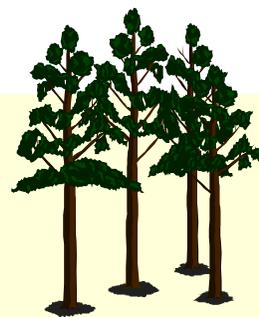


Rabbit Creek Community Council

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Chair's Letter February 2009

Hi Neighbors,

There will be a hearing in front of the Platting Board on Wednesday, February 4 to consider Creekview Estates Subdivision (located at the southeast corner of Rabbit Creek Road and Goldenview). The meeting will be at Loussac Library beginning at 6:30 p.m. RCCC has requested a pedestrian connection with the creek setback and drainage plans that will not result in an increase in runoff. We are willing to support a community septic system provided there are provisions for one or more alternative sites. At this time, it appears that the subdivision has been platted without a stream conservation tract and without any public trail easements. Please make your comments on-line at munimaps.muni.org/planning/home3.htm (case number S 11680-2) or by attending the meeting this week.

The next Rabbit Creek Community Council Meeting will be Thursday, February 12 at Goldenview Middle School starting at 7:00 p.m. Representatives from Parks & Recreation will present the Anchorage Parks Report Cards, including a report for the Ray E. Storck Park.

The hearing date for zoning conditional use for the Anchorage Water and Wastewater Utility (AWWU) water reservoir above Prominence Point will be held Monday, February 2nd. The RCCC did not record any comments.

Developments since the last newsletter:

The South Goldenview Rural Road Service Area (RRSA) presented a peer review from CRW engineering to the Muni's Projects Maintenance and Engineering Department on the proposed drainage project for the Goldenview Park subdivision in the vicinity of 164th & Goldenview.

The rewrite of Title 21 is still mired down in various places with the tougher Chapters.

Consideration of the Public Review Draft Hillside District Plan before Planning & Zoning will probably be postponed until after the mayoral elections.

Be Well,

Mike Kenny, RCCC Chair

Draft Agenda for Thursday, Feb. 12, 2009 Community Council Meeting Goldenview Middle School

- ❖ Call to order, introduction – Please sign in and indicate if you would like to receive e-mails from the Federation of Community Councils
- ❖ Approval of previous minutes
- ❖ Treasurer's Report
- ❖ Announcements & Comments from the floor

Legislative Reports

- ❖ State Legislators
- ❖ Assembly members

Guest Speakers

- ❖ Parks & Recreation: "Anchorage Parks Report Card" with the report for Stork Park.

Ongoing Business – (there may be no new information)

- ❖ Mark Schimscheimer (SGVRSSA) will walk us thru the peer review by CRW and other developments in the 164th&Betty drainage project.
- ❖ Property at SE corner of Rabbit Creek Rd and Goldenview Dr. (Canyon View)
- ❖ Legacy Pointe-updates if available
- ❖ Hillside District Plan – updates if available
- ❖ Title 21 – status of zoning code changes

New Business

- ❖ Capital Improvement Projects discussion
- ❖ Contribution to HALO Candidate Forum

Reports

- ❖ Neighborhood Association reports
- ❖ Federation of Community Council (FCC) report
- ❖ Limited Road Service Area (LRSA) reports

9:00 pm Adjourn

Meetings are held on the second Thursday of each month from 7:00 to 9:00 p.m. If enough registered members attend to make the required quorum, the meeting will be a General Meeting. Otherwise, a Board Meeting is called. A quorum is 20% of membership.

2009 Membership Form

Return to: Rabbit Creek Community Council, PO Box 112354, Anchorage, AK 99511

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Parks & Recreation Community Meetings for Healthy Parks, Healthy People

Join the Parks & Recreation Department in local community meetings to:

- Update the Parks & Recreation Department Strategic Plan
- Have your say on development of parks in your neighborhood
- See plans for upcoming park projects
- Meet your Park District Manager and other Parks & Recreation Dept staff
- Learn how to volunteer and get involved in park projects.

