

**Rogers Park Community Council  
Meeting Minutes  
Oct. 9, 2023 7:00-9:00 p.m.  
Rogers Park Elementary School Library**

**Call to Order: Scott McMurren called the meeting to order at 7:01pm**

**Beth read the land acknowledgment**

***Land Acknowledgement:** The Rogers Park Community Council recognizes and values the diversity of our location in Anchorage, Alaska, and acknowledges the ancestral lands of the Dena'ina where we live and work.*

**Scott read the housekeeping rules aloud.**

**Housekeeping:**

- 1. Please be considerate** of our speakers (no interruptions).
- 2. Three-minute (3:00) limit** on comments/questions following presentations.
- 3. Our meeting is two hours long (7-9pm).** Accordingly, comments may be limited. All of our speakers are available outside this meeting. Please take a flyer with specific contact details.
- 4. Please sign in** if you are joining us in person.
- 5. Please submit resolutions or agenda proposals at least seven (7) days prior** to regularly-scheduled community council meetings via email: [rogersparkcc@gmail.com](mailto:rogersparkcc@gmail.com)

**Discussion and voting (per Roberts Rules of Order):**

- 1. No member may speak more than twice** to the same subject or motion (three-minute (3:00) limit).
- 2. Members may speak a second time** after everyone has had a turn.
- 3. Non-members may not speak to a motion** (exception: guest with specific knowledge).
- 4. Please focus comments on the subject or motion.** No partisan or personal attacks. Rogers Park Community Council is a non-partisan, volunteer organization.

**Officers:**

President, Scott McMurren

Vice President, Jill Klein

Secretary, Cassandra Raun

Treasurer, Sara Dykstra

Immediate Past President, Pete Mjos

Federation of Community Councils representative, Linda Chase

**Establish quorum - Cassandra Raun established quorum**

**Review and approve the Sept. 11, 2023 meeting minutes - no objection to the minutes, carried by acclimation**

**Treasurer's report, Sara Dykstra - Credit Union One was delayed in sending the statement this month. \$925.00 is currently our total balance, no new statement since last month.**

**Announcements from Scott McMurren:**

All meetings are at Rogers Park Elementary School Library, second Monday of every month, September through May, 7:00-9:00 p.m. in person and also on Zoom.

Be sure and sign up for our newsletter. Please encourage your neighbors to do so as well.

<https://rogersparkcommunitycouncil.eo.page/vp1z2>

**Alaska Legislative reports:**

- **Senator Elvi Gray-Jackson** - She is grateful for the hybrid meetings, they really help her a lot and especially when in session. Happy Indigenous People Day, she is so grateful that the Assembly was able to make it a paid city holiday. She is hoping that Juneteenth will also be a paid state holiday after this legislative session. Please see her written report. They had a legislative town hall meeting a few weeks ago and she wants to thank those who attended and participated in the conversation.

**School Board Report from Carl Jacobs:** Happy Indigenous People Day, this was the first year that the holiday was added to the ASD calendar. There will be events around town tomorrow. School Board policy front has been relatively quiet. There has been some testing taking place. There is some positivity coming through but they are waiting on the test results. Reading and Math proficiency is being reviewed. Related to career model role outs, the big picture vision is to have career model training options in our high schools. ASD and UAA have a partnership that allows students to earn college credit but also to receive an associate's degree at or before graduation. The next school board meeting is on the 17th at 6pm and they are currently in the process of coordinating with legislative partners to address BSA and transportation in the next legislative session.

- **Representative Alyse Galvin** - The legislature is in between regular sessions right now, she will be in Juneau between January and May, working for you, and now they are in Anchorage working for you. There won't be a special session. They were hoping to maybe dig into a long term fiscal plan, but that won't take place at this time. New revenue measures need to be discussed. They haven't solved that one yet. Right now they are only free to use 5% of the permanent fund corpus. Rep. Galvin puts out a weekly newsletter. If you are curious about what is happening, issues, how to navigate certain statewide services or opportunities, please sign up for her newsletter. Alaska is not developing enough natural gas to keep up with our usage. Energy will be a very

heavy issue this legislative session. Child care is also a concern for Alaska. Rep. Galvin will work on that concern this year.

There was a member question about the sound barrier. Senator Gray-Jackson will give us another update with current information in the next day or so.

