

Rabbit Creek Community Council

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Comments from the Chair:

October 25, 2009

Hello to All,

We have been asked to reduce to an absolute minimum the number of newsletters mailed out each month. There have been across the board budget cuts this year and we are expecting more of the same in the coming year. We understand that mailers are necessary for some of us and that a large number of us get the newsletter both electronically and via the mail. We will do the best we are able to merge lists and to drastically decrease the expenses associated with mailers over the next two months.

Soon after writing last month's newsletter, the Legacy Pointe auction scheduled for October 15 was canceled and there was no transfer of the deed of trust. The ownership status remains as it has been for some time.

Last week, representatives from the Anchorage Soil and Water Conservation District, the Great Land Trust, RCCC officers and members, and a person with an interest in developing approximately 20 acres walked the parcel and a few days later there was conservation with some of the same participants. Here is a brief rundown:

- ▲ Currently, Legacy Pointe partners are considering alternatives as regards the Legacy Pointe active seniors' condominium project.
- ▲ A very credible third party has an interest in a unique and very environmentally friendly development of approximately 20 acres from the Legacy parcel of just under 105 acres.
- ▲ There are 50 acres identified as an important source of water for Potter Marsh. This area was viewed in a very preliminary first look in determining what if any conservation/preserve funding programs may apply.
- ▲ If there is no interest for the remaining 34.76 acres, the Legacy Pointe partners will take action to develop. This development would more than likely require a rezone.

We hope this leads to a solution acceptable to neighbors and surrounding community and which does not threaten the health of Potter Marsh.

A Public Hearing covering the Master Plan for Section 36 is scheduled at Goldenview Middle School on November 10th. This is an opportunity to let your opinion of the appropriate level of development be known.

Our November monthly meeting is also our annual meeting with the terms of seven of the eleven board directors expiring. To date, three incumbents have indicated an interest in another term while a member has expressed his willingness to serve.

This leaves 3 seats open; please consider lending a hand to your community council. Give me a call at 345.8046 or come to the meeting on Thursday November 12th, 7pm at Goldenview Middle School.

Be Well,
Mike Kenny, Chair, RCCC

Draft Agenda for Thursday, Nov. 12, 2009 Community Council Meeting Goldenview Middle School 15800 Goldenview Drive

- ❖ 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
 - Jennifer Johnston

Guest Speakers — none scheduled at this time

Ongoing Business –

- ❖ Legacy Pointe -- update
- ❖ Hillside District Plan – updates
- ❖ Title 21 – status of zoning code changes
- ❖ Section 36 -- update

New Business

- ❖ Election of RCCC Board of Directors
- ❖ AWWU Water Tank Location

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.

For information on municipal planning issues, go to munimaps.muni.org/planning/home3.htm and use drop-down menus for RCCC items or call 343-7943 (Zoning), or 343-7942 (Platting).

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

Rabbit Creek Community Council

2009 BOARD

Chair: Mike Kenny 345-8046
Vice Chair: Joan Diamond 345-6192
Secretary: Dick Tremaine
Treasurer: Patty Rothwell
Other Board Members
Mike Edelmann
Keith Guyer
John Isby
Mark Schimscheiner
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Mark Slaughter
David Sterling

Covenant House Looking for At Risk Youth

Covenant House has been providing services to homeless and at-risk youth for over 20 years in Anchorage. Many of these youth are encountered through our Outreach program, which provides hats, gloves, coats, snacks, and safe rides to our Crisis Shelter for youth aged 13-20.

As the temperature falls it is even more important to find and identify these youth and make sure they know about services and options. Please help Covenant House find and identify youth in need of these services. If you know of pockets of youth in your community congregating in areas, or camping, please call Paul Flahive, the Outreach Case Manager for Covenant House, at 907-339-4438.

You are invited to attend a Public Open House on November 10 at 5:30 pm, where we will be gathering public input from the Anchorage community on the *type of use and level of development* for this new 640-acre park in southeast Anchorage.

The Municipality of Anchorage's Parks & Recreation Department is preparing a Master Plan for Section 36. The land is currently managed by the Heritage Land Bank but will be transferred to the MOA upon completion of this master plan.

Additional information on this plan is available on the P&R website at <http://www.muni.org/parks/Section36MPHome.cfm>. Comments can also be submitted to: Section36@dowl.com.

Public Open House

Tuesday November 10, 2009
5:30 p.m. - 7:00 p.m.

