

Rabbit Creek Community Council

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Comments from the Chair:

The gardens and flowers are thriving; weather-wise, the summer of 2009 is doing fine. We heartily thank the volunteers who have tended to that glorious patch of color amidst the concrete and asphalt at the Seward Highway on-ramp. Well done. School is back in session which among other things means that your Rabbit Creek Community Council will resume meeting monthly on the second Thursday at the Goldenview Middle School library. The next meeting occurs on Thursday, September 10 at 7:00 pm. Hope that you are able to attend. We thank the folks at the Rabbit Creek Community Church for being such gracious hosts of our meetings over the summer.

The RCCC produced comments and ideas for numerous initiatives, strategies and programs over the summer, including:

- Anchorage Bicycle Plan
- Capital Improvement Program__Project Ranking for 2010
- Anchorage Parks Strategic Plan & 2009-2014
- Heritage Land Bank 2009 Work Program and 2010-2014 Management Plan
- Title 21 Rewrite
- Section 36 Master Plan

Overshadowing all of the above is the Hillside District Plan process. The RCCC and individuals made comments and participated in the Public Hearing held in June by the Planning & Zoning Commission. The PZC staff responded to all comments and issues in a 92 page summary. We are currently working through the summary details.

Major changes affecting the RCCC include:

- dropping the proposed expansion of neighborhood commercial at Potter Marsh
- dropping the Hillside “sub districts” map
- eliminating the so called troubled soils subdivisions

Important recommendations that received public support included:

- maintaining the Hillside’s low density,” Rural” residential character
- improving functioning of on-site water and waste water systems & establishing a well water protection program
- establishing new district-wide approaches to infrastructure funding and management

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Draft Agenda for Thursday, Sept. 10, 2009 Community Council Meeting Goldenview Middle School 15800 Goldenview Drive

- ❖ Call to order, introduction – Please sign in and indicate if you would like to receive e-mails from the Federation of Community Councils
- ❖ Approval of previous minutes
- ❖ Treasurer’s Report
- ❖ Announcements & Comments from the floor
- Legislative Reports
 - ❖ State Legislators
 - ❖ Assembly members
- Guest Speakers
 - ❖ ASD Board — Jeannie Mackie
- Ongoing Business — There may be no new information
 - ❖ Legacy Pointe – Updates if available
 - ❖ Hillside District Plan–Report on 8/31 P&Z deliberations
 - ❖ Preparation for Assembly hearing on the HDP
 - ❖ Title 21 – upcoming review by Assembly on commercial standards, including requirements for non residential lots in R6 & above zones
 - ❖ Section 36—review our comments to the Sec. 36 Citizens Advisory Committee
- New Business
 - ❖ S11756-1 Villages Scenic Parkway-Vacation in ROW and screening easement.
 - ❖ 2009-123 4401 E 147th Ave., allow bldg over 200 sq.ft
 - ❖ Proposed change of Onsite Water and Wastewater from DHHS to Development Services
- Reports
 - ❖ Neighborhood Association reports
 - ❖ Federation of Community Council (FCC) report
 - ❖ Discuss FCC effort to reduce newsletters & other post office mailers
 - ❖ Limited Road Service Area (LRSA) reports

9:00 pm Adjourn

Meetings are held on the second Thursday of each month from 7:00 to 9:00 p.m. If enough registered members attend to make the required quorum, the meeting will be a General Meeting. Otherwise, a Board Meeting is called. A quorum is 20% of membership.

2009 Membership Form

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Rabbit Creek Community Council

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Mike Edelmann

Keith Guyer

John Isby

Mark Schimscheiner

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Mark Slaughter

David Sterling

Comments from the Chair: *(Continued from p.1)*

- establishing new approaches to development
- improving roads, trails and access to Chugach State Park

The PZC will deliberate at their meeting August 31. From there it will go to the Assembly for a public hearing. This Plan is likely to determine quality of life issues within our Rabbit Creek community for decades. Please give us the benefits of your thoughts on this matter. Come to our RCCC meeting on the second Thursday of the month. Hope to see you at Goldenview September 10.

**Be Well,
Mike Kenny, Chair, RCCC**

Help Us Cut Costs! Federation of Community Council Faces Budget Cuts

The FCC is requesting the help of all Community Councils to reduce the costs of mailing. Currently we have 400 members receiving newsletters by mail. If you have e-mail access, please help us by switching your newsletter to electronic delivery.

Draft Minutes of Rabbit Creek Community Council Meeting August 13, 2009 Rabbit Creek Community Church

Present: Mike Kenny, Patty Rothwell, Keith Guyer, Mark Slaughter, David Sterling, John Isby, Joan Diamond, Dick Tremaine, and 9 additional members present.

Meeting begun 7:15 pm, quorum present.

- Motion to approve June minutes (no quorum in July), moved Tremaine, second Rothwell, passed unanimously.

Treasurer report: \$291.11 savings, \$947.51 checking, 108 dues paying members.

- Motion to donate \$100 to Rabbit Creek Community Church for use of their facility over the past year, moved Rothwell, second Guyer, passed unanimously.

No Assembly or Legislative members present.

Steve Kerry, USGH, Mountain Air Drive project (mountainairdrive.com). Connection from Rabbit Creek Road to Shangri-La subdivision. State grant is \$4.7 million. Project just got going. Two lane road with curb and gutter to municipal standards. Will use topo map with 2' contours. Shannon-Wilson will do some soil sampling. Bridge engineer will examine stream crossing locations. USGH will produce a report to recommend best use of funds to construct road. Draft design study hopefully will be completed in early December. Final design due early March. There will be more public meetings on the topic this fall.

Church on Old Seward highway was suppose to leave 65' of natural vegetation buffer. Code enforcement investigated. Church had restrictions stricter than zoning code so did not have to comply with lot specific restriction. This and other restriction exemptions may be able to be dealt with in the Hillside District Plan.

Section 36 presentation by Suzanne Commelus of Sec. 36 Citizens Advisory Committee. Generally agreed that north side of section is best for skiing. Parking at elementary school could be used for parking for wetlands and trail access. Many different opinions for various types of development or virtually no development at all.

- Motion to recommend moderate density alternative with trails class 2-4, ski trails east of Stork Park and south of Clarks Road, groom able ski trails on north side of ridge, ski shelter on north side of ridge, no lights visible from south of ridgeline, include viewing areas and explanatory placards. The park should be immediately transferred to the Parks Department. Moved by Tremaine second by Sterling. The motion will circulate for email approval by the Board.

Legacy Point bankruptcy sale will take place September 2 at courthouse. Additional lawsuits have been filed in the matter.

The Hillside District Plan will be in front of the P&Z Commission on August 31 and their decision will be forwarded to the Assembly for action.

Meeting adjourned at 9:00 pm.

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343-7942 (Platting).**