

Rabbit Creek Community Council Meeting Minutes for Thursday, January 10, 2019

Location: Golden View Middle School Library

Board Roll Call - Present: Chair – Ky Holland (Co-Chair), Ann Rappoport (Co-Chair), David Sterling (Secretary), Bert Lewis, Frank Pugh, Peter Crimp, Judy Michael, Jess Grunblatt, Keith Guyer

Absent: Matt Cavanaugh, Paul Gionet

Board Member Chair – Ky Holland - Opened the meeting at 7:04 pm. Declared a General Membership Meeting. Current Board followed by new board members all introduced themselves.

- Two goals – 1) Nicole Jones-Vogel from Heritage Land Bank and Master Plan in RCCC area. 2) Organize Committees.
- Ky plans to run RCCC meetings by “Bob’s” Rule of Order. Stay close to the agenda, but allow for flow in the meeting and respect for everyone.
- Introductions by most everyone in the room and where they live.
- **Agenda** - Agenda provided will be followed to the best extent.
 - Dianne Holmes asked to include information about the old Fire Station at Old Seward and Rabbit Creek. Ky plans to have the Lands Committee review before any presentations.
 - Agenda approved as written.
- **Minutes** – December Minutes – Ky relayed these edits:
 - Changes asked by folks: 1) The 3rd and Final Motion for Panorama Subdivision, that HDP has a requirement for an East-West connection, which is correctly described in the minutes. 2) For Lewis and Clark Subdivision just to confirm that there is a ~2,200 lf walk around issue, not a 217 lf walk around, adding in the words, “as reported by the Board of Adjustments.”
 - **Motion Bert Lewis & 2nd Michael Kenny** – To adopt the minutes with these changes. No objection, so approved.
- Attendance - Total ±43 people in attendance. General Membership Meeting.

Announcements & Legislative Reports:

• **Assembly Members** -

- Suzanne LaFrance – our assembly member for RCCC area - Contact info: Cell Phone: (907) 351-7199, Voicemail: (907) 343-4122, E-mail: LaFranceS@muni.org - Chugach Electric purchase of ML&P has been approved. Issue goes to the RCA Regulatory Commission who will take 6 months to review. Alcohol tax of 5% will be on the April ballot. Money to go to support Public Safety, Treatment Centers, and address homelessness. Proposed ordinance for fireworks on New Year’s for 3 hours that failed. Ordinance to ban products containing a group of chemicals intended as flame retardant on clothing used widely in 1970’s. When burned, the chemicals smoke is very toxic. Those chemicals can be retained in the body and cause lots of harm. Suzanne can provide details upon request. Those chemicals were placed onto children’s costumes. Typically, on upholstered products. Discussion about how the ban would work.
- John Weddleton – e-mail: weddletonj@muni.org – Present with Suzanne.
- **State Representatives** - Cathy Giesel not present tonight. Jenifer Johnston not present tonight.

Updates, Announcements, & Presentations

- Fire Station 10 – Senior Fire Captain Jacob Johnson and 2 firefighters from Station 10. Update on things they have going on. For large natural disasters all firemen get out of station for quick inspection of roadways and structures. Return that information back to the center. November 30th quake happened at shift so numerous fire fighters on duty. Disaster plan with Bear Valley Elementary is to evacuate to the Fire Station 10. 60 kids and teachers came to the station 10 and hung out until 4:30 pm. Formal report about lessons learned by the Fire Department is forthcoming. Identification of your personal house is highly recommended, both on the house and at the front of your driveway so it is plainly legible. Make sure brush along the driveway is trimmed back to allow fire engines or ambulance easy access. Current computer techniques allow for locating where calls are made from, but often the dispatcher may not understand verbal information from a caller. Dianne Holmes mentioned that some solar panels cause issues with some types of smoke detectors, so beware. Please everyone check your smoke alarms for age and battery. Also Carbon Monoxide alarms. Some agencies offer to place smoke alarms into your house. Firewise Program - \$200,000 grant for fuel reduction, separate contractor, Mr. John See manages program and money. Specific details available in spring and should be at one of our future meetings.
- Golden View Homeowners Association – Brian, as a board member, here to listen and participate.
- Keno Hills Homeowners Association – Here to be present, listen, and participate.
- Bird TLC – Dianne Holmes brought up the open house of the new facility last November and Bird TLC is now our neighbor and we need to support them.
- Ann Rappoport – Advised about RCCC Information Sheet with all sort of relevant information available tonight and also on the web.

Meeting Focus - Heritage Land Bank Work Plan and RCCC 2019 Work Plan – Jesse

Grunblatt offered introductory information about HLB’s mission and relationship to RCCC, and parcels in our area, especially around Potter Marsh. There is a Request for Comment that RCCC will want to participate in, that is due in February. Nicole Jones-Vogel HLB Representative, Land Management Officer, is here to discuss 1) What is HLB? 2) Mission of HLB 3) How that fits in with contacts within the MOA. 4) 2019 Work Plan. 5) Update on Section 36. The Real Estate Department has 2 divisions, one division Real Estate Services - handles leases and manages tax process. Second division is HLB - Manages ~10,000 acres of uncommitted MOA Property in a separate from General Real Estate Services. Mainly vacant, underutilized, some have contracts like Winner Creek Trail, Girdwood Items, or a Facility on Dowling, 200 acres of easements, State of Alaska Crime Lab, and others. HLB is not tax supported. Work has to be self-sustained. Monthly Board meeting 2nd Thursday of every month. Board acts as advisors to the Assembly. Recently have had special outreach meetings around the region to mentor various groups. Comments are due by 8:00 am Feb 4th, a 45-day public review period. Inviting comments on their one-year plan and

