

Rogers Park Community Council
Meeting Minutes
February 10, 2003

President Loren Marshall called the meeting to order at 7:00 pm. Attendance was 20. Jim Lamson of MOA Project Management and Engineering, Sam O'Connor of the West Side Patrol, and Tim Schrage from Brown Jug were present as guests.

Rogers park traffic calming

Bob Butera reported on the initial studies done between 1997 and 1999 with a great deal of neighborhood input. The final study in 2000 recommended specific pedestrian improvements and traffic calming measures. The municipality will use the study as a guide to our desires and priorities. As our plan goes into design phase we need to make sure the scope of work includes input from our council. Jim Lamson said that the Muni will budget \$500,000 per year to use for traffic calming throughout the community, so our work will be done in small pieces over many years rather than as one unified project.

Capital improvement projects funding process

Mr. Lamson, who is the CIP coordinator, outlined the way that projects get funding. During February and March, many groups including RPCC nominate and rank projects. In April and May, MOA scores and prioritizes the projects. During May and June when costs are estimated, we should check to see that our projects are on the list. In June, the Draft CIP with scheduling and proposed funding is developed. Departments review it over the summer. In the fall the list goes to the Assembly for modification, with hearings in November. We should talk over our projects with our assembly reps in the early fall. The approved projects are funded through MOA or state funds, or more likely, are voted on as a bond proposition the following April. Mr. Lamson showed us the draft bond propositions for this April, which the Assembly is to review and finalize later in February. Jim Lamson: 343-8120.

Crime and safety

Sam O'Connor explained the function of the West Side Patrol, a volunteer community service. He counseled us to be vigilant, use motion-activated lights, and immediately call APD if we are worried or suspicious. He suggested that we look at the Patrol website <www.westsidepatrol.org> for specific information about crime and crime prevention in our area. Call 243-3777 to contact the Patrol dispatcher (operating Fri-Sat. evenings/nights), or Sam at 227-5157 for more info.

Announcements

Liquor license renewals are in progress for Don Jose's and Fred Meyer. RPCC officer elections will be at the March Meeting; contact Loren Marshall if interested in running. Bob Butera (276-2259) is representing us as the UMED (Providence, UAA, APU area) plan is revised. Ron Hammett (279-2339) will represent us in giving input to Alaska DOT on safety improvements to Lake Otis between No. Lights and Tudor. An RPCC committee chaired by Dan Graham (258-9203) has been working with MOA and our legislators regarding funding for sound barriers along No. Lights. John Christopherson (277-0256) reported that the proposed improvements to the Seward Highway between

Rabbit Creek and 36th are projected to increase traffic problems in our area, especially Benson and No. Lights near the Seward Highway.