

Rabbit Creek Community Council, April 10, 2003
Rabbit Creek Community Church (Snowshoe Lane)

Call to Order: The meeting was called to order at 7:10pm by Ky Holland. A quorum of the board was reached with 9 members present, Dianne Holmes, Ky Holland, Josh Peirce, Vivian Mendenhall, Jo Utic, Jess Grunblatt, Greg Ross, Carol Fries, Susanne Comellas. Excused was Nancy Pease who was presenting greenbelt testimony at the Park Commission meeting.

Audio conference with Sara Wright, Mike Hawkers' aid and Jane Alberts, Con Bunde's aid. Several people signed up to speak their concerns about loss of funding to 1% for Art, cuts to social services and schools, again expressing displeasure over the transference of the Habitat Section of Fish and Game to DNR and supporting a rural subsistence preference.

Assembly Report: Janice Shamberg & Dick Tremaine, spoke of ongoing concerns about the hiring practices at APD; Assembly voted to postpone indefinitely support of privately funded prisons; tTeen night club ages changed to 16-20 and adult ratio 1:45, FireWise federal grant, \$55k for Tazlina Hot Shots to clear fire breaks. Council members requested that firebreak locations be made public.

Treasurer's Report: After paying bills Greg Ross reported we have \$403.29.

Minutes: Moved to approve by Carol Fries, second by Vivian Mendenhall. Approved.

Committee and Neighborhood Reports: Dianne announced the maintenance days for the Rabbit Cr. Greenbelt trail. She will be meeting with the MOA trails coordinator to point out logical Greenbelt access points along DeArmoun Rd (when it is upgraded). Susanne mentioned the need for for volunteers for the overpass garden.

Old Business: Villages View-postponed, but the platting notes should be checked to see if notes have been added.

Sign ordinance will hit the Assembly in August maybe. Josh informed us that the RCCC comments and suggestions had not been incorporated in the ordinance and he will follow up by phone.

Ky went over the CIP list and asked for suggestions, additions and changes. With audience participation he prioritized the following list:

1. Old Seward Hwy east of Potter Marsh upgrade (as a rural parkway)
2. Greenbelt and open space acquisition
3. Hillside drainage study south of RC Rd (Megan, Dianne, Carol will research the language)
4. Old Seward Hwy, Potter Cr. Area—coordination of development (Megan, Greg, Jess, Susanne, Brad will meet & report at the May meeting)
5. Rabbit Creek Greenbelt Trail
6. Community Center

7. Potter Marsh Trail Head and Access Improvements
8. Potter Valley Rd surface rehab.--Old Seward to Greece.

Also formed was a committee (Dianne, Carol, Ky, Greg, Brad) to establish guidelines for developers who are developing in the RCCC area.

New Business: Vacation of ROW at Fernwood & Lupine (off Mossberry), platting May 7, Case # S-11070. After much discussion and review of plat map a motion was made by Dianne with a 2nd by Carol to support the vacation of the north- south ROW but to oppose the vacation of the east-west ROW because of the potential need for access to properties to the west. There is also the need to maintain pedestrian access to Prator Street which leads to the new Rabbit Creek Trail, and to maintain the drainage easement, and utility corridors. The plat map sent to the Council was not clear as to easements on adjoining properties and such information should be obtained to clarify the issue. Motion passed 6-3.

Board of Adjustment Ordinance, #2003-068, P/Z May 5. Ordinance would create a 3-member board of for all appeals from platting and zoning. The Board felt that the appeals process should stay with the Assembly as it is an elected body and they should know what is going on in the city and should be accountable. The ordinance does not contain language to ensure that an appeals board would be qualified to handle such matters; if passed, the ordinance should contain qualification language. An appointed board even if approved by Assembly may be aligned politically. . Motion by Carol and Greg to oppose ordinance as written. Passed unanimously.

Waste Management Services proposed contract—the issue whether to form a contract where all households would be required to pay a disposal fee was tabled until the May meeting.

The above ground Chugach Electric transmission line in the Taku-Campbell CC area and future line along Abbott and Elmore was discussed. Taku-Campbell asked for our help in opposing the overhead lines. In general the Board supports undergrounding transmission and distribution lines.

Meeting adjourned at 9:20pm.