

Minutes for Rabbit Creek Community Council meeting, Sept 11, 2014  
Goldenview Middle School, Library

Chair, Nancy Pease opened the meeting at 7 pm. Other board members present were: John Isby, Keith Guyer, Joan Diamond, Pat Abney, Pat Hansen, Mike Kenny, Dick Tremaine.  
Absent: Jeff Vaughn. Excused: David Sterling.

Determination of general meeting: \_\_\_ members were present, constituting a quorum for a general meeting.

**Approval of minutes:** the minutes were passed out, but no vote was taken.

**Treasurer's report:** \$294. \_\_\_ registered members.

**Legislative reports:**

Assembly member, Jennifer Johnston reported that the Chugach Access Plan is a plan that lays out the process for determining access points to the park. She has been working cooperatively with Bill Evans on it. There will be a work session on it Sept 19<sup>th</sup> with a public hearing on the 23<sup>rd</sup>.

Assembly member, Bill Evans, reported on the Chronic Inebriate Task Force. They are taking input from experts to bring the Assembly up to speed on the issue. Joan Diamond said the city has done many reports before. She has been through this three times as a former city employee in Public Health and the recommendations have been approved, but the city won't act. Evans says all the studies are in a binder. The Task Force can figure out what is politically do-able, and not start over.

Regarding the dedication of parks issue: Johnston said there is no date set yet for introduction to the Assembly. She said our continued inquiries are what get her moving on the issue again. The southern portion of Section 36 is being help up due to the wetlands issue. *She asked if we were ok with dedicating the rest of the park, which could be added to the other parks that are considered for dedication. There was objection to only dedicating the northern portions as it wasn't thought the wetlands would bring in many mitigation credits because they are protected in the park.*

Senator Goessel spoke on inebriants and LNG that is exported to Japan. Pat Abney asked about value added products. Giessel said to her that means plastics. She was asked if she would support funding for Mt Air Dr. The Michael's were then asked their views on funding the road through their property and on MOA's reply to the Council's letter regarding removal of the remaining funding.

**Old/On-Going Business:**

Chugach State Park Access Plan: RCCC sent in comments and will testify on the 22<sup>nd</sup>. The CAP is not about removing or adding access points, but it is a process for identifying and securing access.

Moen Park Update: a short trail has been constructed.

South High Sports Stadium, open house on Sept 30<sup>th</sup>. Pat Hansen will attend for the Council.

Creekview Estates—update on pedestrian path. There are funds to help hire a trail designer to mark the trail. The MOA hasn't replied how best to mark it or how to determine the stream setback.

CIP—no update.

Bylaws—Dianne Holmes spoke on the need for an amendment when testifying on behalf of the council. This clause was not passed at the last meeting when other changes to the Bylaws were made. She said originally there

was a clause in the Bylaws about speaking from an approved Council position and it came about because a past president, Laurie Kuta spoke off the cuff at a hearing. Two options for the clause were read. There was discussion on whether this could be accomplished as a 'reconsideration' from the last meeting, or if it had to go through the complete revision process again.

Motion by Abney and Diamond to amend the Bylaws to include a clause that addresses people testifying for the council. This will be advertised per the Bylaws requirements and brought up at the Oct meeting. Preferred clause: "A person who is representing the Council, shall present only positions that have been authorized by the Council." Passed with one opposition.

#### **New Business:**

AO-37 labor contracts, Dan Joyner of the Firefighters' Local 1264 spoke on the upcoming ballot proposition. His concern is for public safety when the city administration could make decisions on staffing, equipment and would do away with competitive testing. He feels there is no incentive to train or become good at a job without competitive testing. Questions and statements from the audience were on salaries, staffing levels and scheduling.

**Persons to be heard:** David Boyle passed out a pamphlet containing the salaries of city employees and there was some discussion related to the referendum.

#### **New Business (cont):**

Steamboat Dr & the Red Gate to the Stewart Homestead Rd: Kelly and Rusty Becker described the parking issues they have encountered when a blogger wrote about the Stewart Homestead trail. People are blocking traffic and not picking up their dog poop. Sometimes a fire truck would not be able to make up the road due to the number of cars. They've lived there 15 yrs. This is a short and long term problem for the trail and road. While the city put some no-parking signs up, they did so in an inappropriate place and won't replace them. The RCCC could help by asking the MOA to post signs in the correct places and help with the long term issue of the trail/road. It was suggested the Fire Dept might step in to help the problem but it was pointed out they do not have enforcement power, but they can recommend solutions,

*Motion by Abney and Guyer for the Council to write a letter asking the Assembly for help with solutions to the parking issue at the Red Gate/Stewart's Homestead Road, for signs in appropriate places and asking the AFD for help. Passed without objection.*

Platting cases: S-12101—no comment appears to be needed as the lots are large and they have road access. S-12105—no objection to remove a limit to legalize a second driveway at 5221 Rabbit Cr Rd.

Facebook for the Council should be developed soon. Question as to whether it should have a group or administration access. This will be addressed next month.

#### **Reports:**

The Potter Valley Road mail box area is paved.

HALO will hold their annual Candidates' Forum on Oct 2<sup>nd</sup> at O'Malley's on the Green. Motion by Abney and Tremaine to make the Council's usual contribution of \$25 for refreshments for the Forum. Approved.

The FCC website has finally been completed.

Issue with testifying: PZC refused to let a Council representative speak for the Council and then also speak on the same topic as an individual.

Motion by Holmes and Abney to write a letter to the Assembly, FCC and others asking for clarification on the issue. Passed with no objection.

Adjourned at 8:45.