

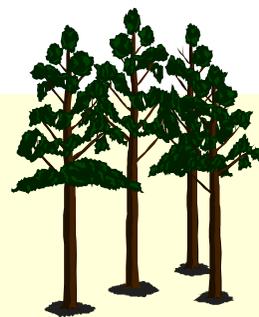
Rabbit Creek Community Council

NEWSLETTER JUNE 2009

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Comments from the Chair:

The Hillside District Plan Public Hearing Draft is available at: www.hillsidedistrictplan.com. The compiled and summarized comments received on the Public Review Draft Hillside District Plan are also available at this site. This is a very significant Plan that will have implications on our quality of life for many years to come. It is crucial that we make certain our concerns with this Draft are understood and that our comments will be reflected in the final document.

The Anchorage Planning and Zoning Commission (PZC) will hold a Public Hearing on the draft plan on Monday, June 15, 2009, at 6:30 p.m. in the Assembly Chambers of the Z.J. Loussac Library, 3600 Denali Street. Depending upon the turnout there may be multiple hearings.

Dianne Holmes has done a first rate job in deconstructing this Draft in time for an RCCC special meeting last week and HALO's special meeting the following evening. We have been working with the other Community Councils affected under the Hillside District Plan and the CC's will coordinate on common issues through HALO. HALO will present overall issues of concern at the Hearing.

We feel that coordinated testimony by RCCC residents will have a powerful impact. There are a number of points to present and it will be more effective if we have a number of us appearing before the Commission making certain all the points are covered.

Here are four methods you may utilize to comment on this Draft:

Mail to the Planning Department, Municipality of Anchorage, P.O. Box 196650, Anchorage, Alaska 99519-6650;

Fax to 907.343.7927;

Hand-deliver to the Planning Department in the Planning and Development Center at 4700 Elmore Road, Anchorage;

Submit through the Planning Department's Cases Online website

Provide testimony in person at the meeting.

To be included in the staff packet delivered to the Commission before the meeting, comments need to be submitted to the Planning Department by noon, Thursday, June 4, 2009.

Be Well, Mike Kenny

Chair, Rabbit Creek Community Council

Draft Agenda for Thursday, June 11, 2009 Community Council Meeting Rabbit Creek Community Church

3401 Rabbit Creek Rd (Snowshoe Ln and Rabbit Cr Rd)

- ❖ 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

- ❖ None scheduled at this time

Ongoing Business

- ❖ Legacy Pointe—update if available
- ❖ Hillside District Plan –
 1. Strategies for presentation at the Planning/ Zoning Commission June 15th Hearing
 2. Areas of concern in the RCCC comments
- ❖ Parks & Rec. Five Year Plan—Present RCCC comments

New Business

- ❖ None at this time

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.

Please visit our website for maps and hot topics information at <http://www.communitycouncils.org/servlet/content/27.html>

2009 Membership Form

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Dues (circle one): \$3 /person or \$5 /couple

Name(s) _____ Date _____

Mailing Address _____

Location of property or rental within RC area _____

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To receive the newsletter, circle the preferred format: **e-mail, U.S. Postage, none**

Note: E-mail reduces paper use and saves your community council money

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CITY CLOSES ROVER'S RUN TRAIL Parks & Recreation Cites Park Safety During Summer Bear Activity

Based on historic bear activity and last summer's bear encounters, the Parks & Recreation Department has closed Rover's Run trail in Far North Bicentennial Park for the summer of 2009. Rover's Run runs along the south fork of Campbell Creek, extending from Viewpoint Trail to the South Gasline Trail in Far North Bicentennial Park. A segment of Moose Meadow Trail also intersects Rover's Run Trail. Rover's Run will remain closed until the trail is considered safe for community use.

While Rover's Run trail is closed, trail users may enjoy a variety of other trails in the area located away from Campbell Creek. Alternative trail routes include the Viewpoint Trail and the trails at Hillside Trailhead. While none of the trails in Far North Bicentennial Park is completely safe from bear encounters, the wider multi-use trails provide improved visibility to trail users. When enjoying other trails in Far North Bicentennial Park, Parks & Recreation recommends trail users travel in groups (3 or more), make noise and carry bear spray.

For more information, Anchorage residents can call the Parks & Recreation Department at 343-4355.

Storck Park Update

We are actively recruiting volunteers to assist in locking and unlocking Storck Park. Reaching the goal of 19 volunteers means that a person would be responsible once annually for a two week period. There are other tasks that a volunteer may choose in addition to the gate locking & unlocking. The Rabbit Creek and Bear Valley Community Councils are co-sponsoring Storck Park this year. By paying closer attention to the Park, we hope to reduce expenses due to trash, graffiti, and equipment damage.

