

Russian Jack Park Community Council December 14, 2005, Meeting Minutes

Call to Order: The meeting was called to order at 6:34 pm.

Approval of Minutes: Minutes for November were approved.

Treasurer's Report - No new report. Last month's balances were \$5062 for the tot park, \$1062.90 for the Community Patrol, \$19,129.15 for the Weed 'n' Seed program.

APD Report - Sgt. Cindi Stanton

1. When shopping, place packages out of sight to reduce car break-ins (do this before you move to the next store).
2. Counterfeit money (\$100's) are being passed around.

Northeast Park District - Teri Peters

1. Two program supervisors will work with the schools on programs for kids.
2. Some vandalism at the chalet - may be youths.

Chester Creek Water Quality - Frank von Hippel, Khrys Duddleston, and Dan Bogand

1. RJCC is Chester Creek Middle Fork from springs in Russian Jack Springs Park.
2. Water quality problems occur in and below the culvert under Bragaw Street
 - Ion conductivity goes up 40% through the culvert
 - Sedimentation is slowly filling the gravel - insects & fish fry winter in the gravel
 - Aquatic macro-invertebrates (mayflies, etc.) drop 40% through the culvert
 - Heavy metals (chromium, copper & lead) go up as the water moves downstream.

This is probably an effect of urbanization.

Arsenic is high, but this is a natural condition in Alaska.

Fecal coliform (bacteria from warm-blooded animals) exceeds DEC specifications for drinking water.

Preliminary data from University Lake suggests that the contamination is from:

- 36% wildlife
- 44% domestic animals
- 20% humans

- Trash in the creek below the intersection of Bragaw & 20th Avenue.

3. The primary health concerns are children playing in the water (fecal coliform) and eating fish with high heavy metal contents.
4. Restoration possibilities:
 - Reduce sedimentation, heavy metal inputs and waste inputs.
 - Eliminate the culvert and above ground the creek - very expensive.
 - Construct wetlands and restore streambank vegetation.
 - Eliminate storm drain inputs - identify the specific locales.
 - Cleanup garbage dumps in the creek - a large amount downstream of the culvert.

If bad inputs are stopped, the creek will clean itself.

Need to work with the Anchorage Waterways Council.

Motion (proposed by Brian Whittle and seconded by Mike Gutierrez)

Russian Jack Community Council desires legislative financial support for coordinating with the University of Alaska Center for Community Engagement and Learning and with the Airport Heights, Rogers Park, Fairview and South Addition Community Councils for monitoring and restoration efforts of Chester Creek. The priorities would be garbage cleanup with volunteers, study of fish and fish habitats in the creek, and identifying storm drain inputs into the creek.

Motion passed unanimously 11 - 0.

Legislative - Sharon Cissna

Traffic problems in the U-Med district will grow, and these may deter hospital employees from commuting in from the Mat-Su Valley. The best solution appears to be increasing public transportation, including the commute from the valley. This may require a two borough authority to study and manage the transportation problem.

Weed 'N' Seed - Kathleen Plunkett

1. Cook Inlet Housing bought its first house in RJCC for replacement.
2. Office is at 1569 Bragaw Street. The APD substation will open soon.

Election of Officers - The following were elected:

President	Kathleen Plunkett	unanimously
Vice President	Fred McLeary	unanimously
Secretary	Ed Leach	unanimously
Treasurer	Mike Devitt	unanimously
FCC delegate	Mike Gutierrez	unanimously
FCC alternate	Brian Whittle	unanimously
Trustee	Fred Thomas	unanimously

Citizen Emergency Handbooks - Fred McLeary

1. These were printed in the Anchorage Daily News, and are available on the Muni website.
2. He is arranging a tour of the Emergency Operations Center for next year.

Federation of Community Councils - Ed Leach

The MOA has unveiled a new Internet service called *My Neighborhood*. It can be reached from either www.muni.org or www.communitycouncils.org. Type in an address, and the site provides a lot of detailed information in topical groups that include education, political, public services, health and much more. Whether you are interested in your property or a possible buy across town, this is a very good place to visit.

Next Meeting - January 11, 2005, at Williwaw Elementary School.

Adjournment - The meeting was adjourned at 8:58 pm.