Goldenview Middle School
15800 Golden View Drive
Anchorage, Alaska
Multi-purpose Room



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2009 Membership Form

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South Goldenview RRSA
Marcia Hansen, 677-6947

Birchtree/Elmore LRSA
Ed Bosco, 345-4530

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**Draft Minutes of Rabbit Creek Community Council Meeting
October 8, 200, Goldenview Middle School**

Present: Mike Kenny, Patty Rothwell, Ramona Schimscheimer, Mark Schimscheimer, Dick Tremaine, David Sterling, Keith Guyer and 27 additional members present.

Meeting began at 7:05 pm with quorum present.

Moved to accept minutes Guyer, second Rothwell, passed unanimously.

Treasurer report: \$291.11 savings, \$852.51 checking, 110 dues paying members.

H2H (Highway to Highway) plan still open for comment. Some of the alternatives involve eliminating Merrill Field and other significant changes.

There is a new Crime Mapping site for the municipality at www.crimemapping.com/map/ak/anchorage. It lists the site of and details concerning crimes within the municipality handled by APD.

Assemblymember Jennifer Johnston: Understands that a foreclosure of Legacy Pointe (land at SW end of Goldenview Drive) is not occurring. While the bank may have advertised a foreclosure, it does not seem to be the case now. There may be things happening with the property, however. Title 21 (zoning code) continues to be under discussion and they are now discussing screening and buffering. For instance, she believes that on large lots dumpsters should not be visible from street. The Mayor has announced that there will be no more rolling closures of fire stations after January 1. Jennifer is chair of the Assembly Budget Committee. Hillside District Plan is being worked on by Planning and Zoning Commission. It will then go to the Title 21 Committee and finally the Assembly. Jennifer supports in concept making a collector road through Legacy Pointe. Expect to pass budget on November 17. The budget will include a number of unfilled vacancies and layoffs (about 50).

Senator Con Bunde: Agrees that the H2H Plan deserves people's attention. While Crime Map shows there is lower crime in this area than most places Neighborhood Crime Watch is still an important program to use. Con knows Governor Parnell from past legislative days and expects him to perform well – he is quiet and thoughtful. Con is considering the Governor's new scholarship program proposal which needs to be thoughtfully reviewed. Energy is an issue in this area and both more natural gas out of the Cook Inlet basin and west side hydro power are options.

Fire Department: Expect to lose 4 actual positions but not line positions. Back country rescue and dive teams may be shut down all winter (snow machines will not be put on trailers). This means 2011 budget may be worse.

Section 36 – DOWL Engineering. Update on Master Plan. After plan is complete management will transfer from HLB to Parks Dept. Plan is conceptual rather than facility specific. Site analysis is finished and now in draft concept phase. Three concepts under consideration and all are low impact. November 10 public hearing at Goldenview school. Final Master Plan expected in spring/summer 2010. Website through Muni Parks & Rec website. This plan does not directly tie to access to Chugach Park since it is not adjacent. Cost estimations will be a component of each concept. Trail expert was brought in and many areas flagged and GPS'd as part of that activity.

Greatland Trust: Private non-profit that works with willing land owners to conserve areas. Conservation easements and acquisitions by using mitigation funds. They have a focus here on access to Chugach State Park. They work with other groups and have acquired several parcels adjacent to or within the park to provide access. At this time they are commenting on access to the park in our area (and are always looking for supporters). Federal Forest Legacy funding is available to use to acquire forested areas near the park. It can supply up to 75% of the funding. Such funding helped to acquire a parcel in Stuckagain Heights and they have an interest in using additional funds in the Bear Valley area. Brewsters property was discussed as a site with interest from many members of RCCC. Contact them and learn more at www.greatlandtrust.org.

Old Business

Legacy Pointe is no longer up for auction as a couple of weeks ago. Previous owner currently has regained the deed of trust. Some believe the owners are willing to sell.

Hillside District Plan committee plan and the separate staff plan are available on muni web site. The Assembly would like a finished plan to consider.

RCCC's trails plan comments were reviewed and edited.

Move to extend for 15 minutes by Tremaine, second Rothwell, no objection.

Move by Rothwell to accept comments as amended with final comments to Board before submission, second by Guyer, unanimous.

Reviewed comments on S11756-1 opposing right-of-way screening easement in Village Scenic Parkway.

There will be an election of officers at the November meeting.

Move to adjourn by Sterling to adjourn, second Rothwell, unanimous at 9:15 pm.