

**Rogers Park Community Council  
Agenda  
7 PM Monday, December 10, 2007  
Rogers Park Elementary School Library**

**I. Welcome**

Heather called the meeting to order at 7:00pm.

**II. Approval of Minutes**

November minutes were discussed. Approval deferred to next month. Rich Gingras noted that he withdrew the motion re: proposed SCF program at 36<sup>th</sup> and Cottonwood.

**III. APD Report**

No representative from APD

**IV. AFD Report**

Station Four Open House will be held at 11AM on December 15. Contact Mike Davidson: 267-5012, [DavidsonMA@ci.anchorage.ak.us](mailto:DavidsonMA@ci.anchorage.ak.us). He invited members to stop by the station and take a tour. New station will have increased staff and facilities, including a new paramedic.

Berta Gardner requested information on types of calls, i.e. traffic, medical, fire. Rich Gingras reported that his car was ransacked last weekend. This is the second time this has happened in the last two months.

**V. Assembly Report**

Mr. Traini reported that the budget is finished and that community councils were funded. Discussed zoning changes community residential centers.

**VI. Legislative Reports**

Berta Gardner discussed issues that will be addressed in the first 90 day session: 1) proposed road projects and 2) increases in municipal revenue sharing. She anticipates that AGIA will not be addressed until after the session.

Pete Mjos asked Ms. Gardner about designation of PFD for health insurance. She stated that she doesn't think this will happen during this session.

Rich Gingras expressed concerns re: infrastructure replacement and long-term impacts of creating more programs.

## **VII. Federation of Community Councils Report**

Heather reported that the FCC was funded.

## **VIII. Treasurer's Report**

Heather reported that there were no expenditures or income. Balance is \$152. 41.

## **IX. Presentations and Discussion**

### **A. Russian Jack Park**

Proposed changes can be seen at:

<http://www.muni.org/parks/boardsandcommissions.cfm>

There will be a public meeting regarding this on January 9th at the Lidia Selkregg Chalet.

Heather invited a landscape architect from the First Tee golf organization to attend the meeting to discuss this issue and did not receive a response.

Pete Mjos expressed concern about proposed 25 acre clear cut in park and Helen N. suggested that proposed parking will increase crime and noted drug-related activity at Goose Lake parking lot.

Berta Gardner announced that the Lubovitch state grant will expire on December 27, 2007.

### **B. Zoning Variance proposals**

(Online at <http://munimaps.muni.org/planning/home3.htm>)

1. 2513 Glenwood: Illegal use of land - Multiple Dwelling units in R-1
2. 1530 E 27th: Structure (shed) encroachment into the five-foot side yard setback AND all structures exceed the R-1 30% maximum lot coverage.
3. 2706 Ingra: Structure encroachment into the 10' rear yard setback.
4. 2620 Porter: Structure (entryway) encroachment (6') into 20' front yard setback

Rich Gingras moved that RPCC ask MOA to enforce R-1 zoning codes to preclude multiple dwelling units in R-1. Motion passed. 26 yes, 0 no, with 3 abstaining.

Helen N. moved that RPCC oppose constructing of an interior parking lot due to crime potential and to oppose clearing approximately 25 acres of trees at Russian Jack Park.

Discussion:

Pete Mjos: Clearing of trees is addressed in the 20/20 plan, "shall not disturb undisturbed lands."

Motion passed. 24 yes, 2 no, with 2 abstaining.

### C. Southcentral Foundation's Teaching Family Home on Cottonwood

Katy Johnson with Southcentral Foundation, Behavioral Health Services discussed the proposed teaching family home. The home will be staff with two parents, who will care for 5 youth, ages 14-17. This is a full-time foster care program. SCF will contribute \$85,000 to 100,000 in upgrades to the property.

Questions: members asked about parent child ratio, experience/training of staff, liability insurance, screening of youth, involvement of youth in illegal activity, prior offenses.

Ms. Johnson responded that the staff/child ratio will be 1/6 as required by the state licensing requirements. Staff will be on duty 24 hours a day. Staff will be trained and experienced. Liability insurance will cover staff and property. SCF now owns the property. Cook Inlet Housing Authority deeded the property to SCF. The youth may have offenses such as runaway, minor consuming. They may be victims of child abuse. The program will teach family values, such as responsibility, following rules, going to school, living in a family and interacting in a respectful way with other family members and the community. Youth will be encouraged to participate in after-school and community activities. This model has demonstrated success. Ms. Johnson invited members to call and talk with her. SCF welcomes help and guidance from the community in the development of this program.

Heather suggested that the council revisit this issue in six months.

### January Meeting: Highway to Highway project

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Minutes submitted by Joyce Hughes, February 2, 2007.