

**Rogers Park Community Council  
Meeting Minutes  
December 12, 2022**

**Officers:**

President, Peter Mjos; Vice President, Scott McMurren; Secretary, Cassandra Raun; Treasurer, Sara Dykstra; Immediate past President, Steve Lindbeck; FCC representative, Linda Chase

**Call to order:** Pete Mjos called the meeting to order at 7:00pm and announced that the RPCC board has determined that RPCC will return to in-person meetings at the BP Energy Center beginning with the February 13, 2023 meeting. The plan is to make the meetings kid friendly- more specifics to follow- and of course masks and distancing will be advised. Because we will be required to vacate the facility by 8:15 the meetings will begin at 6 pm.

**Establish quorum:** Cassandra confirmed quorum

**Welcome message:** Sen. Elvi Gray-Jackson - Welcome! Community Councils are established by municipal order and are a great way for legislators to connect with constituents and for constituents to connect with legislators.

**Review and approve the November 14, 2022 minutes:** no corrections, minutes approved

**Treasurer's report:** Ms. Sara Dykstra - RPCC accounts total \$1104.74

**Resolution Vote:**

Sara Dykstra introduced the resolution and read it aloud.

Pete asked for any legislator comments:

Senator Elvi Gray-Jackson, Rep. Andy Josephson and Assembly Members Meg Zaletel and Felix Rivera all commented in support of the resolution and of funding public education.

Pete then opened the floor for discussion.

Marilyn Pillifant - would like to see full funding be a first priority of bills passed by the legislature, to avoid it being bounced around and waiting until the end of the session. Marilyn made a motion to add the "full funding of education be a first priority of bills passed by the legislature." Motion was seconded by Steve Lindbeck.

Open discussion of the amendment resulted that the final paragraph would read:

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED THAT, the Rogers Park Community

Council (RPCC) requests our Anchorage Legislators advocate for full funding of public

education with the Governor and their colleagues in the Legislature to enable our children,

families and community to begin to recover from funding and pandemic deficits and get back on

track for strong, sustained academic growth and preparation for success in life. **The Rogers**

**Park Community Council would anticipate full funding of education to be a first priority of bills passed by the legislature this session.**

Pete called for a VOTE of Marilyn's amendment: In favor 31, Opposed 0, Abstentions 2  
Pete called for a VOTE on the resolution as amended: In favor 32, Opposed 2, Abstentions 2

Resolution passed.

**FCC report:** Ms. Linda Chase - no report and no upcoming meeting.

**Alaska legislative reports:**

Sen. Elvi Gray-Jackson - She is looking forward to doing what she can to push forward with our resolution. She is thrilled to be re-elected and looking forward to getting back to work in Juneau. See written report.

**Assembly reports:**

Meg Zaletel - Wednesday there is a port plan of finance. How we finance the port will affect the cost of milk and toilet paper. It is that important. The port secured federal and state matching grants. Now we need to set the tariff for the new year.

Last Tuesday there was an item before the assembly whether or not to change how we value the gas tax. In January the gas taxes will go up by 2 cents.

Felix Rivera - Gave an update on the library, Virginia McClure has been appointed, the confirmation hearing will be this Friday, the vote will be on the 20th. He also gave a budget update and a homelessness update.

Fairbanks Model for Crisis Now: <https://www.fairbanksalaska.us/crisis/page/mobile-crisis-team>

**Committee reports:**

ADU: there are upcoming opportunities to testify before the assembly. The following members are interested in getting together to split the testimony to the assembly regarding ADUs: Marilyn Pillifant, Bob Butera, Linda Chase, David and Col Lockard, Marshall Severson

Beautification: Zack Zaletel - Had some trees falling over, but if you see anything that they haven't addressed yet, please let Zack or Pete know! They are doing a little decorative light ceremony, looking for interest in anyone who would be interested in doing a light map.  
<https://www.acda.net/news/celebrating-anchorage-as-a-city-of-a-million-lights>

CIP: Bob Butera - nominations are open from now until April, money for the Northern Lights sounds fence is still in the process of being transferred to the municipality, hopefully this month.

Transportation: Bob Butera, no new update.

Crime and Safety and homelessness: still no chair.

**Closing comments for the Good of the Order:** Future topics will be Mr. Richard Sewell, the new Merrill Field Superintendent

**Adjournment:** Move to adjourn, Scott McMurren, seconded by Marilyn Pillifant, Meeting adjourned at 9:02pm

**Next meeting: January 9, 2023 via Zoom**