

Russian Jack Park Community Council December 12, 2007, Meeting Minutes

Call to Order: The meeting was called to order at 6:40 pm.

Representative Sharon Cissna Report

The Glenn-Bragaw Interchange project is an excellent example of how to encourage walking and biking to reduce the obesity epidemic, especially for our children

The population is moving from the Bush villages to the cities (Anchorage) Many are homeless and need medical care - transportation issues can impede getting around, including walking.

In agreement with expanding the licensing of health care providers to include more than just doctors - similar to tribal health care systems.

Schools need to devote more effort to workforce development, from middle school through high school.

Motion - moved by Kathleen Plunkett and seconded by Fred McLeary

Use \$10,000 of 2007 money granted for the Community Patrol and capital projects for public safety in the council area.

Passed unanimously (10 - 0)

San Ernesto Water & Sewer Repairs - Dean Syta, John Limb & Linda Smith (USKH)

Replace sewer line (runs middle of the block between San Ernesto and San Roberto, from Hoyt to San Antonio Park). This has been causing back up problems.

Replace water line from San Fernando to San Antonio - pipe is 35 years old.

Bid out in March-April; construction this summer

Sewer engineering challenges - all other utilities in the utility easement lie above the sewer line. To avoid digging up the other utilities, will try trenchless repairs - either sliplining (new pipe inside the old pipe) or bursting (break up the pipe and replace through access holes).

Same for the water pipe. Since the soils are corrosive, the new pipe will be High Density Polyethylene. This water pipe will be sliplined, which uses the old cast iron pipe for strength and the HDPE pipe for water tightness.

Pine Street Water & Sewer Repairs - Lynda Barber-Wiltse (AWWU)

The sewer line which drains from the east becomes larger at 6th and Pine before it turns south - this slows the flow and allows more suspended solids to settle out.

Inspection showed that the line was 3/4 blocked by gravel, sand, rags, hoses, etc. 258 tons of material were removed by water jetting. The line is still 1/2 blocked between 6th and Reka. Water jetting was suspended for the winter because the water spillage on Pine Street was creating a traffic hazard. They also broke the remote camera.

If the sewer line does not need replacing, then AWWU will consider sliplining the water pipe vice replacing it. This would reduce the need to dig up Pine Street. A Request For Proposal is being issued to evaluate the drain line Debarr-6th-5th-4th-Boniface-Glenn Highway.

Traffic department is concerned about traffic routing during this project while the Glenn-Bragaw Interchange project is going.

Glenn - Bragaw Interchange - Claire Noll (Citizens' Action Committee), Sheila Wine

This is the first interchange of the highway-highway connection.

Wanted to make a statement on entering Anchorage and rejoin Mountain View and Russian Jack neighborhoods

From fifteen national applicants they chose local for the aesthetic design

The project involves mixed viewing speeds - 65 mph, 35 mph, bicycle & walking

The bridge fencing is patterned on a view of "origami mountains". The metal fabric will reflect the light differently as the sun moves to provide a changing view.

The walkways will be curving with lots of stone objects to look at and play with. A pond in one corner will show that North Fork of Chester Creek originates in the interchange area.

Motion - moved by Fred McLeary and seconded by Elmer Jeske

RJCC supports the following:

The Glenn-Bragaw Citizens' Action Committee recommends and requests that the Department of Transportation grant the Glenn-Bragaw Interchange/Wilder Construction design team an extension for landscaping and plantings to the Fall of 2009.

Passed unanimously (12 - 0)

Election of Officers - following were elected without opposition:

President	Ed Leach
Vice President	Fred McLeary
Treasurer	Kathleen Plunkett
Trustee (Patrol)	Fred Thomas
Federation Rep	Dan Delie

Secretary position is vacant and available for anyone to fill.

Treasurer's Report

Received \$125 and spent \$72. Balances were :

Community Patrol	3087.40
San Antonio Tot Park	4070.63
Williwaw Park	1139.06
Weed & Seed	7740.18
Total	16037.27

Weed & Seed - pushing again this tax season for the Earned Income Tax Credit to be claimed by all taxfilers who are eligible for it. First Free Methodist Church will be one site, along with the Muldoon Mall Community Center.

Federation of Comm. Councils - Finances are in order and MOA funding is on-going.

Approval of Minutes - Minutes for November were accepted.

Adjournment - The meeting adjourned at 9:05 pm.