

**Rabbit Creek Community Council
Minutes, August 9, 2001**

In Attendance: Carol Fries, Art Geuss, Nancy Pease, Donna Van Flein, Bob Miller, and Brad Kutzer.

The meeting was called to order at 7:10 and discussion started without a quorum present. A quorum was established during the Greenbelt presentation.

Nancy Pease and Dianne Holmes presented a summary of the proposed Rabbit Creek Greenbelt trail. The project is a cooperative effort by the Anchorage Trails and Greenways Coalition and the Rabbit Creek Community Council. A \$5,000 grant has been received from REI for trail construction and some private money is also available. Plans to date involve a trail beginning at the east edge of the Rabbit Creek Greenbelt heading west through the Greenbelt following an existing older trail to eventually connect with municipal parkland off Buffalo Road. In its initial phases the trail plan would focus on the Rabbit Creek Greenbelt. Connectivity to other parkland near Buffalo Road is a longer range goal. The Trails and Recreation Committee is working on plans for this project and would like to work with neighbors to identify the best route for a trail in order to maintain the wilderness character of the greenbelt and ensure that neighbors are not negatively impacted.

Residents of the area near Buffalo attended the meeting. Many spoke in favor of the trail while one individual expressed serious concerns about the potential of routing the trail through an area close to existing residences.

Other issues associated with recreational access in this area include a gravel bike path on the north and south side of DeArmoun as part of the upgrade project as well as a pedestrian cross walk in the area near 140th street and DeArmoun.

An issue discussed but tabled for the present time is the assertion of an easement / ROW near Canon Road.

The minutes from June were approved as read. Motion, Van Flein, Second Pease.

A resolution was adopted requesting that the site for the New South Anchorage High School be fenced on the north, west and south sides. Motion Pease, Second Geuss.

A resolution requesting that Assisted Living Facilities and all businesses operating within a residentially zoned area consistently be required to seek a conditional use permit with public comment provided. Motion Van Flein, Second Pease.

The council agreed to write a letter voicing concerns about the proposed revisions to abbreviated platting procedures:

1. The proposed 8 lot allowance appears to contribute to piecemeal development.
2. Public easements should not be vacated without notification of and input from the public.

Moved Pease, Second Geuss

The meeting was adjourned following a motion by Miller, Second Pease.