Northeast Park District, February 23, 6 p.m., Begich Middle School

Northwest Park District, February 26, 6 p.m., Romig Middle School

Central & Southeast Park Districts, March 2, 6 p.m., Spring Hill Elementary School

Southwest Park District, March 3, 6 p.m., Klatt Elementary School

For more information, please contact Suzanne Little at 343-4586 or

LittleSR@muni.org. More information can be found at www.muni.org/parks.

Far North Bicentennial Park Trail Improvements Plan (press release excerpt from Dowl HKM, Holly J. Spoth-Torres)

The Far North Bicentennial Park (FNBP) is Anchorage's largest Community and Natural Resource Park, providing year-round outdoor recreation opportunities for the entire Anchorage and its surrounding communities. The park is home to the Hilltop Ski Area and over 100 miles of multi-use trails, and important connections to Chugach State Park. The park has over 1 million visitors each year, contributing to the social, economic and ecological well being of Anchorage. The FNBP Trail Improvements Plan evaluates the trails within FNBP to determine their condition and current use, and develops classifications and specifications for various types of trails. The Plan also evaluates the need for new trails and trail improvements; trailhead and parking upgrades; increased way finding and interpretive signage; and other public amenities that will enhance the park as a four-season recreation facility. The outcome will be a comprehensive trail improvement project list.

Goals for this project include:

- Maintain an undeveloped and rural feel within the park;
- Accommodate all types of non-motorized users;
- Provide a wide variety of experiences, via many different types of trails;
- Provide opportunities for commuters to efficiently pass through the park;

For information on municipal planning issues, go to munimaps.muni.org/planning/home3.htm, or call 343-7943 (Zoning), or 343-7942 (Platting).

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Assembly members for Rabbit Creek

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Con Bunde, 800-892-4843;

Senator.Con.Bunde@legis.state.ak.us

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- Respect wildlife and its known or discovered wildlife corridors;
- Create a set of construction and maintenance guidelines, allowing the Municipality to manage these activities (regardless of who does the actual work);
- Gather information on existing trail conditions, to determine how those trails should be managed into the future;
- Determine funding sources for future management;
- Create a general plan for additional trails within the park; and
- Establish a framework which can be applied to trails throughout the Municipality's jurisdiction.

The Parks & Recreation Department encourages the public to submit written comments on the Draft Trail Improvements Plan by March 25. Comments will continue to be accepted until April 15.

Comments can be made by e-mail, fnbp@dowl.com, by fax at (907)563-3953 or by submitting a written comment to:

DOWL HKM, Attn: Alison Lohrke, 4041 B Street, Anchorage, AK 99503.

Public Hearings, Loussac Library, Assembly Chambers, 6:30 pm

Anchorage Platting Authority:

Wednesday, Feb. 4, 2009 (first on agenda). To subdivide one (1) tract of land into 11 lots with a variance from AMC 21.80.300.D (Design standards - 1:3 lot width to depth ratio) and a request to vacate (eliminate) the cul-de-sac bulb only of Wills Way right-of-way. Location: South of Rabbit Creek road and east of Golden View Drive and north of East 156th Ave.

Planning and Zoning Commission:

Wed. Feb. 25, A conditional use to allow an Anchorage Water and Wastewater Utility water reservoir, Goldenview Gate Tracts, Tract B, located in the east of Saint John's Drive and Olena Pointe Circle intersection.

Alaska State Troopers Caution Regarding New Scam

The Alaska State Troopers would like to warn the public of a new scam involving text messages that are being sent to Alaskan residents. The text message falsely informs you that your Credit Union One account has been suspended. It directs the mobile phone owner to call the bank at 870-345-4202, or go on-line to 8705874360@cu1.org so the problem can

be resolved. **This is a scam.** Never respond to these types of solicitations. Credit Union One says a bank will never send you a text message or e-mail message about account information verification. Never click on a hyperlink to access your bank account on-line.

Recent Mount Redoubt Activity Reminds Anchorage Residents To Be Prepared

Anchorage Office of Emergency Management recommends citizens have volcanic ash-specific emergency supplies and family preparedness plans.

If Anchorage is affected by an eruption the following basic health and safety measures should be followed.

