

Rabbit Creek Community Council—General Membership Meeting—Minutes for January 08, 2004

Rabbit Creek Community Church – Snowshoe Lane

Call to order: President, Dianne Holmes opened the meeting at 7:10 pm. Other board members present were: Ky Holland, Jess Grunblatt, Carol Fries, Susanne Comellas, Josh Peirce, Vivian Mendenhall.

Treasurers' Report: the bank statement balance was read in the absence of the treasurer--\$495.56. Motion by Ky and Susanne to reimburse Dianne for office expenses \$67.11. Passed.

Minutes: motion by Ky and Susanne to approve the December, '03 minutes. Passed unanimously.

Announcements:

Dianne announced that a Planning and Zoning Commission seat will become vacant in February and that one long-time member whose term is up would like to be reappointed. Toni Jones would welcome a letter of support. Motion by Claire Pease and Ted Pease for the Council to write a letter to the mayor requesting the reappointment of Ms Jones. Passed: 10-0, 1 abstention.

Concerns—persons not on the agenda (3" @ 12" total):

Rainbow Connection representatives Kim _____, and Matt M_____ spoke about their therapeutic horse riding program and their attempt to get support for a 10 ac lease in Section 1,6 the equestrian park. They'd like to build an indoor facility as they have not been able to find one to use. They are seeking a letter of support by Feb 15 in order to get on the April ballot. Motion by Ky and Susanne to support the request for a 10 ac lease in Section 16 with a conservation plan for handling the waste. Passed 14-0.

Jess Grunblatt brought up new information on Villages View Estates which is coming before the P/Z Commission on Monday. He would like the Council to reconsider our position on on-site systems for the subdivision and re-emphasize our request for master planning for the area and Potter Valley. He reported that residents along Villages Scenic have done some research on the potential impact of on-site systems to residences down hill because the area has high bedrock and fractured rock. The issue will be taken up later in the evening.

Legislative Report:

Senator Con Bunde discussed gaming and potential changes to the laws and the state budget gap and solutions.

Elections:

The election of seven board positions was held. Vivian Mendenhall asked those running to give a 2 minute run-down of themselves and their views on Council issues and community needs. Nominations from the floor were opened and Mike Flister was nominated. Elected for 2 -yr terms were: Charlie Barnwell, Dan Case, Jess Grunblatt, and Dianne Holmes. Another ballot was issued for those running for 1-yr terms. Elected to 1-yr terms were Thom Janidlo, Wayne Skidmore, Donna Van Flein. As is customary, the runner-up serves as an alternate in case members resign or are removed during their term.

Assembly Report:

While the votes for the 2 yr positions were being counted, Assemblyman Dick Tremaine gave the Assembly report on new fees to help close the city's budget gap, the new horse ordinance, funding for the HDP, police staffing solutions; Janice Shamberg spoke about her electrical undergrounding ordinance. Motion by Gary Miller and Megan Poulson to support the undergrounding ordinance. Passed 17-0.

School Board Report:

Board member Jeff Friedman reported that the school district's budget will be devastating with huge cuts needed which will increase class size and eliminate some programs.

OLD and NEW BUSINESS:

The old topic of the **Firewise Program** was raised and how we should deal with their request to meet with the public on next summer's program. Ky requested that Sue _____ send messages to all those people affected by next year's work so they can come to a special meeting where the whole meeting can be devoted to the issue.

The Villages View discussion was continued and the septic impacts to the wider area were discussed along with the piecemeal development that always occurs when there is no master plan. Traffic and density were also discussed. Motion by Jess and Ky to revise our position on the variance request for on-site systems for Villages due to the lack of justification to vary from the Potter Cr master plan based on demonstrated public benefit. Passed unanimously.

Adjourned: 9:35