

Rabbit Creek Community Council Meeting-Minutes for October 9, 2003
Rabbit Creek Community Church, Snowshoe Lane

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

Treasurer's Report: There is \$669.74 in the bank and about 160 members. Lacking a quorum for a general meeting, a board meeting was called.

Persons not on the agenda: Paul Bezilla and Mr Briggs and three others from the Anchorage Fire Department spoke on the proposed city budget cuts to the Fire Department. Motion by Carol and Nancy Pease to write a letter to the mayor and Assembly regarding the proposed cuts to the AFD and EMS services. Cuts would: eliminate the only paramedic for Station #10 (whose EMS calls constituted 51% of all calls in '02; eliminate the water tender and driver for Station #10 where there is high wildfire danger and few public water lines; cause a corresponding increase in the ISO (insurance) rating for SE Anchorage (thus potentially increasing homeowners' fire insurance premiums); eliminate back country rescues; cut training; and force an unacceptable half time staffing of Station #10. Cuts should not be driven by arbitrary monetary targets but should be done with a logically reasoned approach. Passed unanimously.

Nancy Pease spoke on dangerously high noise levels at Elmore and Rabbit Cr Road when Enstar released gas from the lines for a construction project. OSHA and MOA noise standards were violated; there was insufficient notification and there was not MOA permit.

Mike Flister from DeArmoun Rd spoke on DOT's design that would potentially take his house. Motion by Ky and Vivian to write DOT (AMATS, & DOT Commissioner) on a better public process and meeting. Ask for an extension of the comment period; comment on the place and role of councils in DOT's public process. Passed unanimously. (Ky to write the letter.) Discussion continued about council's role in DOT DeArmoun project and while the council advocate for public process, we will not take a stand on a specific design preference (although some details such as requesting narrower shoulders and trails are appropriate and in fact were voted upon at the June, '02 RCCC meeting).

Announcements & Presentations:

Joan Diamond spoke on C-BASS organization working on graduated drivers licensing for teens. Meeting @ East High 11/12, 6:30-8:30.

Jeanne Ohms from the RCC church spoke on the proposed expansion of the church with a 17000sq/ft building.

Linda Schaeffer & Marty Myer with the Governor's office spoke in support of his budget and economic growth ideas. To order weekly flier "Building the Future" call 269-7450 or tune in to channel 9 @ 7pm Fri. or 5pm Sun.

Minutes: Motion by Josh and Vivian to approve the September, 2003 minutes. Passed unanimously.

Assembly and Legislative Reports: Sarah from Senator Bunde's office 269-0181. Sales & income tax proposals are dead, contact office for senior services.

Assemblyman Tremaine spoke on the Abbreviated Plat Ordinance and how a new one will be introduced to cover issues effecting undeveloped areas.

Old Business:

The Senior Housing Ordinance's staff report (#2003-149) appears to override zoning which is meant to match land use. Senior housing should be matched with land use, infrastructure, and availability of social services. As written it compromises Euclidean zoning. Motion by Nancy and Carol to oppose the Sr. Housing Ordinance because it compromises the integrity of zoning, supercedes existing zoning and can be incompatible in single family residential areas and allows high density institutional land use without regard for existing infrastructure and services. It is also inappropriate to pass this ordinance during the on-going Title 21 rewrite process. Passed unanimously.

New Business:

Assisted Living Facility—Conditional Use #2003-154. Vince Huntington of Goldenview Park Homeowners Association spoke on this CU application. This house has been operating as a state licensed assisted living facility for some time but has never gotten a CU from the city. He reports there are many more ER calls to this house than elsewhere in the area. The CU

is to expand to 12 clients and he feels the building is not ADA compliant and that it goes against the subdivision's CC&Rs, which restrict commercial use. Motion by Carol and Nancy to write P/Z Commission opposing this application for 12 clients as it violates the subdivision's CC&Rs, and it is an increase in a commercial operation in a residential area. Include council's conditions and points from last month's motion on the Assisted Living Ordinance; request the clientele to be reduced to three or less and require adherence to ADA requirements. Passed unanimously.

Short Plats—there are numerous plats to be addressed, but given the late hour, it was decided to let one person look them over and e-mail the board with a summary. Motion by Nancy and Susanne to have one person look at the short plats and provide the Board an e-mail summary with recommendations which should include data on lot size, vacations, terrain issues, necessary adherence to the Trails Plan. Passed unanimously. (Josh to handle the short plats).

Adjourned – 9:25pm