

## RPCC Community Council Minutes

September 10<sup>th</sup>, 2012

1. Call to Order at 7:01 a.m. by Janet Bidwell.
2. Review & Approval of May 2012 Meeting Minutes.
  - a. Moved by bob Churchill, second by Arliss Sturgelewski
3. Legislative/Assembly Updates
  - a. Elvi Gray Jackson – full summer, lots of construction projects. Several resignations of key personal HHS Director, Risk Manager, OMB, health dept. no longer runs childcare program, state gave contract to another agency. Assembly has a new ombudsman, Darrell Hess. New clerk, Barbara Jones. Other new employees in clerk’s office. Election was recertified at last assembly meeting. Assembly redistricting committee is meeting, and working on changes – supposed to be minor changes only. APD audit regarding Rollins case is nearly finished. Mayor has produced preliminary budget. \$1.9 Million less in non-tax revenue, \$34 Million budget shortfall projected, lots of details missing still.
  - b. Zack Mannix from Sen. Ellis office – interesting summer with elections going on. Redistricting means Sen. Ellis will lose Rogers Park. Sen. Ellis headed out to Fire Island next week for a tour, should be coming on line by next month. It is Hunger Action Month, they are collecting food for Food Bank of Alaska at the Legislative Information Office.
  - c. Rep. Berta Gardner: We’re not in session so not much to report. Just here to listen.
  - d. Rose Foley from Rep. Les Gara: Slow summer for legislative business. Just hear to listen.
4. Candidate Presentations
  - a. Berta Gardner, State Senate: Used to be President of RPCC. Running for new State Senate seat. Asked if we would be hosting a candidate forum with other community councils.
  - b. Andy Josephsen, State House : 575-ANDY if anyone has questions, wants to talk
  - c. Harriet Drummond, State House: Son went to RP from 2<sup>nd</sup>-6<sup>th</sup> grade. Going door to door, great neighborhoods. Give her a call or email with any questions.
  - d. Phil Eisley, State House: been in Alaska a long time, since 1964, seems like every time he turns around there are three new laws he doesn’t like. Doesn’t belong to a party, non-affiliated. Is out going door to door.
5. Presentation by John Weddleton, Anchorage Citizens Coalition, on Title 21.
  - a. Recap of the Anchorage 2020 planning process, intention. Then, started the rewrite of Anchorage Title 21. Many people who were involved in Anchorage 2020, have not stayed involved through Title 21 rewrite. Big shift two years ago, which has dramatically changed the Title 21 rewrite process., and lots of changes to the original intent have happened. “we have changed our mind, this (Anchorage 2020) no longer applies.” New Title 21 is very cost sensitive, focused on needs of developers. Original

recommendations on sunlight, trees, trails and bike lanes, stream setbacks, natural vegetation, and many other aspects of development have been rewritten. Most new development will be infill, knocking down old houses, building new ones, building on currently vacant lots in already developed areas. This will dramatically change the character of your neighborhoods. Major changes have also been made to purpose statement. Mixed use zoning, the type that applies to neighborhood businesses such as shops and restaurants has also been changed dramatically.

- b. Questions & Comments.
  - i. Is it possible to have a new ordinance to address requiring more balance on the planning and zoning commission? Answer: Yes.
  - ii. The Turnagain CC showed up in force for the airport land swap and that did not appear to have any impact on the decision making of the commission. Public process appears to be more form than substance at this point.
  - iii. Any discussions of taking this to the public? To inform more people so they can be more involved. Maybe we need to be making that effort, to get a group out informing the public.
6. Items possible for upcoming RPCC meetings
  - a. Midtown traffic congestion relief is into design phase, 36<sup>th</sup> & New Seward Highway. In future, maybe we can have a committee that can make recommendations to community council. Also noted, in Municipal budget – Bragaw to Tudor road, 8 lane highway for H2H Glenn connection is in Mayor’s budget.
  - b. Lake Otis pedestrian improvements, \$2.5 Million from State has been approved.
  - c. U-Med, public meetings will be noticed. Request for a handout for the next meeting with info prior to public meetings
  - d. Merrill Field Airport Advisory Mtgs, mostly informational at this point.
  - e. Assembly redistricting
  - f. Recycling/refuse: someone from SWS will present at the October meeting. They have been asked to present on what is necessary to make alley service possible. SWS does have a new director, hopefully he will have some good news for our community. Part of the issue is that the alley’s are unpaved, and new trucks are heavy, but what SWS needs to resolve the issue is unclear.
7. Old Business:
  - a. 100’ Monopole application was denied by planning and zoning, Atlas Towers appealed the decision and their appeal was denied.
8. Treasurers Report.
  - a. \$170.80 in the account. No movement over the summer.
9. FCC Report
  - a. Proceeding with original plan to update the website. It is hopelessly outdated.
10. Public Comments
  - a. No comments received.
11. Adjourned at 7:59