

Rogers Park CC Meeting Minutes  
January 13, 2003

I. Introduction of Officers and Guests

President Loren Marshall chaired the meeting. A total of 25 residents, officers, and business representatives attended.

Dick Traini, Assembly. Because the Assembly is hearing the appeal of Sand Land gravel pit subdivision, he can't talk about it. Land-clearing ordinance will only be for land parcels over 2 acres. Mayor has been replacing a lot of executives, some lost to the new state administration.

II. MOA's Muniversity program, Heather Handyside.

Partnership effort between the MOA, Community Councils and Assembly. The goal of the program is to educate the community on how departments work together and operate, so we can be informed and effective with our interactions. See the flier for class schedule – also [www.muni.org](http://www.muni.org). Sessions will be videotaped and available for check-out at the library. Channel 10 rebroadcast schedule will be forthcoming. Pre-registration is not required but is desirable.

III. Announcements from RPCC President Loren Marshall

Brother Francis Shelter conditional use permit is coming up for public hearing, February 3. RPCC board has agreed to write a letter based on the past presentation, in general support of BFS building project.

Don Jose's has filed for liquor license renewal. Loren hasn't heard any problems about their facility and the council does not plan to take any action.

Loren attended a kick-off meeting with several other councils for a New Lake Otis traffic safety project, Northern Lights to Tudor. University CC has some concerns and traffic access problems. Ron Hammett from College Village volunteered to represent RPCC in future meetings.

Due to recent crime incidents, Loren encourages RPCC members to use the AWARE Neighborhoods program as a basis for crime and emergency preparedness among close neighbors. LaTouche and 27<sup>th</sup> neighbors are organizing, another group in College Village. Loren is also interested in forming an RPCC crime committee – contact him if you are interested. Contact Heather Handyside 343-4546 or look on the MOA website for the next AWARE class (first step in the AWARE Neighborhoods program).

IV. Updates

a. Lake Otis North Repave (Northern Lights to Debarr)

Due mostly to curb constraints, this project will be limited to repaving and some sidewalk/trail construction on the west side. Major reconstruction to 4 lanes with a median and left turn pockets at intersections may be in future AMATS plans. This would involve loss of properties on the east side.

b. UMED district plan

Bob Butera, our council representative to this planning effort, attended a meeting in December. The project stalled when API location was being determined. Plan is now being completed since API will stay put in original location. Over the medium term, there is a lot of development planned: Prov AK, Mental Health Trust, APU dorm, MOA DHHS building at Bragaw and Providence Drive (SW corner). Traffic impacts will probably be considerable. Another access in this area is being considered, northeast from the UAA Arts parking lot to Pine St and Northern Lights. Consultant is finishing a revised draft later this month, final to MOA in May. Loren had Steering committee notes from Bob.

c. N. Lights sound barrier

Dan Graham has been looking into it with an RPCC committee (Heather Rice, Dan, Loren, and Carl Ward). They have tracked down info and have talked to State Representatives Cheryl Heinze, Les Gara, Bettye Davis, and Johnny Ellis about issues and funding.

Committee findings to date:

- ADOT funds were appropriated in 2000 but nothing was done.
- Estimate about 600k for construction. We may try to involve MOA in the project for several reasons involving cost efficiency and ADOT priorities.
- The likely form is a double-wall wood barrier, 8-12' high, set back in the right of way; we shouldn't lose many trees. Other potential more costly options:
  - Concrete wall was \$300/lineal foot vs \$75 for wood. Double wood fence would reduce noise 5 decibels.
  - Synthetic, translucent panels (polycarbonate) – higher capital cost but lower maintenance costs. The Muldoon curve (inside) will get a berm topped by this type of wall.
  - Interlocking block wall, was \$200/lineal foot range.
- Timeline, partial construction beginning in 2004. If it gets built in pieces, have to watch impacts on unbuilt areas (noise could bounce off from one side of the street to the other if walls on both sides of street aren't constructed at the same time).

The possible advantage of more expensive design options is lower maintenance costs, but this may depend on whether the funding entity also takes responsibility for maintenance. There was a discussion of earthen berm but it was pointed out that many residents have expressed concern with this option because they don't want to lose the tree buffer. RPCC has previously resolved that major loss of trees is not acceptable.

d. Rogers Park Traffic calming

Coming up for design this year, based on a traffic study several years ago that RPCC participated in. MOA PM&E group is getting ready to put out RFP. Two copies of this design study report are available. One member asked about what is planned and asked specifically about chokers, citing problems in Fairview. Heather Rice said the MOA has asked for our input. Another member noted 26<sup>th</sup> and 27<sup>th</sup> have had several stop signs installed for slowing traffic, which she think has helped quite a bit. Another resident said that he heard of some problems with snow clearing in the Fairview area with the calming measures.

Loren said that once the design has been finalized, the actual construction will be from areawide budgets a little at a time.

## V. South Coastal Trail Extension

Pete Tryon made the presentation of the resolution formulated by the Friends of the Coastal Trail, and handed out a resolution for the Council to consider, which would be forwarded to the DOT for the March 7 comment deadline.

**Background:** When the Orange Coastal route morphed into the Modified Orange route, many property impacts were created. Friends of the Coastal Trail believe many people are still in favor of a coastal route, but are also concerned about excessive impacts to the local residents. The resolution wording attempts to give support to the Coastal Route and recommend further evaluation to smooth out some recognized problems.

**Discussion:** Pete Tryon's impression is that the modified route has snaked around to avoid property owners and ARR impacts. Loren interprets that the resolution would support the coastal trail but acknowledge that there are still some problems that need to be worked out on the Modified Orange route to minimized homeowner impacts, which were not fully considered when the Orange route was modified. RPCC's previous resolution did not have wording that the private property impacts should be further evaluated and reduced where possible.

Nancy Shaeffer moved the resolution and Pete Tryon seconded.

Peter Mjos moved an amendment, seconded by John Cristopherson, that all attempts be made to use public lands to greatest extent possible. Jerry Hupp objected on the basis that building on public lands could harm the Coastal Refuge, but someone else said that the draft environmental impact study found that the trail could be built on public lands with minimal impacts to the Coastal Refuge.

**Action:** Passed with 9-5.

There was no further discussion on resolution as amended.

**Action:** Passed 11-4.

## VI. Public comments

Tim Schrage, formerly of C&D Liquors (Lake Otis and Northern Lights) now works for Brown Jug who owns that business. Contact: 563-3815, ext 244.

Adjourned 8:30pm.