

Rogers Park Community Council
April 9, 2007 7:00pm Rogers Park Elementary School
Minutes

I. Welcome

Heather Ireland, President, called the meeting to order. Because many in attendance were interested in the Cottonwood Traffic Calming agenda item, it was taken up first.

XI. Unfinished Business

A. Cottonwood Traffic Calming

Heather Ireland presented some background on the project:

- January RPCC meeting – traffic calming concepts were introduced
- February RPCC meeting – a resolution to scrap the sidewalk failed
- March RPCC meeting – put sidewalk in right of way – choker did not pass {Heather, this is what I recorded that you said but when I looked at the March minutes, I don't see anything documenting these statement}
- April – a public meeting was held at 6 pm, prior to the RPCC meeting

Traffic calming was identified several years ago by a CC committee. The RPCC can advise the Municipality about how or if it want things done. Municipal staff and Assembly can take this information but make decisions based on other factors than just the RPCC

Anne Brooks moves: The RPCC advises the City to support the will of the council regarding the Cottonwood traffic calming project: no narrowing of the roadway, attached sidewalk, 4-way stop, no choker.

Helen Seladcek seconded

Friendly amendment by Dan Coffey to add “designated school walking route to assist with snow removal priority”

Amendment accepted

Motion is now: The RPCC advises the City to support the will of the council regarding the Cottonwood traffic calming project: no narrowing of the roadway, attached sidewalk, 4-way stop, no choker, and that it be designated a school walking route (snow removal priority).

Point of order – Attendee claims president is not neutral. Point of order seconded.

Jim Wright takes over.

Discussion: How to change the amendment to be effective only if we cannot otherwise scrap the project. Now that we have more information, more people agree with the above motion only if the project cannot be scrapped.

Danielle Jerry propose an amendment, add to the beginning of the motion: “If this project goes forward, then the RPC advises the City to support

Anne thinks the vote in February approved the sidewalk. She feels that there's no “if” based on the February vote. Helen Seladcek worried that with the “if” the City will bring it back up. Anne accepts the friendly amendment, but Helen does not second. Amendment fails for lack of a second.

Discussion: Can just vote this down and propose another motion. Wants to know what the council thinks. Could propose a substitute motion. Chris Hoss calls the question. Beatte Zinck seconds.

Vote taken on the motion on the floor. It passes unanimously, In favor: 55 Opposed: 0.

Bob Kneifel says the Muni will commit to following these suggestions.

Heather Ireland returns to preside.

I. Approval of Minutes

a. February b. March

Anne Brooks moves to accept both sets of minutes. Thomas Wayne seconds. Passes.

III. Announcements

See agenda. Discussion on the following announcements:

Jacobson Park Trail. Zach Klutz gave an overview of status: no Corps permit required, no other approvals required, ready to go. The plan is – 441 feet long (from sidewalk on 36th north but not quite to Princeton, stop where there's currently grass); will make 6' wide, all gravel, with 2 foot buffer on each side; vegetation can grow but not over the trail (no trees). Handicap accessible. The specification is "D1" gravel (1" gravel with fines, so easy to compact), so it can be maintained and will not be paved, so no tars. Intent is to improve the trail to decrease the mud. Began planning August last year; able to start this month, depends on weather.

Discussion: Concern about vagrants in residents' backyard or view of vagants. Others respond that opening up the trail will give better line of sight for police. Resident walks often through there and prefers gravel path. No parking on 36th.

Background by Art Eash, proponent. This trail has been in existence for a long time; it provides connectivity to Tudor CC area; people use it to access bus stop and school. In past, it has not been usable year round because of standing water. Intent for improvements is to make it useable year round, not to make a highway.

Discussion about case law of public parks, if improvements made are in violation of covenants, homeowners can disapprove them. Heather offers to look into previous RPCC meeting minutes and resolutions. Assembly unanimously accepted this project and the Muni provided a grant of \$8000. Zach says it will cost \$2000. Mr. Baer, Jim Wilson, and Mr. Eash to talk about covenants in between meetings. Questions should be addressed to Art Eash.

Brown Jug liquor license at Northern Lights and Lake Otis up for renewal. You have the opportunity to comment to Muni Assembly, who has right to protest to Alcohol and Beverage Control Board.

IV. Assembly Report

Traini – This Tuesday: Tudor-Lake Otis issue in front of Assembly to go back into Long Range Plan for funding. Proposal to allow car impoundments if one owes >\$1,000 in traffic fines – depends on state legislature. Proposal to eliminate Urban Design Commission.

Coffey – Regarding Tudor – Lake Otis: Assembly was concerned about N-S access on Lake Otis if closed for improvement, so wanted to wait for Bragaw extension and 48th improvements.

UBC to review designs for things outside of the code, in the new Title 21. Assembly election will be recertified on April 17, then the new Assembly members will be sworn in.

V. Legislative Reports - none

VI. APD Report Sgt Denny Allen – not present.

VII. AFD Report Mike Davidson – moving out of Station 4 at MacInnes and Tudor;. That station will be demolished in next couple of days. Engines to will go to the Dimond fire station; other trucks will dispersed to other nearby areas of Anchorage. Rebuild and move in by Christmas 2007.

VIII. FCC Report - Lake Otis and Tudor and the Pedestrian Plan were discussed.

IX. Treasurers Report – \$100 anonymous donation. \$293.55 current balance.

X. Election of Officers

- Heather Ireland, president
- Jim Wright, vice president
- Mel Langdon, treasurer
- Joyce Hughes, secretary
- Robert Churchill, FCC representative

Floor opened to nominations. Chip Derrick moves to accept current slate; second by Anne Brooks. 15 in favor; none against.

XI. See above.

XII. New Business

A. Municipal Land Use Code Enforcement. Duane Wyatt [wyattde@muni.org] and Officer Frank Kelly provided handouts for reference guide on how to contact them.

- New web portal that allows people to open complaints on line and look at others' complaints. If you include your email address, you will get emails back on status of complaints (such as fire, health, right-of-way).
- Applications for “rust in peace” – federal \$ to remove junked vehicle.
- They presented the Mayor’s program to be “proactive” in neighborhood, targeting: junk and salvage (improperly stored vehicles, etc.); trash, litter, and waste; and junked vehicles. (Definition of storage of trash in Title 15 and 26; junk in Title 21.) They will also consider other specific complaints - building without permits, traffic, deliveries at all hours, buildings within 5’ setbacks. Four open cases in Roger Park; that’s hardly any. (Mountain View >20, University ~20; 5 in South Addition.) They want to hear from us. A resident presented an example of buildings not conforming to zoning; having accessory dwelling units (mother-in-law units). **The Code Enforcement officers want support of RPCC to come in to take care of junk, etc., and go through neighborhood without waiting for complaints.** Oxford House allows a maximum of 6 residents. Code enforcement can address the number of cars on the street. Title 9 allows vehicles to be parked 24 hours, as long as they move.

Pete Mjos motioned to adjourn.

Next meeting May 14. Annual survey to be held; Heather will send out the link.

Minutes submitted by Mel Langdon, April 14, 2007.