

Rabbit Creek Community Council Meeting – Minutes for May 8, 2003

Rabbit Creek Community Church, Snowshoe Lane

Call to order: Pres., Dianne Holmes called the meeting to order at 7:05pm. Other Board members present were:: Greg Ross, Josh Pierce, Susanne Comellas, Jess Grunblatt, Dianne Holmes, Carol Fries, Ky Holland . Excused: Nancy Pease, Vivian Mendenhall.

Treasurer's Report: \$538.29 funds available. Motion by Carol, 2nd by Ky to accept report- passed.

Motion by Dianne to pay church \$150.00, 2nd by Ky – passed.

Motion by Greg to inform treasurer and obtain approval of any expenses in excess of \$50.00. 2nd by Susanne – passed.

Motion by Carol 2nd by Susanne to approve minutes from April meeting with noted corrections – passed

Announcements:

Wood lot open 10-6/7 days a week, Review Title 21 on line at Title21@ci.anchorage.ak.us or

<http://www.muni.org/planning/project/title21.cfm>, Creek Cleanup – 5/17, Recycling electronics at Carrs on Dimond – this Sat., Prominence Point – permit exists to blast 7 acres for gravel extraction.

Tele conference: Sara Wright with Mike Hawkers' office and Jane Albert with Con Bunde's office.

Discussion of time being spent on budget. Public comments mostly on new proposed taxes.

Persons not on Agenda: C. Zeke Zekes – hoping to find solution to dust problem on Virgo.

Assembly Report: Janice Shamburg and Dick Tremaine – Both were very hopeful and had positive comments about a meeting with Mayor elect, Mark Begich. Discussed following projects: Trails dedications, Removing LRSA's from tax cap, Hillside District plan, Sign ordinance hearing in August, Title 21, Huffman Town Center. These issues will reappear.

Committee Reports:

Greenbelt and Flowers: Trail dates 5/10, 5/27 for trail work. June 6th at 3pm, flowers will be delivered to overpass garden.

Greenbelt proposal to PARC: Nancy reported on the Park Commission's request to delay final approval until one more meeting is held with residents to address plans for Canon Rd. and DeArmoun connections/trails. Council will attempt to hold a meeting at 7 PM on May 27 or 28.

LRSA: South Goldenview: Brad Kutzer said they got some money from MOA from 1st quarter adjustments.

Presentation: ADF&G, Rick Sinnott, Living with Bears. Questions: How can ADF&G be more active in their recommendations for development issues in SE Anchorage, especially in issues affecting the marsh. Call 242-0424 for bear solutions.

Old Business:

Woodhaven Heights- Carol will write letter on RCCC'S support for revised plat. Motion by Ky, 2nd by Greg to approve-passed.

Wild berry Estates/Mossberry – request to vacate easement withdrawn when staff recommended denial.

Cloud 9 Subd- One 40-acre parcel is being subdivided via short plat process, which does not allow for public hearing. Cloud 9 is on very steep terrain next to Marguerite Hills with trail easements shown on the 97-trail plan. Developer's representative refused to present plans to the Council.

Motion by Carol with 2nd by Nancy to oppose plat, as the Trail Plan easements are not included; other concerns are over roads, controls for maintaining natural vegetation on extreme slopes, and the general lack of information due to the representative's refusal to inform the Council when invited. The Council opposed the short plat method as mechanism to avoid full public review and comprehensive planning for the entire 160 acres-passed unanimously.

Grandview Subd. - Original Platting Board decision was to require access to Chugach State Park, revised proposal submitted wants to set aside a lot for the municipality to purchase within a specified time period. Motion by Nancy to support the original platting board decision and oppose revised proposal, 2nd by Carol – passed unanimously.

New Business:

Bird TLC: Ron Mitchell and Kelly Benedict, VP and project director, presented plans and lay out for the Bird Treatment and Learning Center on Old Seward Hwy. Requested is a rezone to PLI: part of the property will be sold to ADF&G which will help finance the facility. Also requested is a partial vacation of the Old Seward Hwy easement to maintain the required distance from the well.

Discussion included need to coordinate with other major projects including potential impact to future hwy upgrade and pedestrian facilities and possible need to buy back easements. Ky moved and 2nd by Greg a motion to support the proposed design and PLI rezone-failed 5-3

Motion by Carol with 2nd by Nancy to articulate the Council's support for the Center, but to deny the vacation as premature given the need for comprehensive planning and design with the several impending, adjacent projects especially the hwy upgrade. The Council suggests a variance or other mechanism to allow the project to move ahead while coordination of all projects is conducted-passed 6-2. Carol will write letter. Motion by Carol, Susanne 2nd to support PLI rezone-passed-unanimous

Adjourned: 9:45pm