1. Remain indoors during heavy ash fall periods;
2. Wear an N95 face mask when outdoors to reduce inhalation of ash particles. These dust masks can be purchased at most hardware stores;
3. As an alternative to a face mask, a wet cloth or bandana placed over the mouth and nose can help reduce exposure;
4. Contact lens wearers are advised to switch to eye glasses to reduce eye irritation from ash exposure;
5. Wear goggles for eye protection;
6. Wear long-sleeved shirts and gloves to protect skin; avoid bare skin contact with ash as much as possible.

Up to date information sources:

NOAA Forecast Office: <http://pafc.arh.noaa.gov/volcano.php>

Alaska Volcano Observatory, Mt. Redoubt: <http://www.avo.alaska.edu/activity/Redoubt.php>

Municipal Department of Health and Human Services, Air Quality: <http://www.ci.anchorage.ak.us/healthsd/airqualityvolcano.cfm>

Emergency Alert System: <http://www.muni.org/oem/eas.cfm>

MOA Office of Emergency Management: <http://www.muni.org/oem>

Draft Minutes of Rabbit Creek Community Council Meeting January 8, 2009 Goldenview Middle School

Present: Mark Schimscheimer, Joan Diamond, Dick Tremaine, Mike Edelman, Keith Guyer, ?, Mark Slaughter, Mike Kenny, and Patti Rothwell (quorum of Boardmembers). 29 additional members present.

Agenda approved, November minutes approved unanimously with minor changes (motion by Diamond, 2nd by Rothwell). December minutes approved unanimously (motion by Diamond, 2nd Rothwell). Treasurer's report: \$290.28 in savings and \$872.51 in checking – reported accepted.

Assemblymember Jennifer Johnson (only elected official present): Assembly and administration in transition after Begich leaving. Muni can't contract out composting right now since litigation is ongoing from activities at Pt. Woronzoff but they hope to have something arranged by this spring. Until then manure goes to landfill. Public pointed out the importance of drainage diversion actions at 164th and the need for public notice and input.

Presenter: Tony Hoffman, Jeff Regnart – Canyon View Estates (corner of Rabbit Creek Road and Goldenview Drive). Now proposing plat of 11 lots based on current zoning (2.5 acre lots). Community septic system will serve the lots south of creek. They are requesting a partial vacation of ROW on Wills Way. They propose a total of 3 access points on Rabbit Creek Rd. The parcel consists of 26.6 acres but half of abutting ROW allowed for inclusion into plats. They intend to avoid development on all wetlands on the property. No public improvements proposed, no trail along the creek, and Cobblestone Hill Rd will remain where it is with private easement access agreements. The plat must be approved by the platting board.

Old Business:

Canyon View Estates resolution approved unanimously (moved by Tremaine, 2nd Rothwell): 1) We request that the 2020 comprehensive policy #55 be honored with pedestrian connection through property within creek setback. 2) Support vacation of easement of cul-de-sac. 3) Provide public easement along existing traditional use access road (Cobblestone) until 156th or other adequate alternate access is provided to uphill neighborhood. 4) Prior to issuance of a building permit, each lot must provide an approved site drainage plan which maintains no net increase in runoff. 5) We support the community neighborhood septic system provided adequate secondary site(s) are identified. 6) Record creek set back as deed restriction on each lot.

164th Drainage – The Board had a meeting January 4 along with members of Woodridge Subdivision to discuss this issue. There is flooding along 164th from Goldenview Park (GVP) that has existed since the development was built. GVP has proposed an underground culvert along 164th ultimately emptying into Little Survival Creek. Ultimate maintenance of the infrastructure would be borne by Goldenview Road Service Area. The project is not integrated into a comprehensive hillside drainage plan. The Board opposed the project as proposed. A meeting at city offices occurred January 7 and parties were unable to reach agreement. Woodridge would like the Goldenview homes bordering 164th to restore original buffer zone and for GVP subdivision to pay the installation and maintenance costs if the project goes forward. The city is proposing to move water from one area to another. The road service area has hired an engineer to examine the larger issue of inter-related drainage issues to determine what other alternatives are possible to fix the drainage problem and, perhaps, fix other adjacent prices. The road service area will not pay for the drainage project proposed by GVP.

AWWU water reservoir - there will be a hearing prior to our next meeting and we will discuss then.

Meeting adjourned at 9:15 pm