**Officer Lampert, APD:** She is hearing that there are prowlers and property concerns in the neighborhood. Each area of town has three shifts covered by the same group of people that communicate with each other. She heard some concerns about Stanford Street from our members and she will add that street to their area of concern to give a little more attention to our neighborhood. She is here not so much to give a presentation but to answer questions. She opened the floor to questions. CSP (Community Service Patrol) is headed by the AFD and their policies differ from APD policies. That said, if CSP is not able to provide adequate assistance, community members can always call 311. Officer Lampert will contact the morning shift to see about sweeping the bridge prior to school start. As the transfer stations and facilities start to open, the city will begin being able to do camp abatement. Community Action Policing (CAP Team) focuses specifically on abatement.

#### **Assembly reports:**

- **Felix Rivera** - He invites everyone to take part in the Anchorage Housing Action Week Oct 30 to Nov 4, check out [anchoragehousingaction.org](http://anchoragehousingaction.org) and you can see everything going on that week. On the budget: preliminary only, they have the first work session this Friday. Compared to 2023, the budget will be a reduction of about 2.4 million dollars. They won't be voting on the budget until the end of November. Body worn cameras: Police department gave a date of November 13 when officers will begin the pilot project of 30 days of 30 body-worn cameras on 30 officers. The administration has to install in-car systems that go with the body worn cameras. Radio Shack can do about 2 cars per week and the department is working on getting 350 body worn camera systems involved. Felix is pushing to APD to work as quickly as possible. Regarding abatement policy, it's the department of law that sets the policy, not APD. The department of law has yet to tell the Assembly their policy. They have given an interim policy to abate camps in schools and parks risking health and safety. 372 beds are coming online soon, followed by 150 (old SWS admin building, low barrier). The abatement is 1 to 1. They are going to start with the 3rd Avenue Camp. After that there will still be some beds available. They will move from there until they have no more beds available. Implementation of the cold weather shelter is moving forward. They are getting contracts ready to approve tomorrow. The assembly staff worked really hard to get a handle of costs for housing and homeless. From the assembly website, click on "focus on homelessness" page, you'll be able to find the appropriations from January 2016 through September 2023 and they are going to keep updating those funds.

#### **Invited Guest speaker:**

- **Shawn Hays, Henning, Inc., managing the Golden Lion** - she was online due to being under the weather this week, but plans on being in person next month and every month from here on out. Golden Lion opened on August 1st. Her goal is to be

transparent and to be responsible operators. The capacity is 80 rooms and they are completely full with 80 occupants. They are staffed 24 hours a day, 7 days a week, they always have 2 people on shift. They have a small maintenance team as well. They have classes for support, budgeting classes, AA groups, Mountain View Health services and Anchorage Neighborhood Health so that occupants can see providers. They have a small store on the first floor that is operated by people who were formerly homeless. It is a small employment opportunity. They sell items at cost. They have had minimal police calls. The ones they have had have been self initiated not provider initiated. On Sept 21st there were firetrucks there. Someone on the 3rd floor left a candle going which set off the sprinkler system. They had a little smoke damage but mostly water damage in that unit and the unit underneath. Of the 80 people living there there are about 4 people with pretty significant challenges. She will send out her contact information. If there are concerns, please do call and reach out! Golden Lion is considered low income housing, it is not a high barrier or low barrier shelter. Everybody has a lease. 6 police calls there, 1 fire department for the smoke. There have been several paramedic calls. You will see quite a few paramedic calls because the requirement was for occupants to have mobility issues and with that comes several other health concerns that may require paramedic calls. The cones and tape and fencing is a result of the repair work for the kitchen upstairs that has issues and needs repairs. Once those repairs are complete, that equipment will come down.

**Committee reports:**

**Transportation** - AMATS public comment period ends tonight at midnight. If you haven't had the chance to comment yet, you still have a few more hours. Please look at the project list, there are a lot of good options. [2050\\_mtp@PublicInput.com](mailto:2050_mtp@PublicInput.com)

**Closing Comments for the Good of the Order**

**Next meeting: Nov. 13, 2023 7:00-9:00 p.m.**

Sara motion to adjourn, Jill second, meeting adjourned at 8:35pm.

**Adjournment and Good Evening**