

# Rogers Park Community Council Meeting Minutes

7 PM Monday, October 8, 2018

**\*\*BP Energy Center\*\***

**Board members present:** Jim Wright (President), Linda Chase (Vice President), Clare Boersma (Secretary/Treasurer), Marilyn Pillifant (Immediate Past President), Bob Churchill (FCC Representative)

## **I. Welcome**

(Called to order at 7:13pm – quorum attained. Over 30 people present.)

## **II. Approval of Minutes for April and September 2018**

(April minutes: Bob Churchill moves to approve, Gretchen Cuddy seconds, passed by 23, none opposed, 0 abstentions. September minutes: Bob Churchill moves to approve, Marilyn Pillifant seconds, passed by 21, 0 nays and 2 abstentions.)

## **III. Assembly Report(s)**

Felix Rivera:

- Assembly homelessness committee meeting scheduled for October 16, 5:30-7:30pm at Central Lutheran Church – talking about public safety.
- Municipal budget process update: CAFR (comprehensive annual financial report) not yet forthcoming. Concerned about budget deficit. Vote on budget scheduled for November 20. Public testimony opportunity: Oct 23 and Nov 7 public meetings at 5pm although arrive 6-7pm to testify on budget.
- Tomorrow's assembly meeting: MLP Vote on December 4 on final sale, voting and final discussion on stream setbacks. Voting on lease between APD and CDA for former LIO building on 4<sup>th</sup> avenue

Dick Traini: Present but nothing additional to add.

## **IV. Legislative Reports**

Harriet Drummond (HD 18): Legislature not in session. Office has been working on the dyslexia taskforce. Meetings will be broadcast live and archived, they are during the afternoon not in the evenings.

Thursday, October 11 from noon to 1pm: lunch and learn for Fire Safety Month. Rep Drummond and Rep Tarr sponsored flame retardant bill this session and there will be presentations from fire fighters.

Andy Josephson (HD 17): Went to a spill response drill this summer hosted by PWSRCAC.

Treasurer Clare Boersma: \$188.11 on hand.

## **V. Federation of Community Councils Report (Bob Churchill)**

Met in September. New officers include president Matt Burkholder. The treasurer thinks they will pencil at the end of the year. Going to try to do more FCC outreach to train new council officers. Outreach committee is attending under attended or disorganized council meetings. Forest Dunbar gave assembly report. Traini reported \$11 million generated by gasoline tax in the muni/ and \$4.5 million from local marijuana tax. Report from Rivera on homelessness task force. Received a presentation on housing changes and changes to code- - will ask FCC to get the document out to members. Shared RPCC's latest resolution with FCC. FCC anticipates receiving sustained funding in the next budget.

## **VI. Presentations and Discussion, as follows:**

### **A. Midtown Traffic Revision Concepts**

Presenter: Renee Whitesell, DOWL Transportation Planning Lead.

Study (project) is focusing on key concepts:

Mobility (ability for a person to get from point A to B on or across the Seward highway)

Access (ability for a person to get on and off the road)

Lots of good participation from Rogers Park members.

Questions:

Dave McCargo - what about the less pavement alternative? We are seeing other areas of the country confronting this problem too - are you looking at a regional transportation plan that this ties into?

Linda Chase - Likes the idea of light rail if it's clean and safe and convenient.

Dave Morgan - Was involved with some railroad advisory work a few years ago.

People seem to want more discussion on this although we could likely address it at length for many months. Renee Whitesell indicated that it would take two hours to do an overall summary. Jim Wright will ask Steve Noble of DOWL to present on this topic for two hours pursuant to the wishes of the group.

Discussion ensued re: waiting until next month to vote on whether the road ought to be above grade or below. We will wait until next month.

### **B. Crime & Safety: SB91.**

Judge Stephanie Rhoades and husband Russ Webb were scheduled to present but had to cancel and have provided informational handouts.

Jim Wright, in the absence of time, cancelled the crime and safety report. Linda Chase objected formally about there being no crime and safety report at this meeting.

C. **Other announcements as time permits.**

Solarize Anchorage:

Ric Wilson presented briefly on the project and how it was deployed in Airport Heights. Asked for help collecting 50 signatures of interested neighbors. Marilyn Pillifant offered to collect "signatures" by email

Marilyn moved to adjourn. Bob Churchill seconded.

Adjourned at 8:23pm

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These Minutes were duly approved at the November 12, 2018 meeting of the Rogers Park Community Council, after Dave "McCarr" was changed to Dave McCargo.