

Meeting Minutes
Rogers Park Community Council
February 13, 2023
Location: BP Energy Center, 6 - 8 pm.

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 called the meeting to order at 6:08pm. Welcomed the live audience and the zoom audience. First in person meeting in 3 years and first hybrid attempt.

Quorum established by Cassandra Raun

Guest welcome: Pete introduced Alaskan nature poet MaryBeth Holleman. Ms. Holleman read several of her poems including Prodigal, Rock Poem and Yesterday on a Familiar Trail.

Review and approve the January 9, 2023 minutes - Linda Chase moved to approve, Scott McMurren second, minutes are approved.

Treasurer's report: Ms. Sara Dykstra - There have been a few transactions this month. We paid for the BP Energy Center room through December so \$175 was debited (\$25 per month) which leaves us with roughly \$1000 balance.

FCC report: Ms. Linda Chase. FCC is an over structure for all of our community councils. The FCC is looking into the UMED transportation and ADUs and working to connect community councils on city-wide issues.

Alaska Legislative reports:

Sen. Elvi Gray-Jackson - Constituent meetings are in full force. And she serves on three committees: Labor & Commerce, Community & Regional Affairs and Education. Her priorities remain ***establishing a comprehensive and sustainable fiscal plan, public safety, infrastructure*** and, of course, a focus on ***education*** and doing the right thing for our children. She gave an overview of the bills she has introduced and the bills she is working on.

Rep. Alyse Galvin - Priorities: Children, early learning piece, supporting brand new families. Plans to be in Anchorage on March 5th, still tentative but that would be a moment when all Anchorage Caucus will be meeting with Constituents.

Assembly reports:

Meg Zaletel - Felix has continued working on homelessness and body worn cameras. He was unable to make it tonight. Regarding snow, if you are not getting snow removed

on your street, please email Meg and Felix. Regarding vacancies, there are considerable vacancies in the Muni right now, everywhere from the health department to the police. If you are encountering problems, please contact Meg and Felix. This is a very serious issue. Meg and Felix are asking in all committee meetings to hear about vacancies and how the vacancies are affecting function. There are constant implementation issues for their policies based on vacancies. Regarding mobil crisis, they are still not working 24-7. The administration does not want to create EMT only positions and right now in order to be an EMT Firefighter you also have to be a firefighter. This is problematic since there is already a shortage of firefighters, so this vacancy creates a delay in implementation. How is government going to implement and stay on top of services? Please let Meg and Felix know if something isn't working.

Surprise Guest: Mark Butler - What does North Star CC have in common with RPCC? We share Fireweed Lane and changes are happening on Fireweed. A project designer could start as early as April of this year, Construction by a contractor could start as early as April 2027. North Star is hoping to work closely with RPCC on this design plan to help improve Fireweed Lane.

Committee reports:

CIP, Bob Butera - as always, looking for nominations...you can go to the RPCC website or use the link in the newsletter, they are hoping to dedicate a portion of the April Meeting so that people can promote their project and members can ask questions. They have 3 and a half projects nominated thus far. Bob gave an update on the Northern Lights Sound Barrier. It is going to be sound barrier only, not median improvement. There should have another update in April or May.

Transportation, Dave Evans - not much to report. A brief update on the 36th interchange project is that the current plan is to put the Seward Highway over 36th. They finished the noise analysis field work and plan to finish the report later this year. More information at the website 36thinterchange.com

Beautification - Taylor Keegan, from Parks and Rec, they are seeking participants for the community advisory group for the Eastchester Park Master Plan

Future topics: Mr. Simpson, Mr. Richard Sewell, Merrill Field Superintendent, Food Bank of Alaska, Tertiary sewage treatment - Meg suggested having an AWWU rep come to speak.

Closing comments for the Good of the Order

Next meeting: March 13, 2023. BP Energy Center, 6 pm.

Adjourn - Scott McMurren motioned to adjourn, Karen Ruud second, Meeting Adjourned at 7:40pm.