

**Rogers Park Community Council  
Meeting Minutes  
February 12, 2024, 7:00-9:00pm  
Rogers Park Elementary School Library**

**Scott called the meeting to order at 7:00pm**

Jill Klein read the **Land Acknowledgement**

**Scott introduced the Officers:**

President, Scott McMurren

Vice President, Jill Klein

Secretary, Cassandra Raun

Treasurer, Sara Dykstra

Immediate Past President, Pete Mjos

FCC Representative, Linda Chase

**Cassandra Raun established quorum**

**Review and approve the January 8, 2024 meeting minutes:** Pete Mjos, motioned to approve, Connie Morgan second, motioned passed by acclimation

**Treasurer's report,** Sara Dykstra - we received a refund of \$100 from BP Energy Center. We now have \$1030.12 between our accounts.

**Announcements:**

All meetings are at Rogers Park Elementary School Library, second Monday of every month, September through May, 7:00-9:00pm. in person and also on Zoom. Except next month, **the March meeting will be on March 4, 2024.**

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

**Guests:** Deputy Chief Sean Case and Sergeant David Noll from Anchorage Police Department opened the floor to questions. Open discussion addressed traffic violations on Latouche, Northern Lights and Lake Otis.

**Fire Chief Doug Schrage** - gave a few remarks including an explanation about an area wide bond proposition that encompasses some public safety including two ambulance replacements. Chief Schrage gave some reminders about smoke and carbon monoxide detectors, updates on recent hiring efforts by AFD and Chief Schrage invited everyone to come tour their local fire department. Pulse Point is a free phone app that connects you to the 911 calls when someone in your area needs CPR. If you are CPR certified you can opt in to be able to help quickly.

**School Board Report:**

-Carl Jacobs - gave his report, the school board is focused on the budget, they are grappling with a deficit of 98 million for next year.

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**Alaska Legislative reports:**

-Senator Elvi Gray-Jackson - gave her update addressing the defined benefit bill, SB 140 regarding education funding, and her legislative priorities in addition to increasing the BSA: Juneteenth, mental health (SB 24),

-Representative Alyse Galvin - gave her update, including HB 89 a childcare bill, Family Leave Act HB 100, and SB 88 retirement bill. House is in the sub committee process.

**Assembly reports:**

-Felix Rivera - gave his update including the Don Young Port of Alaska, any increase in tariff will eventually affect the price of goods. There is an ordinance to prohibit turns on red lights downtown, emergency cold weather shelter is running pretty smoothly, but they continue to focus on the plan for the summer

**Guest:** Shawn Hays, Golden Lion - gave an update, they are full, they are keeping folks inside as much as possible. There were 3 warming centers during the cold snap and the Golden Lion was one of them. They were open for 7 days with only one incident. They do have a little police presence there, but overall pretty quiet. They do a job fair once a month.

**Guest:** Beate Zinck, regarding Chugach State Park - gave a presentation about proposition 9 that will be on the ballot in April, prop 9 is a \$4 million dollar bond to help improve Canyon Road.

**Resolution Presentation and Discussion:** Seward Highway Buffer Park Resolution, to be voted on next meeting, March 4, 2024

Bob Butera presented the Seward Highway Buffer Park Resolution, the land was originally privately owned, it was purchased with state grants to prevent it from becoming a used car lot. The last step to convert it to a park never happened and the area is still zoned R1. There is some money available to improve park lands so this resolution is proposed to designate that land into park land.

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

Pete Mjos: we are looking for a new representative to the FCC, and a new treasurer. The annual elections will be in May.

Linda Chase gave a quick FCC report, the FCC is well supported by the Assembly and the Administration, the budget has been increased. The FCC now has 2 owls for community council use. They are presently interviewing for a new manager. And they should have a new manager within the next few weeks.

**Next meeting: March 4, 2024, 7:00-9:00pm**

Pete Mjos Motioned to adjourn, Chip Derrick second, meeting adjourned at 8:34pm

Adjournment and Good Evening