

Rabbit Creek Community Council Board Meeting, Minutes for February 14, 2013

Co-Chair Nancy Pease opened meeting at 7:03 pm. 20% of members not being present, the meeting continued as a Board meeting.

Board Roll Call and Introduction of board members: Keith Guyer, Mike Kenny, Pat Hansen, Jeff Vaughn, David Sterling, Pat Abney, Dick Tremaine, Joan Diamond. Excused: John Isby. Absent: Gail Smith.

Minutes: January minutes were visible on the electronic board, but no vote was taken.

Treasurer's Report: \$294.12 in checking, \$394.55 in savings.

Announcements:

Motion by Tremaine and Abney to contribute \$25 to HALO's March 7th candidates' forum. Passed without objection.

Kenny gave an update on the \$750,000 request to the Legislature for a facility to test the high-tech septic systems. The On-site Technical Review Board wants to test these systems on steep slopes. No action was taken.

Assembly and Legislative Reports: no one was present from the Assembly or Legislature. Fire Station #10 firemen were present to answer questions. Heath Langdon, from the MOA, was present to answer questions on FS#9's relocation to Rabbit Creek Park.

On-going Business:

Goldenview Dr Design update by Pease: the city will not allow lower level of lighting per the HDP and RCCC's request. PM&E, the city manager and some council members will meet on Feb 27th to discuss the design and issues such as lower speeds, watersheds, and lighting. The meeting will be run by personnel from the Boutet Co. Tremaine pointed out that DOT roads on the hillside do not have high lighting standards, either does Elmore, so why should Goldenview. Tremaine, Pease, Abney and Sterling will attend the Feb 27th meeting.

164th Drainage update by Kenny: one issue is keeping the drainage in the proper watershed to ensure it goes to the right part of Potter Marsh. PM&E says their hands are tied because the mayor's office says the project WILL occur. The local LRSA says they will refuse to pay the annual maintenance costs from their limited budget. There may be some movement to get Goldenview Park homeowners to pay some of the costs. ADF&G was not included in the design and watershed issues and they should be. Abney wondered if this project might be settled by the courts. Tremaine stated the RCCC should wait to comment until we are asked. Pease/Kenny to call ADF&G.

Title 21 update by Pease: council comments went to the Assembly and there was a special board meeting to discuss expanding comments to include where Title 21 deviates from the HDP plus the water-well protection topic that was brought to the RCCC after the January meeting adjourned. The issue of water for large non-residential facilities was discussed and the On-site Tech Review Board wants to discuss it again. Potential language was read out-loud and there was discussion on the number of people (15?) that might trigger a different standard for such facilities. It was suggested that some large non-residential facilities might use lots of water but not employ or serve 15 people. There was agreement that the goal should be to protect the water for residential over a non-residential facility. Motion by Tremaine and Abney: While RCCC does not have detailed language ready for the Assembly, comments to them should include 1) the above goal, 2) as well as the expectation that AWWU should NOT be extended to cover

non-residential development and that low density development is compatible limited water resources, and 3) recharge studies are needed to determine groundwater resources. Passed.

New Business:

Ballot proposition dealing with annexation into road service areas: Kenny said Case 2013-15 will come before the Assembly and likely be on the April ballot to allow areas to be annexed into LRSAs without a vote of the people. Abney thought this might end up requiring our streets to be brought up to MOA standards and it could be a violation of the city Charter that says neighborhoods must be allowed to vote themselves into service areas.

Section 36 funding update: Pease said the council has been asked for a letter of support for the city's legislative request for \$500,000 to begin development of Section 36. Motion by Tremaine and Abney to write a support letter. Passed with one objection. Tremaine to write letter.

Park Dedication Project update: Abney spoke on the list of parks in our area and how the list may be incomplete. Only about seven parks of perhaps 27 have been formally dedicated. The HLB lands were not included in the list. More research needs to be done on potentially missing parks and the process.

CIP update: Pease asked about the timing of the CIP list that each council gets. Usually it is in the spring and probably comes from MOA's OMB. Heath Langdon was asked if he could find out about the list.

Board electronic voting—when important issues come up between meetings it may be necessary to get Board approval for comments before deadlines. The Bylaws allow electronic voting in some cases. There was discussion about how to let the membership know and become part of the process. Post the issue to the website and send a message to all members asking for comments, was one suggestion. Decisions between meetings can be ratified at the next meeting—although the Bylaws state such actions are deemed ratified unless reversed at the next or special meeting. A non-reply by the Board to a message should not be considered as approval of the issue. Future Bylaws amendments may clarify electronic voting.

Reports:

FCC website: Tremaine said it is nearly done. RCCC needs a better email list of members. Guyer will inquire.

Old Lyons Club:update: Holmes reported that the Bird TLC can't use the building on the property and if it is removed, they aren't sure they would use it as an overflow parking area because they are worried they would be charged property tax. Currently they are being charged tax on their main parcel even though they are a non-profit, because they do not have a building up. The RCCC is on record as wanting BLM to issue a permit to a non-profit rather than to sell the property. It was hoped people might have an idea for a non-profit who could use the land or perhaps it could be open space.

Summary of Assignments: Kenny will call ADF&G on the 164th drainage issue; Goldenview Dr meeting will include Pease, Abney, Tremaine, Sterling; Pease will write letter on well water issue for Title 21; Tremaine will draft Sec 36 funding support letter; Langdon will inquire on CIP list, proposition on annexing into LRSAs _____,

Adjourned 9 pm