

## **Russian Jack Park Community Council March 12, 2008, Meeting Minutes**

**Call to Order:** The meeting was called to order at 6:35 pm.

### **Representative Max Gruenberg**

Nursing program has doubled at UAA, but still have 800 on waiting list.  
Unfunded mandate on libraries is to block pornography.  
Suing the PERS/TRS actuary advisor for losses and shortfalls  
His fax is 1-907-465-3766

### **Representative Sharon Cissna**

UAA Health Science Bldg is needed to train health care providers.  
Working on cost containment measures  
Working to get RJ Park trail maintenance and Goose Lake sanitary facilities.

### **Senator Bill Wielechowski**

Saving \$2.6 billion into the Constitutional Budget Reserve, \$1 billion in another reserve.  
This partially repays \$5 billion taken from CBR in previous years.  
Issuing a bond to pay down the PERS/TRS shortfall. Bond money will be invested for a rate of return higher than the bond interest.  
\$40,000 to Wonder Park ES, \$750,000 to Russian Jack Park  
Public finance website will list the state's check register (> \$1000).

### **UAA Sports Center - Bill Spindle, Kristin DeSmith, Steve Cobb**

Hosting Western Region championships, but arena is smallest in region  
Sullivan Arena is not available on short notice  
Sports complex built in 1978 for Anchorage Community College, now 15K students.  
< ½ the floor space density as Anchorage high schools - overscheduled facilities  
Looking at sites that do not front on Northern Lights Blvd - near student housing?  
Future funding will include private dollars  
Other program expansions include workforce development programs, especially allied health care programs.  
Parking - Pay N Park poles, Fine Arts Bldg, Fridays often have empty lots  
All Southcentral libraries are on the same card catalog on-line.

### **Glenn-Bragaw Interchange - Claire Noll & Krista Brand**

Glenn Hwy will be closed April 18-21 to remove the pedestrian bridge  
To be relocated to the west of intersection (temporary)  
Bragaw will be closed April - August for construction.  
Pedestrian tunnel will be open & inviting - park like entrances

Motion by Kathleen Plunkett and seconded by Fred McLeary (Passed 8 - 0)  
RJCC supports cameras in the pedestrian tunnel for safety purposes.

Motion by Kathleen Plunkett and seconded by Charles Steckman (Passed 8 - 0)  
If funds are needed, money could be saved by not using bridge during construction.

**Anchorage Tomorrow** - Paul Witt,

Talked about road & sewer bonds.

Public safety and transit bonds - Federal matching funds pay for most projects.

**Library Advisory Board** - Dave Harrington

Loussac Library, Sullivan Arena and Museum roofs need repairs

Rasmussen Foundation offering \$1.4 million match to community money

Loussac offers services to other libraries state-wide - supports education

**Pools** - first bond ever for the Muni's swimming pools

2007 saw 57,000 swim lessons, used by thousands of families

**Code Enforcement** - Duane Wyatt

Only deal with problems on property - right-of-way violations are for APD

non-emergency dispatch (parking & sidewalks) 786-8900

Sunset & Totem trailer parks have improved management

Red house on Reka is being upgraded with the 'Christmas in July' program

'Rust in Peace' is federally funded, junk vehicles must be on residential property

RJCC	Complaints	Enforcement cases	Open cases
2007	184	124	4
2008	13	3	14 (10 + 4)

**Treasurer's Report**

Spent \$72. Balances were :

Community Patrol	3284.40
San Antonio Tot Park	4070.63
Williwaw Park	1139.06
Weed & Seed	7740.18
Total	16234.27

PolyCom telephone purchase - RJCC PolyCom worked better than any used before.

**Weed and Seed** - Kathleen Plunkett

Federal government cut spending to Mountain View and Russian Jack 40%.

**Approval of Minutes** - Minutes for February were accepted.

**Adjournment** - The meeting adjourned at 9:02 pm.