In addition, Storck Park will be a clean-up target on Saturday, June 13th as the Bear Valley Community Council holds their annual Community Clean-Up & Firewise Day.

Please call Mike Kenny at 345-8046 for more information.

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Road Service Area Maintenance

South Goldenview RRSA

Marcia Hansen, 677-6947

Birchtree/Elmore LRSA

Ed Bosco, 345-4530

Help Stop the Spread of Respiratory Illness!

When a nasty lung infection begins to spread in our area causing sever coughs, lung congestion and other respiratory symptoms — there is something we can do about it.

Dont let it spread, wash instead!

- **Wash your hands for 30 seconds in hot soapy water or use hand sanitizer**
- **Cough in your sleeve or use tissue, then wash your hands**
- **Stay home if you're sick. Avoid close contact with others.**
- **If you're already sick, see your health care provider.**

Remember, even if you are not sick, you can spread the germs at home or when you travel.

From the Anchorage Department of Health and Human Services, 343-6718, hhs.muni.org

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

Draft Minutes of Rabbit Creek Community Council Meeting May 14, 2009 Goldenview Middle School

Minutes of Rabbit Creek Community Council Meeting, May 14, 2009 Goldenview Middle School

Present: Mark Schimsheiner, Dick Tremaine, Keith Guyer, David Sterling, Mark Slaughter, Mike Kenny, and 13 additional members present. 24

Begun 7:07 pm, quorum not present.

Assembly member Jennifer Johnson discussed current municipal issues. On-site municipal engineer is leaving this month because developmental services is down sizing – his job was combined with another job and therefore will be half-time. Some Assembly members including Jennifer will not approve a new job at this time. Municipal reserve funds have been depleted and she feels no new positions should be added until the new administration enters in July. On-site services is a municipal fund expense and perhaps the full time position should be in Health and Human Services. It was pointed out that pumper-dumper funds that arguably should fund this position but now go elsewhere. It is important for people to contact the administration and have their opinion heard on this issue. The Hillside District Plan (HDP) has come to a halt and Tom Nelson believes this is because the consultants did not provide a readable document. She pointed out that a planning project manager should have been overseeing the issue. She wants the plan approved before Title 21 is finished. The HDP goes to Planning and Zoning on July 15.

Fire Department Station 10 crew visited. New Station 10 (Bear Valley) senior captain Richard Hood introduced himself. This is the middle of wildfire season. A strike team was just sent to Homer to assist on that fire.

Quorum established at 7:25. April minutes passed unanimously.

Review of aerial photos from 1950 through present shows Legacy Point as only remaining undeveloped access from hills to marsh.

Shawna Popovich from Parks and Recreation discussed Storck Park and Section 36. Storck Park seeing much more vandalism including vandalism and late night drinking. The park will have locked gates during the night. Looking for 19 volunteers to man the locks. If interested please contact the Parks Department. Stork Park will be cleaned up on June 13 and volunteers are welcome.

Suzanne Commelis is our representative to Section 36 Park planning. She described the process ongoing for planning the section.

Parks and Recreation is seeking input on strategies to improve areas citywide. Input is desired. The RCCC has a committee forming comments at this time.

Sue Rodman from Fire Department discussed fire danger and safety measures that homeowners can take. Illegal camps are a danger. Homeowners should look up Firewise strategies on the municipal web site to help them create safer yards. Woodlot on O'Malley and C Street is now open.

Review of Moen Subdivision access.

- Tremaine moved and Kenny seconded to support the proposed privately maintained access to the three lots. Passed unanimously.

Discussion of amendments to Title 21 to allow wind generation. Assembly hearing is May 26. The ordinance is available for review and comment online at the muni web site, AO 2008-127.

Capital Improvement Program was reviewed. Comments are required from RCCC by end of May. The comment sheets will be distributed via email to all RCCC members.

Homeowner from 147th Street is requesting a variance for setback infringement of existing building. He will be submitting plan to the municipality tomorrow.

Hillside District Plan comments are due June 4. Dianne Holmes drafted 17 pages of comments. The length is due in part to the plan team not accommodating

- Motion to continue to 9:15 to finalize HDP comments made by Tremaine second by Guyer passed unanimously.
- Move that Dianne's comments be tentatively approved, sent to a committee called by the chair, placed on the web site for further comments to be reviewed and incorporated by the committee and when finalized submitted as RCCC's comments made by Tremaine second by Slaughter. Passed unanimously.

Meeting adjourned at 9:15 pm.