

## **Russian Jack Park Community Council December 13, 2006, Meeting Minutes**

**Call to Order:** The meeting was called to order at 6:30 pm.

**Approval of Minutes:** Minutes for November were approved.

**Treasurer's Report** - Last month's balances were \$4070.63 for the tot park, \$2850.90 for the Community Patrol, \$13201.05 for the Weed 'n' Seed program, but the Williwaw Park is negative \$2106.87.

Moved by Fred McLeary and seconded by Mike Gutierrez:

RJCC allocates \$1750 to pay the landscaping bill for the hydroseeding.

Motion passed unanimously (15 - 0).

'Sunrise/Sunset' donated \$1400 worth of labor in the hydroseeding. Money is for materials.

**APD Report** - Sgt. Cindi Stanton

- This month's police academy is graduating 15 of 24 beginners.
- Calls for service the last 30 days: traffic stops +3, interviews +17, accidents +6, alarms +16, drugs up, burglaries +8 =10, follow-ups +42, hit & run -9, medic assist +12 =23, weapons misconduct -11 =13, thefts = 24, vandalism -3 =9, suicide -3 =11
- APD will coordinate with Parks Department over Klondike Court improper land use.

**School District** - Mike Graham (East High)

- Largest high school in the state, most diverse in Anchorage (65% minorities).
- All freshmen get 'Change of Heart', put on by the upper classmen - attitude is calm and there are improvements in discipline. Renovated areas are not being vandalized.
- Expulsion of only several players resulted in a noticeable reduction in gang influence.
- Bob Tosi is starting a Polynesian club to give those students good alternatives.
- Theater is in constant use and the music practice rooms are booked up.
- Library is open and circulation has tripled from several years ago.
- Piloted a forensic science course (with South High) - five classes this year.

Carol Comeau (Superintendent)

- \$85 million of debt was paid off in the last two years. This year's bond proposal is \$65 million to rebuild Clark Middle School and \$20 million for maintenance upgrades. The debt reimbursement from the legislature is very helpful.
- Boniface Mall consolidation will bring all ASD offices under one roof - by February 1.

Sharon Story (Russian Jack Elementary)

- 400 students (72% minority), gained 60 students from the boundary changes. The Alaska State School for the Deaf is down to 26 students.
- Title I progress, made AYP (Adequate Yearly Progress) two years in a row.
- Started the Houghlin-Mifflin reading comprehension program with extra help. More volunteers are needed for reading and good time monitors.
- Business partnering with Alyeska Pipeline Company, included catering Thanksgiving meal
- East High is providing student tutors.
- Vandalism is rare and is normally reported by the students.
- The crossing at 20<sup>th</sup> Avenue and Bragaw Street is still of high concern. Traffic Department extended the traffic light timing and there is a crossing guard. Some drivers turning right from Bragaw Street are going over the curb onto the sidewalk, endangering the children.

**Northeast Park District** - Teri Peters

- Outreach ski program with Russian Jack Elementary. Also, the cross-country ski teams from various high schools practice here when Kincaid Park does not have enough snow.
- 'Sled Smart' program includes helmets donated by the Doyon Drilling Company.
- 17 community programs are being held at Baxter Elementary, with overflow at the chalet.
- Youth employment this summer (sixteen) from the VISTA program.

**Weed 'N' Seed** - Kathleen Plunkett

- Tax preparation assistance will be available at the First Free Methodist Church and the Northeast Community Center.
- Money to continue operation has been appropriated from the United Way (tax assistance) and the Mayor's Office.

**Community Patrol** - Fred Thomas

- Discussion of the administration of the legislative grants by the state.

**Legislative Report** - Gretchen Guess

- In office until January 15, staff will transition January 8.

**Max Gruenberg**

- Discussed the following with Mayor Begich: PERS/TERS funding, public safety, revenue sharing, senior housing exemption funding, and a consolidated training center at Boniface and Tudor for Homeland Security, APD, AFD and the Troopers.

**Election of new officers:**

President	- Ed Leach	14 - 0
Vice President	- Fred McLeary	14 - 0
Treasurer	- Kathleen Plunkett	14 - 0
Trustee	- Fred Thomas	14 - 0
Interim Secretary	- Mike Gutierrez	14 - 0
FCC Delegate	- Mike Gutierrez	14 - 0
Alt. Delegate	- Robert Campbell	14 - 0

**Adjournment** - The meeting adjourned at 8:29 pm.