

Rabbit Creek Community Council Meeting – Minutes for July 10, 2003
Rabbit Creek Community Church, Snowshoe Lane

Call to order: Dianne Holmes called the meeting to order at 7:05pm. Other Board members present were: Susanne Comellas, Donna Van Flein, Ky Holland, Jo Utic, Nancy Pease. Excused: Greg Ross, Josh Pierce, Jess Grunblat, Vivian Mendenhall.

Announcements: Woodlot opens, 10a-6p for dead spruce, C St. and O'Malley; Title 21 rewrite (Donna), Bragaw St re-naming issue; Governor's budget—request from his office to speak at our Council.

Minutes: Motion by Ky and Jo to approve June 12 minutes. Passed unanimously.
Motion by Ky and Jo to approve June 19 special meeting minutes. Passed unanimously.

Treasurer's Report: \$509.79 in the bank account. Thirty-two members needed for a general membership meeting.

Persons not on the agenda: Jeanne Ohms reported that the church would be expanding to the east. The Council requested to have a presentation of the plans in the near future.

Presentations from other Councils: Ryan Stencil of Huffman/O'Malley CC spoke of their efforts to develop the Lake Otis gravel pit in accordance with neighbors preferences and compliance with the 2020 Plan. Members formed their own corporation and are working with the original developer with a design that is lower in density than the original plan and which includes open space, and possibly a school site. Letter of support was requested to be used in fundraising efforts of this \$2 million development.

Motion by Ky and Susanne to support this neighborhood action where citizens and the developer worked to produce buffering, density compatible with surrounding areas, open space/sports facilities. Passed unanimously.

Rick Newburg of Basher CC spoke about their antenna farm issue where 7 acres may be rezoned for high towers next to Chugach State Park. No need has been demonstrated for the farm which would ruin the viewscape and be limited to radio/tv transmission. Initial research indicates better locations for such towers are on top of tall buildings.

Motion by Dianne and Donna to oppose the rezone in order to study the need for and best location for towers. Potential locations should not be shifted to other councils without proper research. Passed unanimously.

Tabled was a motion by Carol and Jo to wait until the Assembly hears the issue to propose reversing the zoning should it be granted and then no longer needed as technology changes.

Assembly & Legislative Report: Janice Shamberg gave an Assembly update on the panhandling issue, board of adjustment, council boundaries revision, and purchase of 2 acres for a fire station for \$640,000. Senator Bunde gave an update on the state budget issue and introduced his aid, Lauren Wickersham.

New Business: S-11135 ROW vacation Kijik Subdivision. Homeowners Frank Bettine & Steve Bales presented their request to vacate 50 ft right of way along a section line (140th) near Pickett St and opposite of the parklands. It was stated that a new trail in the parkland makes them feel insecure; Mr Bettine wants to define his property with a fence and believes the ROW would still be wide enough if a road was needed. The Board would like to know the status of vacating section lines.

Motion by Jo and Donna to support the vacation failed for lack of the minimum 6 quorum, 5 to 2.

S-11145, Re-subdivide 3 lots into 3 different lots. Mr Little was invited but was not available to present his plat. There was discussion about the impact the new plat may have on access to the stream and Griffin Park given last year's request to vacate 140th.

Motion by Ky and Dianne to support the plat with the conditions that 1) the full easement along the north border (140th) be extended eastward to the edge of the property in question (proposed new lot 9A) to allow public

access to the stream and adjacent Griffin Park; 2) that the city should coordinate efforts among the Parks Dept and other volunteers groups to expedite revegetation of the 140th easement and placement of bollards, once the driveway is moved, in order to provide buffering between private property and the public access along 140th. Passed unanimously 7-0.

S-11146 Rabbit Creek Firestation #10 renovation and new road access to RC Rd. A new addition to the station is planned with direct access to Rabbit Cr Road. The Board questioned by another access was needed. Motion by Ky and Susanne to not oppose the plat, but to request maximum buffering be left along the road. Passed unanimously 6-0.

Rabbit Creek Greenbelt—report of special meetings & recommendations for revised proposal to PARC:

Ky submitted a summary of the two special RCCC meetings held on the proposed RC Greenbelt development. Issues raised by residents, both pro and con, were incorporated into recommendations to be attached as revisions to the original PARC proposal and submitted for the August PARC meeting. The recommendations were reviewed by all in attendance. The question was asked if the report accurately reflected the issues voiced at the two special meetings; those who had attended both meetings responded in the affirmative.

Motion by Carol and Susanne to accept the report, recommendations, and forward all with original PARC proposal (April 30, '03) except for editing of format and to request postponement of Griffin Park spur to Cannon Rd until the legal decision on access is returned. Passed unanimously 6-0.

Adjourned: 9:30pm