 Elmore Rd
Motion by Nancy Pease, 2nd Keith Guyer to send to Transportation and Land Use Committee for review and to send comments. Unanimously carried.

S-12341, Abbreviated Plat for decision May 1st, 1 lot into 2.

3800 Rabbit Cr Rd

Motion by Nancy Pease, 2nd Dianne Holmes to send 3 items to the Transportation and Land Use Committee for review and to send comments:

1. What is official ROW on LocLoman and where is it?.
2. Where will driveway(s) be—RC Rd or LocLoman?
3. Consider that the design of the road—the HDP calls for consideration of the rural character of the area.

Public Safety Presentation (APD Officer Nave)

We're in patrol beat #25

2016: 32 incidents reported to APD in RCCC; in Mtn View, >3,000. 19 so far in 2017.

"Specific problem in neighborhood?": If it's repeated problem, need place & time to send a patrol officer

Hotlines (these don't go thru Dispatch): Traffic (violations like speeding), code enforcement (junk— encourages theft from nearby properties)

Enforce muni and state laws/regs, not federal. (Mail: can report online to Postal Inspector)

Online report: APD may not respond, if few specifics; but it does contribute to crime maps and analysis

Likely types of criminals here:

- Career criminals; case the area, strike during the day
- Juveniles, many of whom live in area, at night— drinking, partying
- Few opportunistic hits, compared with other neighborhoods

Distribution of crimes in RCCC:

- Mostly in more densely developed areas with easy in & out
- Suspicious activity, however, tends to be in concealed areas

Risk factors here

- Driveway or house not visible from road
- Shielding vegetation
- Secluded cul-de-sacs (juvenile parties)

Extra patrols?: Cops often can't tell what's suspicious (e.g., they need people to take picture and/or call APD)

Crime Map: Google "crime map anchorage"; 2nd paragraph gives link

- A LexisNexis link lets you display type of crime
- Cluster of crimes in a local area usually due to local perp; well-dispersed ones indicate career criminal
- Can click on a crime icon on map, get case #, and order a report with more details (may have to pay)

Actions to reduce risk of crime

- Neighborhood Watch best for cohesive neighborhood (~6 houses)
- Local phone tree— check with neighbor if something seems amiss
- Motion-sensitive lighting
- Community patrol (needs to be well organized)
- File online report for any incident, or call APD about any ongoing anomaly

NextDoor may inflate the perception of the crime rate (duplicate postings? compare with other places)
Traffic stops: These contribute to catching criminals, as well as to safe driving; so APD tends to send officers out to places with frequent violations. (Call traffic hotline, give time/place/type of violations)
People aren't filing reports. The top 3 reasons people give are: they think it isn't important, they don't want to bother the police, or they call and Dispatch is rude (she acknowledges that happens)
Parking on a road/street for >24 hr is illegal
There's a drug house somewhere on Buffalo

Nave's contact info: rnave@muni.org; 786-8576; she works Tu-F

Weddleton
Proposal for city-wide storm drain utility— would ensure that separate developments would have a system to connect to
Hillside-only drainage plan?— Johnston started study
A MLP-CEA merger has just been proposed. Not new idea; merger would be very complex, and the combined utility would still be small on national scale. Note that they already share loads.

Chair's report
Start a CC strategic plan? More community component (e.g., cleanups);
Access/trespass conundrums: Great Land Trust's Pat Porchot will sit down with individual homeowners, then with Muni

Committees

Finance/Treasurer's Report: No changes in funds balances since April.

Correspondence (Mendenhall)

The Correspondence Committee needs to specify to the Board how it functions and how authors can best interact with it. A full discussion of correspondence procedures should be on agenda for May meeting.

VMM mentioned briefly that draft letters should be sent to both members, and that the author should supply a deadline for processing and sending them out.

Holmes said it wasn't acceptable that 2 letters to Planning weren't sent promptly. She ascribed it to Board review before letters were finalized— too cumbersome, too many roadblocks.

VMM said that clear deadlines would have helped, but she accepted responsibility for the delays.

RCCC has received no reply received from DEC on Elodea letter

HLB (Holmes)— They didn't accept many of our comments; some rejections were justified

BLM/Lions Club tract (21 ac): We should consolidate and resubmit our perennial comments that MOA should acquire it.

Motion by Dianne Holmes, 2nd Vivian Mendenhall to to write MOA, HLB and Parks (Korosei) acquisition of the BLM parcel at the intersection of Rabbit Creek Rd and OSH based on points from RCCC's letters dating back at least to 2010. Included should be justifications for a neighborhood gateway, unimproved parking for access to the Potter Marsh Access Trail (Chenoweth St.), overflow parking for Bird TLC, and staging area for bike races that use RC Rd and the OSH.

Cleanup: Starts 29 April. Outreach Committee will look into participation opportunities.

Bear Valley Elem School turns on & off RCR are hazardous; Adam proposes that turn lanes be added to RCR in CIP list

Motion to Adjourn by Keith Guyer, 2nd Joan Diamond. Unanimously carried. Meeting adjourned at 8:57pm.