

Rogers Park Community Council Minutes

Regular meeting Monday, February 12, 2018

Board members present
Marilyn Pillifant, President
Clare Boersma, Vice President
Robert Churchill, FCC Delegate

Welcome

The meeting was brought to order at 7pm by Marilyn Pillifant, President of RPCC. A quorum of 19 members was established at the start of the meeting, and the agenda was adopted with flexibility (moved by Bob Churchill, seconded by Ric Wilson).

Community Council Business

A - January Minutes

The minutes from the January 2018 meeting passed (moved by Bob Churchill, seconded by Dave Evans).

Yea 15, Nay 0, Abstentions 0

B - FCC report

Other councils nearby are struggling with membership – Particularly Tudor Area Council. Items on the recent FCC meeting agenda:

- Capital improvement lists coming in March.
- School bonds will be financed locally – not subsidized by the State now.
- Early funding bills in the State legislature.
- Parks presentation.
- Vote by mail.

Midtown CC reminded the FCC that they have a subcommittee trying to be focal point on crime and safety issues.

C - Treasurer's report

Clare Boersma reported that as of January 31, 2018 the RPCC account contains \$191.45.

Assembly Report

A - Dick Traini

- APD wants to start using drones and AKCLU opposes it on grounds of public security.
- ASD asking for \$50 million on the bond for school improvements. Dick reminded us that the State is not contributing to the bonding packages.
- Still working on the Bean's Café situation and number of public safety responses required there---proposing to limit how many free calls they can make to the location without Bean's Café being charged by the Muni for the frequent calls.
- ASD is changing King Career Center to a high school to make it eligible for State funding.
- Local fuel tax assessment starts in March.

- Also on the April ballot: Increased residential property tax exemption (Tom Crowley curious about the effects of new tax bill on this. Dick says it isn't affected—it's a local tax break)

B – Felix Rivera
(not present)

Legislative Report

A – Sen. Gardner
(not present)

B – Rep. Andy Josephson

Called in from Juneau. In the middle of subcommittee process wherein agencies present budgets to subcommittees. Passed early funding of education bill HB 287 but haven't been able to approve the actual funding.

House Natural Resources Committee passed through HB 322 (??) – raising penalties on fuel discharge into the environment.

Question from Dave Morgan: Seems like there is very little change in use of funds in the budget. Any comment on the fact that health care costs continue?

Andy's answer: Some people want a work requirement for Medicaid. Doesn't seem too feasible as not many people are totally without work while receiving Medicaid. If there are federal resources to be had, we should take them.

C – Rep. Harriet Drummond

Not present

D – School Board

Not present

Presentations, Action Items and Discussions

A – Vote By Mail Presentation LWV

Joyce Anderson, LWV Anchorage president. She is also chair of Municipal Election Commission. Shirley Pitts also here.

- Ballots mails out on March 13 to all registered voters.
- Ballots will not be forwarded.
- No polling places will be open.
- 5 Accessible vote centers – Loussac Library, City Hall, election center in ship creek, Eagle River Center, and O'Malley's on the Green.
- Discussion of signature verification process – 57,000 people in the municipality didn't have signatures on file.
- 3 ways to return your ballot: postage stamp, drop off locations (12 locations), go to accessible vote center.
- How to get a replacement ballot: an accessible vote center. Only your first ballot will be counted.
- State of Alaska is looking at potentially doing a hybrid system in 2020.

- Results reporting: Muni will start counting ballots the week before the election but not publicizing results. Have not yet determined the date results will be public.

B – Neighborhood Crime and Safety

Julie : Tesoro and Northern Lights pan handling has decreased. Committee hosting a meeting with area businesses in April, if any businesses interested in participating. A couple of neighbors going through Citizen Academy at APD, learning to appreciate what the police are doing with the tools they have.

C – ADU Letter/Resolution (Presentation by Dave Evans)

Dick Traini says there is no schedule on when ADU ordinance will be introduced in Assembly. Maybe in March. Dave presented brief background on the ADU issue and Council process in coming to the letter before the group tonight.

Dave Evans moved the letter with amendments and Tom Crowley seconded the motion. Debate followed, similar to last month's debate.

The Council agreed to send the letter, with Dave's amendments by a vote of :
Yea 21, Nay 6, Abstention 1

D – Bob Churchill Update on Interchange

Nothing much new to report. Dave Evans volunteers to be on the Midtown Redesign citizen advisory council. Midtowncongestionrelief.com is the project information website.

Other Business and Announcements

Marilyn shared the liquor license transfer application for Noodle World.

Clare reported on opportunities for education about the Chugach and MLP merger.

Bob Churchill moved to adjourn, Ric Wilson seconded.

Adjourned at 8:45pm.