

**Rogers Park Community Council
Meeting Minutes
November 14, 2022**

President, Peter Mjos
Vice President, Scott McMurren
Secretary, Cassandra Raun

Treasurer, Sara Dykstra
Immediate past President, Steve Lindbeck
FCC representative, Linda Chase

Establish Quorum: Established by Cassandra

Call to Order: Pete Mjos called the meeting to order at 6:50pm. He gave a welcome to all the new members who came to our Cocoa, Coffee and Cookies!! We may return to in person as soon as December. The announcement will be made prior to the next meeting. BP Energy Center charges \$25 per meeting so Pete is asking if members are willing to drop a \$1 in the hat upon entrance to meetings to help cover the cost.

Welcome Message: Mr. Scott McMurren - In addition to the work of community council participation, Scott has made new friends and has found that this Community Council is full of people who want to get to know their neighbors. Thank you all for showing up and participating in this community.

Review and approve October 17, 2022 minutes: Linda Chase motion to approve, Scott McMurren second, minutes are approved.

Treasurer's report: Sara Dykstra - We have had some donations from board members and we now 1104.71 in our accounts. We had a donation of the photo bus so that has really helped increased our balance.

FCC report: Linda Chase - They did not meet last month. They meet this coming Wednesday so there is no report for this month.

Legislative Reports:

Rep. Andy Josephson - Alexander Schroeder presented for Rep. Josephson - there isn't a lot new to report. Andy attended Veteran's Day activities. He has been caught up in the election cycle. He is 86 votes up but they are still counting absentee and mail in votes. Andy would like to be chair of the House Finance committee if all comes together. He plans to attend next month's Community Council meeting himself.

Assembly reports:

Meg Zaletel - Recent meetings have been all about the budget, the vote is set for the 22nd. There hasn't been a lot of deviation from the mayor's budget, one is that the mobil crisis stays within the fire department, they have agreed to layer on the response with the police department for an integrated approach to respond with the right type of response depending on the type of call. Felix and Meg worked on bringing in a position to the library who can work on leveraging a grants department, they are both concerned about ensuring that the funding for the library is there and hopefully get back to Sunday service. The other concern is plowing. They will work

on additional personnel to help. The assembly recently approved funding for the north extension of the port, the next phase. It was all state and federal grants.

Felix Rivera - Gave an update on his amendment for the alcohol tax plan and homelessness. We have been in emergency mode regarding homelessness for way too long. We are trending down, which is exactly what we want to see, we are trending down in the number of homeless people, and trending up in the number of people going into housing.

Alaska legislative reports:

Senator Elvi Gray Jackson; (see attached report)

Rep. Harriet Drummond: This is Harriet's swan song. Even if she is reelected she wouldn't continue representing RPCC. Thank you, Representative Harriet Drummond!

Committee reports:

APD: Sergeant Michael Farr - Start with calling the police when you see people in your yard. Call the police and let them get out there. As far as prevention, bright lights help, keep your driveway lights on all night long. Surveillance cameras help with identification. Crime analysis is available on their website. If you are concerned about homeless camps, there is a way to post that on their website. They are still abating camps even in the winter this year.

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Transportation - Noah King, DOT - no update, the project is moving forward, waiting on approval from the STIP amendment.

Municipal reports:

ASD: Dora Wilson - School Board is right in the middle of lots of budget discussions, one discussion is to move all 6th grade to middle school, eliminating middle school entirely, restructuring immersion, restructuring ignite, eliminating some sports programs, and all of these cuts would still leave us with a 45 million dollar deficit. Looking at increasing the teacher to student ratio, also looking at repurposing 6 elementary schools, part of the reasoning of all this is that the birthrate in Anchorage has decreased and continues to decrease in the 5 year projection. ASD has been flat funded since 2017.

CIP: Dave Evans - Every year we go through a capital improvement project nomination process. Last season the ranking was completed in May 2022 and they didn't get around to presenting the results. He posted a table of results.

Last season's RPCC Capital Improvement Projects (CIP) list and ranking:

https://docs.google.com/spreadsheets/d/1SGrglkuvTfS33ctMTZqRYh8MaOqldBeSW94MvvxQq_8/edit?usp=sharing

Bob Butera - Last year when we did the nomination process in the Spring we kind of scrambled. We have to submit by the end of May. This year the committee is thinking to have people discuss their projects in the April meeting to answer some questions and have the community be more informed on the projects when they vote. Any time between now and April you can nominate a project by using this form: <https://forms.gle/Co8DxN2ZgKChzVmz8>

Acknowledgement: The RPCC leadership team celebration of Voting Day event was a success!

Adjournment: Steve Lindbeck motion to adjourn, Scott second, meeting adjourned at 8:16pm.

Next meeting December 12, 2022, may or may not be in person. Happy Thanksgiving!