MOA Fire Plan. Project out a 5-year plan for things they might do. Inventory map by region is listed in the HLB plan. RCCC always participates and provides guidance. No changes on RCCC area properties is planned. They know about road access issues. They plan to hold onto the lands until action is required. Section 36, interest in how and who manages. 2,000 acres is governed as a Conservation Bank Property allowing Developers to use. Described Conservation Bank Property to some detail. Only Division in MOA authorized to hold conservation easements. Have 200 acres on Conservation Easements, many for MOA projects. At Section 36 the Corps of Engineers (COE) mapping and letter are in agreement for wetlands areas and stream locations. Been working to get a Conservation Bank in place since 2006, had a difficult time, with lots of work left. Section 36 is the in the top 5 overall in MOA, and the top one site for Rabbit Creek watershed. COE requires 1) Public entity wanting to do Mitigation Banking no longer can do preservation only. Need to include enhancement, creation, or restoration. 2) Culvert Pipes are frequently adding to fish passage problems. No way for developers to get credit for fixing those. Mapping of problem culverts is underway. They plan to do upgrades downstream of Section 36. Problems with the Railroad and Potters Marsh. Described an issue at the Section 36 site that by adjusting a culvert would create new uplands. Plan to take their project culvert plan to the COE soon. Once that is worked out, they will approach HLB Commission who will then take it to MOA Assembly. Comments from audience included:

- Dianne Holmes - Discussion about the desire for trails at Section 36. Nicole advised that HLB is not setup to build trails, but the next agency that would take over management of the land would install those items.
- Frank Pugh - 75' buffer or 300' buffer – Master plan states 75' buffer. HLB wants to suggest a trail buffer width that allows for more latitude on trail design in wet areas. A 300' buffer would help.
- Ky Holland - Land Use committee will be reviewing this issue.
- Jesse Grunblatt – Described various HLB land issue in RCCC area that the Land Use Committee will study.
 - Went thru a RCCC Comment for HLB Document in detail, that lists Items A thru E that they would like to forward soon for comment to HLB. Described various edits being suggested. This is the same document submitted by RCCC for prior year. Document will be posted on line for review. Too many issues for these minutes.
- Mike Kenny – Described how watershed water enters Potter Creek. Like to see some recognition about Battle Creek and Little Survival Creek as to the health of Potter Marsh in regard to the HLB properties in those areas.
- Jesse Grunblatt - Any opportunities for Conservation Easements of these Potter Marsh area properties? Nicole those properties rank pretty low on their priority list. Mike Kenny advised that Greatland Trust list the 100 acre area Legacy Point as #1 on their list. Nicole advised that Greatland Trust is able to list properties in a different manner than HLB is able to.
- Dianne Holmes – HDP was written to include the Potter Valley Plan, which became part of the HDP, and is very specific to streams around the Potter Creek and Potter Marsh drainage areas, there are memorandum of understandings about these areas that need to be reviewed.
- Ky Holland – Links to the ability to make comments through Feb 4th for personal input. Another option is to list concerns with the RCCC Land Use Committee. We can submit recommendations
- **Motion Ann Rappoport & 2nd Bert Lewis** - To adopt Items A thru E Recommendations from the Land Use Committee as previously described by Jesse Grunblatt and listed on the written document mentioned above. Mike Kenny more information should be able to be added on to the a thru e items. Frank Pugh concurs. Bert Lewis seconds motion but concerned about time limit concern. Peter Crimp agreed. Nicole-Time extension for comments is not possible. Many individuals voiced agreement to move forward with adopting the A thru E items described, adding other concerns in the future. Jesse G, basically the same comments as previous years. Motion vote: 18 yes & 3 opposed, no abstentions. Motion carries.

Committees

- Ky Holland - New board organizational meeting in November. Existing and new committees discussed. Committee folks get-together after tonight's meeting. Standing Land Use & Transportation, Communications, Out Reach. Suggests any correspondence be emailed to this email: rabbithcreekccc@gmail.com. One spot for Ky and Ann to review. On Facebook, and fliers. Ky had committee handout for review. Audience invited to write name on whiteboard to join committee.
 - Proposing Outreach and Communication Committee be merged. Mailing sent out last week to every area address.
 - Correspondence Committee – Communication be archived, and quality of correspondence be high quality.
 - Land Use & Transportation Committee – Technical committee related to roads, land use, etc. Might be a need for breakout committees based on possible future issue like drainage, LRSA, zoning, etc.
 - Neighborhood Resilience Committee – To create resilience in our area. So, we know what to do and how to do it in case of any disasters, crime, safety, or other type issues.
 - Elections Board – Start off in summer and clean up the November elections.
 - Finance Review – Treasurer keeps track of money. Special goal fund raising.
 - Wildlife Issue – Bears, moose, and critters. Might be part of the Resilience Committee.
 - Need three volunteers: 1) Hospitality Person- ?? 2) FCC Meeting Rep – Frank Pugh + 3) HALO- ??

Announcements

- AMATS Services Plan Meeting - 2 week notice for comments.
- AERT - Alaska Energy Rural Community Forum
- Other cases and activities on electronic agenda on the back. Glance over.
- Chester Creek
- Nancy Pease - Chugach State Park - Giving 20 year lease to Arctic Valley Ski and there is no master plan about what they are going to do with it. Go take a look.

Next Meeting – Polled the question and February 14, 2019 remains the date. Expect pretty cookies!

Meeting adjournment – Meeting adjourned at 9:00 pm.