

Rabbit Creek Community Council General Membership Meeting –March 9, 2006
Rabbit Creek Community Church, Snowshoe Lane
Meeting Minutes Summary

The meeting was called to order by Susanne Comellas, Chair. Other board members present were, Donna VanFlein, Peter Johnson, Wayne Skidmore, Peter Crimp, Ky Holland, Dianne Holmes John Isby, Charlie Barnwell, and Dick Tremaine. Excused board members were Gretchen Specht. Present board members introduced themselves. A quorum was met and a general membership meeting was called.

Legislative Report – Assembly member Janice Shamberg spoke about some of the issues that arose at the Assembly meetings in February. Highlighted was discussion about role of P&Z commission on forest heights rezone. According to Shamberg, key Assembly members don't seem to understand this role. Shamberg said that an assembly action is a not an appeal, rather they can refine their proposal. Donna: why does public only have 3 minute segments to testify, when assembly and developer can keep up dialogue outside the public meeting? Shamberg: suggests donna contact ombudsman. Shamberg also said assembly legal rules are different, not same as MOA legal rules. Other highlights: 1) Ex parte issue: apparently solved and shamberg can now communicate freely. 2) Land clearing ordinance: now approved. Birch voted against it. 3) Large animal ordinance approved. 4) Signs standards postponed. Questions to Shamberg: Wayne skidmore asked if developer testimony in forest heights assembly hearing can be obtained. Shamberg: it is public information so should be able to. Not sure if MOA clerks office has this information.

Anchorage Tomorrow Report – Anchorage Tomorrow presentation: Julianne Creighton presented. She distributed a map titled "Vote Yes on Proposition 7: 2006 Anchorage Road Bond Projects." AT is advocating for \$44 million projects as part of Proposition 7 to benefit the anchorage area. Suzanne: why isn't the RCCC area and projects on their map? Julianne response: being new to Anchorage, she isn't sure why projects for the RCCC area aren't on the map. She will check into this.

Guest Speakers: Municipal Planning – Mary Jane Michael, Director of MOA planning and public works, and Fred Carpenter, Director of Technical Services for the Planning Department, made a presentation on the MOA myNeighborhood e-government program, and then the Hillside District Plan.

MyNeighborhood Program Report –*presented mainly by Fred Carpenter using a powerpoint:* The goal of myNeighborhood program is to integrate disparate Municipal systems, and make information easily available to public. The ultimate goal is an e-government system or portal where citizens can get information about various parts of city easily, as well as collaborate. The myNeighborhood is an evolving project with several modules planned for the next several years. One of the key modules that the Assembly has approved \$1 million for is the Hansen Code Enforcement Tracking System (CETS) where they are integrating field, desk, and other parts of the city so that response to the public is more

efficient. Other modules are the tax database integration (CAMA), permitting, and public safety integration. Mary Jane said that Hansen and my neighborhood are two pieces in the Mayor's move towards e-government. Questions: Dianne: the Assembly approved \$1 million for the Hansen project, and said there would be no more money beyond that, so why is the MOA proposing more modules for development? Fred response: the \$1 million is strictly for CETS; and the other modules will get their own funding lines. Question: why are trails shown as neighborhood trails crossing private property? Why are they named the way they are? Fred response: trails mapping from the 1997 AMATS plan and from MOA public safety trails database. The trails shown are mapped using GPS and chosen based on interviews with MOA agencies who deal with trails as well as with local residents in the area. Trail naming is a difficult issue, as many people may have multiple names. Question: why aren't day care sites shown coded by whether or not they are licensed or not? Fred response: he will check into this--- good point. Question: Can one do a search on other than site address? E.g. lot, block or legal description? What was the cost of the my neighborhood application? Fred: about \$150,000. cost of Hansen CETS? Nearly \$ 1 million. Question: Zoning and Platting Online application does not appear to be integrated with My Neighborhood very well. Fred response: true, there are plans to improve this. Currently, the archive capability limited. Documents get purged after 3 months.

Hillside District Plan Report –Mary Jane Michael answered questions about the Hillside District Plan (HDP). Question: what is the status of the HDP? Mary Jane response: On March 10, MOA planning will be interviewing a project manager they think will be suitable for the HDP. They have been careful about choosing the right person for this position. Long effort in getting buy in from many departments. All are paying into the HDP for a total of \$1.8 million. HDP is necessary, and challenging. It is a an integrated, holistic planning approach which is the right approach. HDP is a high priority of Begich administration—one of top 3 priorities: Mountain View, downtown center. MJ is committed to HDP. Question: what will be done about fact that developers are rapidly moving, and could be done in two years that the HDP will take. Mary Jane: have to deal with realities of HDP timeframe. Suggest maybe pushing for a development moratorium. The push alone might bring more attention to HDP and need for it. Scope of plan: how will it evolve? What are the drivres? Public input?

Old Business –

Land Use Maps – Some Board members have issues over how southeast Anchorage land use information and plans are presented. Example: Town center: do we really want Huffman business center as a town center. ExampleLand use maps don't accurate reflect land use. Motion resubmit as issues weren't adequately addressed. In particular, density in southeast Anchorage. Maps and text don't synchronize. Input from audience: We need a survey, hard copy or web, to get public input on. Need to find out who approves, opposes. It has been years since a survey by RCCC was conducted.

New Business Reports

Chugach State Park Access –Suzanne Comellas presented a letter/email from Rep. Mike Hawker indicating strong support and commitment to multi-million dollar funding of land acquisition for CSP access in the southeast Anchorage area. Suzanne strongly encouraged the Board and members to write letters in support of Hawker's efforts.

Coastal Trail – Discussion on how to reiterate the RCCC's position on the south coastal trail extension.

Other Reports –

HDP: covered in prior discussion (see above).

Trails and access: Board member Barnwell reported the RCCC Trails plan is in Draft Version 3, and has been distributed to agencies, and is on FCCC website for viewing by the public.

Neighborhood and Association Reports:

LRSA:

Community Policing: cindy Stanton, APD Officer not available at the meeting.

The meeting was adjourned at 9:25 PM.

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