

**Rogers Park Community Council Minutes**  
**September 11, 2017**  
**Rogers Park Elementary School Library**

**Board members** present; Marilyn Pillifant - President  
Jim Richardson -Vice President  
Debra Croghan- Secretary  
Clare Brosema - Treasurer

1. **Quorum:** By show of hands there was a quorum with approximately 65 people in attendance.

**2. Community Council Business;**

- a. Approval of minutes: Jim Richardson and Pete Mjos
- b. FCC report: none given
- c. Treasurer's report: Clare reported that there is approximately \$208.00 in the budget

**3. Assembly & Legislative reports;**

- a. Dick Traini: reported that while he is in favor of all the budget cuts that have been proposed, including shortening the library hours, he does not want to have the cuts to come from 1<sup>st</sup> responders. He also is planning on introducing to the assembly a name change of the Anchorage Port to the Alaska Port. He made it clear that he does not approve of the way the Mayor of Anchorage is handling internal employee statuses.
- b. Flex Rivera: reported that he is bringing an ordinance to the assembly for new bear proof trash cans to Rogers Park. He discussed some specifics, including other neighborhoods, which would also be included in this program and the increase of cost to residents. SAP went live today and will be live by October full time. He also reported status on the Anchorage police force and academy. He spoke in favor of the new Youth Representative program that is being implemented at the Assembly. Felix presented his three page newsletter which includes a report about marijuana consumption, and many other informative news for Midtown. It is available via his email or Facebook page.
- c. Berta Gardner: gave history of legislative bills and her opinion of projects including SB91. She brought fact sheets (from the *Alaska Justice Statistical Analysis Center*) for handouts that have a great deal of information regarding property crime in Alaska.
- d. Andy Josephson: gave his perspective and opinion about the current status with the legislative members regarding budget issues.
- e. Harriet Drummond: stated she was not hopeful that there would be a special session this fall season.

#### **4. Presentations;**

a. Homelessness working group; Linda Chase reported from her steering committee their mission, goals and action that they want to take, including meeting with mid town businesses (Fred Meyer, Walgreens, Nordstrom Rack, Sears and Native Organizations). She reiterated that "we want to take our neighborhood back" and that generated applause from the attendees. There was some discussion and some people were offering addresses of homes they believe to be involved with drugs. Also, there was a crime report board set up by Marilyn to have people post their location of residence and that was addressed. Linda said she would post on *Nextdoor* when and where the next open meeting/steering committee will be. Felix Rivera said he would attend a meeting regarding the homeless on September 20th and report back to us.

b. Connex issue; Jim Richardson displayed photos of the connex that is on the corner of Maplewood and E27th. He distributed a written draft resolution; which he read out loud that is proposing action to remove the connex on that private property and he said he would like to present to the Assembly. After much discussion and some debate, Linda Chase motioned and Mike Hanrahan 2<sup>nd</sup> to take off the last sentence in the last paragraph. More discussion and then Marilyn called for a vote = 29 for, 27 opposed, 18 abstentions. October 11<sup>th</sup> is the date for public testimony at the Planning and Zoning Commission through the Urban Design Committee.

#### **5. Other business & Announcements;**

a. Alley trash working group; Marilyn reported that a group had looked at it and that as of now it is a wait and see through the winter. Clare reminded us that last spring, SWS & code enforcement were in force and that the rules and spacing issues will remain the same. She offered to contact SWS to further a discussion and perhaps have a representative attend our RPCC meeting.

b. CIP survey; was available for perusal.

c. Speed survey on Zarvis Place; will report back in November. It was suggested that perhaps we try to have our meeting in a larger area at the school.

#### **6. Meeting adjourned by Marilyn @ 8:50pm**

Minutes written by Debra