

**Rabbit Creek Community Council, Meeting Minutes,
February 8, 2001**

Present: Kutzer, Miller, Fries, Sell, Pease, VanFlein, Geuss
Absent: Mendenhall, Ross, Grunblatt, Weinig

Legislative Reports

SB 17 (companion bill to HB 13) introduced by Halford.

February 23, 1:30 PM Senate Transportation Committee will hold a meeting at the Anchorage LIO to discuss transportation long range planning.

Assembly Report – Pat Abney

Pat introduced a resolution to support HB 13. It passed by 8 votes and survived a reconsideration request by Clementson. Urges residents to send the legislators letters of support.

Mayor Wuerch is seeking federal funds (FEMA) for removal of dead spruce.

Abney's ordinance requiring snow clearance from handicap parking spaces passed unanimously.

Assembly approved development of Turnagain Bogg and conservation and rehabilitation of Klatt bog.

AO 2001-38 would extend the boundary of the ARDSA along Elmore Road without a vote by any of the property owners. This has the potential to set precedent for future expansion of ARDSA. Abney urges residents to protest this action.

Abney and Traini have proposed voter consideration of a sales tax.

Not much progress on acquisition of wetlands for open space at Equestrian acres because Dick Warski, temporary chair of HLB is over worked. Suggestions from Nancy Pease to get some of the wetlands with public interest value in our area put on the MOA mitigation list for possible acquisition for conservation purposes.

Pat Abney asked for feedback on her nuisance music ordinance. Email comments to her assembly mailbox.

Presentation on LRSA's by Ted Pease and Ken Beckley.

There is a city ordinance governing establishment of a LRSA. 10% of the qualified voters residing in an affected area must sign a petition (form supposedly produced by MOA). MOA has never produced such a petition but interested persons should call 343-4309, Jerry Weaver at Platting Office to get details on this. After filing the petition with the planning department, every MOA department reviews and comments on the proposed action. The Assembly approves it. "Affected Area" is subject to determination by the Assembly. Another approach is to contact Maury Robinson at Public works (343-8176) who coordinates LRSA services.

Question: How are priorities determined in the South Goldenview LRSA?

Answer: (Beckley) Critical curves and main routes and dangerous intersections or grades. He then listed the priority locations. After that, the LRSA board and the contractor negotiate. Sanding is not intended to be a major part of the contract but this year has been unusual. Call from residents are important to determine needed maintenance, whether sanding, potholes, fallen trees, glaciation, frozen culverts, etc. Board members appreciate calls. Be prepared to leave a message. Our Board members are volunteers who have other jobs also.

Question: Is there a sufficient ditch draining along 164th and along Goldenview at Prominence Pointe?

Answer: Ditches there are sufficient in summer but not in winter. Earth disturbance and vegetation removal at Prominence Pointe has changed drainage and caused glaciation at Goldenview.

Question: Do LRSA's get to comment on the impacts of subdivisions to LRSAs?

Answer: No

Suggestion: (Fries) Ask MOA to give LRSA formal opportunity to comment on a par with municipal agencies regarding projected traffic impacts from platting and planning and zoning activity. It was moved (Pease) and seconded (Sell) to draft this in the form of a resolution and submit to MOA Planning Department. Passed unanimously. Copies of Resolution will be provided to LRSA Board Members.

Question: What is the distinction between maintenance and construction?

Answer: Maintenance can include quite a bit of reconstruction to improve road status.

Question: Status of proposed recommendations on 142nd hazardous intersection.

Answer: Proposed recommendation has been mailed to interested parties but not yet approved by LRSA. LRSA will consider approval at an upcoming meeting and will notify interested parties who attended LRSA meeting.

Note: Ken Beckley has filed objections to some of the new driveways on Bluebell and Ashland, request for ROW enforcement.

Moen Park

Presentation of preliminary design for Moen Park by Dennis Boyle of Land Design North.

Comments on size of parking area, the need for some vegetation retention along the edge of Goldenview, reserve areas for future parking. Create greater length for hike/bike/ski trail. The landscape buffer area has alder and grass, which could create fire hazard if there's partying on the site, etc. Note: Moen Trail extends west and is a long trail. Also there are plans for ski/hike trail system at Section 36 near Clark's Road. Anyone wishing to comment should get comments to Dennis in two weeks or by February 22. Email to: dboyle@landdesignnorth.com

A final plan will be submitted to the Rabbit Creek Community Council at the March meeting.

Chugach State Park Access, Al Meiners, Park Superintendent

Goal: to build community consensus for where developed trailheads should be located. This will allow CSP to be prepared for future platting along the state park boundary and for possible AMATS funding.

The 1980 Chugach State Park Master Plan identified 3 potential access points in South Hillside Area: Bear Valley, Baldy, Upper Potter Creek (south ridge overlooking Turnagain Arm). The CSP staff is currently sponsoring a planning effort to look at potential trailhead upgrades from Stuckagain Heights to Potter Creek. There is legal access at Stuckagain Heights and given the proximity to east Anchorage, it may be developed sooner rather than later. CSP will also work with the Anchorage Ski Club to develop access at Alpenglow/Arctic Valley. No expansion is planned at Upper O'Malley. There is some question as to whether to expand Glen Alps because volume of users is already very high. Visitor impacts may require some trail hardening and more regulations to keep people on trails at Glen Alps. CSP desires a caretaker at Glen Alps and may do so at any new trailheads. No preferred site has been identified for access to the Baldy/Airstrip area. Brewster Road is possible.

Pat Abney indicated that the city might be able to help. Community Council will consider approaching Con Bunde for state funds. Several people voiced support for purchase of tracts to connect Section 36 and Chugach State Park and open a trailhead to Rabbit Lakes Trail.

Prominence Point Update

Update: Dianne Holmes is mobilizing people to testify before the assembly to oppose piecemeal expansion of sewers and small lot zoning. ALERT: this proposed zoning and HWWMP extension could help extend sewers to the next 360 acres spanning to Bear Valley School.

View Point South Subdivision

February 27, before the Anchorage Assembly. Contacts Jess Grunblatt and Nancy Pease

Comp Plan

Comments are due to the Assembly by February 16. The Assembly will vote on the plan 2/20. No additional public

testimony will be accepted.

Adjournment 9:30 PM.