

**Rabbit Creek Community Council Board Meeting, March 13, 2003**  
**Rabbit Creek Community Church (Snowshoe Lane)**

**Audio conference** with Rep. Mike Hawker in Juneau at 7:05. Several in attendance spoke regarding proposed budget cuts and the transference of the Habitat Section to DNR.

Call to Order: The meeting was called to order at 7:16 by the president when a quorum of the Board was reached. Present were Dianne Holmes, Carol Fries, Nancy Pease, Ky Holland, Jo Utic, Jess Grunblatt, Josh Peirce, Susanne Comellas, and Donna Van Flein. Excused were Vivian Mendenhall and Greg Ross. Approximately 17 people attended over the course of the meeting including the Board.

**Minutes** for February were approved as corrected. Motion by Donna and Jo.

**Treasurer's report:** the treasurer was not present but the bank balance is about \$497 with about 76 members. The members present did not constitute 20% and the meeting continued as a Board meeting.

**Speaker:** Nancy Fair, VP of Service High PTSA spoke on the issue of under-21 nude dancing clubs and how 18 yr old high school students are employed in these establishments. Patrons as young as 18 yrs old are admitted too. Nancy said that the police and older prostitutes say these clubs are recruiting grounds for prostitutes. Oversight and licensing of these clubs appears to be minimal. Ky pointed out that usually the Council does not deal with moral issues but rather land use; should a club want to locate in our area the decision to take a stand on such clubs would be easy, but this falls in a gray area. It was recognized that the impact of such clubs on youth and the city goes beyond our Council.

Motion by Ky and Carol: the Council recognizes the impact of these under 21 nude dancing clubs on youth and recommends the action items on Nancy's briefing sheet be followed up on, especially #1 (raising minimum age for working or attending such venues) with the added suggestion that a public forum be held to discuss the issue. Passed unanimously.

**Land Use Issues—Update:**

Woodhaven—Carol said the Platting Board asked the developer to return to drawing board and work with residents. She has been working with the developer to resolve the road issue.

Basher Antenna Farm—this is an example where having information sent to all Councils early on might help surrounding councils join in the testimony and letter writing. The topic has been postponed and it has been suggested the people ask to see the data behind placement of the antenna farm before the area is rezoned.

Coastal Trail—Nancy said the comment period has been extended.

S-11048, Sleepy Acres—the Platting Officer granted the subdivision but placed many conditions on improving drainage, 140<sup>th</sup>, and other items.

**Bond Speakers:**

Mary Marks and Gail Opalinski from the Anchorage School District spoke on the school bonds that will be on the April 1<sup>st</sup> ballot.

Mike Rabe of Anchorage Tomorrow spoke on the road and park bonds.

Kate Fariday spoke on the library bonds.

**Persons to be heard not on the agenda:** Brad Kutzer spoke on the city's decision on how to remedy the spring flooding problem of Lt Survival Cr in the Ransom Ridge/Goldenview area. The idea of a

seasonal gate at the Goldenview culvert was dropped because Howard Holtan's boss said there was no funding to do it and thus the situation was left in the hands of the LRSA. It was pointed out the situation has been made much worse with increasing development at Prominence Pointe yet the developer has not been asked to help remedy the situation. All culverts around PP now run year round and most of them go towards Lt. Rabbit Creek. The Board brought up the idea (again) of asking our Assemblypersons for an ordinance what would not allow developers to get more permits if there are outstanding code violations.

Motion by Dianne and Carol—Dianne is to write a letter to MOA, Howard Holtan regarding the unacceptable solution to the problem and how the drainage has been created and worsened by development nearby and that leaving the problem for the LRSA to fix without added funds is not acceptable. Passed unanimously.

**Park Committee Report:** Nancy reported on her appearance next month before the city Park and Recreation Commission (PARC) on future development in the RC Greenbelt. While last summer's trail work produced ¾ mile of trail and connected 2 neighborhoods, legal and physical research has revealed the opportunity to make several other connections. Nancy wants approval to ask the PARC for final approval for a connection to Pickett St, and concept approval to pursue connections that may become available as the 2<sup>nd</sup> phase of the DeArmoun Rd upgrade progresses, particularly at Griffin St, and at Cannon Rd/DeArmoun. Some neighbors at Pickett have walked the area to be connected and others are waiting to do so. Dianne brought up the point that the Anchorage Trails and Greenways Coalition should be a part of this plan also.

Motion by Jo and Ky: take Nancy's proposal for RC Greenbelt connections to the next PARC meeting. Passed unanimously.

**New Business:**

The CIP packet arrived from the city and must be turned in by April 25<sup>th</sup>. There was discussion on which items should be deleted and which should be added. Resurfacing Potter Valley Road was questioned and the PV Homeowners need to be asked about whether they want it or would rather wait until more land use issues can be combined with any upgrade—given the large amount of development that is occurring there.

Regarding the re-scoring of the Old Seward Hwy east of the marsh, the South Park Homeowners need to be asked if they would like to see that done because the houses on the west side of Old Seward do not want the road widened or a trail on their side. Susanne and Nancy are to obtain support letters from user groups to support the rescoring.

Other desired CIP items are park easements and acquisition. On the CIP list but not understood are hillside drainage projects. Dianne is to find out what these are.

Final projects for the CIP will be voted on at the April meeting.

Adjourned at 9:40 pm