

**Rabbit Creek Community Council
Meeting Minutes
July 13, 2000**

In attendance: Art Geuss, Barbara Weinig, Bob Miller, Brad Kutzer, Carol Fries, Nancy Pease, and Scott Sell.

Minutes of June 8, 200 were approved as read. There was no Treasurer's report, Greg Ross was absent.

Announcements:

MHT: Brief update on status of Mental Health Trust rezoning issue. Assembly members Abney, Tremaine, Fairclough, Taylor have been briefed. Briefing packets were provided to each. A protest petition is being circulated with an accompanying survey regarding willingness to support a park improvement district. Mental Health Trust will make a presentation to the Council at our August meeting. It was moved and seconded to reimburse copying costs etc. Motion passed. No date for the Assembly hearing has been set.

Villages View Subdivision Case 00-024 and 00-025, no hearing date for the Assembly has been set.

Shan Gri La Subdivision is scheduled to be heard by the Platting Board August 10.

Assembly Reports:

Pat Abney: Hearings on the Comprehensive Plan, Anchorage 2020 will be held during the next four Assembly meetings. Only the first 20 people to sign up will be able to speak at each meeting.

Dick Tremaine: Work is progressing on the lobbying ordinance. Efforts are underway to formulate definitions, a procedure/process for registering lobbyists. There will be subsequent meetings with the ethics committee.

The School Site selection Committee is reviewing how the assembly approves site selection, design and construction. The Mayor has taken construction away from the school district and public works and has set up a new Department with professional project managers, probably using long term consultants. Dick has told the Mayor that he will keep an eye on the Mayor's efforts to streamline permitting. There must be consistent zoning enforcement.

Scott Sell indicated that there needs to be a review by municipal staff to make sure developers acquire all necessary permits.

Pat Abney met with the Mayor and discussed the need for evenhanded enforcement of zoning and permitting. The only specific issue the Mayor seemed really interested in was the rehabilitation of Klatt Bog. Flooding the bog could cause flooding in houses. The Mayor didn't express much interest in wastewater issues. Abney succeeded in getting a commitment for the chipper to dispose of brush.

Miller was concerned about the Mayor's efforts at reorganization and wondered whether they would reduce government at all?

Tremaine indicated that the Mayor has said he would like a \$15 million budget reduction. Time will tell.

Miller has observed that the municipal zoning office etc. show real favoritism toward other bureaucrats. For example, Planning and Zonings favoritism toward Mental Health Trust is classic.

Kutzer would like an update on the issue of a resident who built a driveway across the buffer on Berggren's subdivision, on 164th. His research has shown buffer wasn't platted so it may not be enforceable. However, there may be a subdivision agreement between the City and the Developer, also issues surrounding Title 21 and permit required for a culvert. Kutzer will contact our LRSA.

Glaciation on Goldenview is also a recurring issue. Brad will also discuss this when he contacts a representative of our LRSA.

Legislative Reports:

Blanket primary has been declared unconstitutional. Lt. Governor has determined that there will be two ballots on August 23. Governor vetoed the University Lands Bill, the legislature is suing. The Governor has determined that this bill constitutes an appropriation and as such requires a 2/3 majority of the legislature, which the bill did not have. Our permanent fund dividend will approach \$2,000 this year. The July Revenue Forecast included a 175 million increase above projections. There will still be a \$600 million draw from the Constitutional Budget Reserve for FY 01. A DWI bill will be prefiled to address the continuing problem with drunk drivers.

Discussion:

It was suggested that it may be appropriate to amend our by laws. Vivian will chair this committee although she is not present at this meeting. Board agreed to this appointment.

The school district has requested an opportunity to present the site design concept to the Community Council in August. Given the presentation by the Mental Health Trust, it was requested that the District attend the September council meeting.

A discussion on buffers and easements followed as a result of a concern expressed by a Southpark resident, Dave Martin, who felt that the platted open space and buffers between Southpark and Goldenview park were being eroded by poor site design, small lots, and minimal setbacks from buffers. On small lots, use of the property by families will erode natural vegetation over time as will construction of dwellings, porches etc. Replacement of natural vegetation is generally inadequate and takes the form of grass and a few token trees. Title 21 requires set backs from buffers. A letter should be sent to Pat and Dick regarding these set backs and a preferred definition of "open space" to be considered as Title 21 is amended following acceptance of the Comprehensive Plan.

A resident of the Ransom Ridge area expressed concern about the degradation of the roads in this area and the run off and diversion of water caused by installation of a new electric line by Chugach Electric and other development in this area. Streets affected include Ransom Ridge, Stone Ridge, Davis, and Taurus. It was suggested that the resident contact the Local Road Service Area. Brad Kutzer will also discuss this when he calls the LRSA representative regarding two other issues.