

Rabbit Creek Community Council Meeting Minutes for Thursday, April 11, 2019

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Location: Golden View Middle School Library

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

Absent:

Board Member Co-Chair – Ky Holland - Opened the meeting at 7:10 pm. Declared a General Membership Meeting. Introductions by most everyone in the room and some advised where they live.

- **Agenda – Motion Judy Michael 2nd Pat Abney** – To approve Agenda. Approved as written.
- **Minutes** – March Minutes – Ann Rappoport relayed some minor edits regarding 172nd Ave.
 - Jess Grunblatt offered some edits regarding a rumble strips motion at the last meeting.
 - **Motion Paul & 2nd Keith Guyer** – To adopt the minutes with minor changes on 172nd Ave. No objection, so approved.
- Attendance - Total ±85 people in attendance. General Membership Meeting. This meeting followed a Fire Wise Presentation in the foyer and outside of the Golden View Middle School with presentations by the Anchorage Fire Department, State of Alaska DNR, US Forest Service, BLM, other agencies and organizations. Hundreds of people attended. Very informative.

Announcements & Legislative Reports:

- **Assembly Members -**
 - Suzanne LaFrance – Assembly member for RCCC area - Contact info: Cell Phone: (907) 351-7199, Voicemail: (907) 343-4122, E-mail: LaFranceS@muni.org – Suzanne La France here to share. Taxi and Uber regulations. Attempts to make it a level playing field with all entities. Smoking – Did not vote on age 21 to buy tobacco so that they can roll it into vaping discussions. Trapping critters in town, need for a buffer away from traps, like 50'. Going to push out after April to allow for a work session. State legislature and appropriations discussion.
 - John Weddleton – e-mail: weddletonj@muni.org – Present for Firewise and left to attend to another appointment.
 - Andy Holloman – ASD School Board – Thanks for passing the bonds. Live call-in on 4/15/19. Deadline on keeping staff, and layoff of teachers is about 5 weeks away right now. Level of uncertainty of budget at state is really wide. Advises that the state is responsible to fund schools in constitution. ASDSchoolboard@ASD.org.
 - Community Police Patrol Officer Chris Wright - On midnight shift. Police assign officer to one area. Chris is assigned to the RCCC area.
 - **State Representatives** - Cathy Giessel not present tonight. Jenifer Johnston not present tonight.

Updates, Announcements, Presentations, & Community Discussions

- Federal Income Tax Deadline Date Change - MOA earthquake zone taxes not due until end of the month
- Jerry George – AK Railroad Horn Blowing at Crossings in RCCC area – Letter in Mayors office from our Assembly Members requesting Quiet zone at RC Rifle Range is on a bill at state, \$200k appropriation proposed to accomplish. Potter Heights Homeowner Association trying to make Enstar Railroad crossing a quiet zone.
- **Community Firewise** – Neighborhood folks working with John See and other AFD folks to plan and begin building awareness. Plan to perform some mitigation work. 142nd Ave one way in and one way out. What do they do? Sign up for Home Assessment tonight.
 - AFD John See – Firewise Wildfire Mitigation is his main assignment. One-man band. Writing Grants to keep the programs going. Desire to copy a Firewise Program like Horseshoe Lake. \$300,000 Grant for various things. Sign-up for free home inspection. Firemen do a walk around and discuss hardening home for wildfire. Important to get neighbors involved.
 - Ready-Set-Go Program – Ready-Hardening of home. Set-Working with family on emergency situations for evacuations, pets and procedure. Go-Ready to evacuate and know what you need to take in case of evacuation. Know safe zone around neighborhood, parking lots around school. 4x highest tree distance away from those items for safety.
 - John Parker Integrated Robotics & Mike Mesick Deep Force Security – Cameras to detect wild land fires. Provided detailed discussion of system. IR Cameras sometime \$100k and up. Can detect a 1 square meter fire at 3.1 miles away. Un-Cooled thermal cameras much less expensive. Areas on hillside with great potential for fires. This technology can give dispatch precise location of fires for quick response. April to November fire season in Alaska. USFS budgets exceeded 12 of last 15 years to address fires. Algorithms written specifically for thermal imaging, not adapted from CCTV. False alarm rate less than 5%. Program been in Europe a long time. 10,000 camera units in Europe. System is encrypted VPN system. Only certain folks can get into the system. High security. Why does it work? Moving heat sources. Alarm Levels. Camera locations – 1) Tudor to RC and Elmore to Seward Hwy located at Martin Luther King Drive 2) Tudor at AWWU. Concerned about closed neighborhoods that need alternate egress routes. John See has money in hand to deal with some of those problem areas. Two camera system is about \$70,000. IR Camera \$12,000 visible camera \$3,000, daisy chain servers and expandable.

- Forestry Stewardship Program – Trevor – USFS - Handouts on spruce beetle. Discussed site visits on various properties and how he can help with any Forestry and Land Management question one may have. Lots of beetle kill in areas like Matanuska Valley. Any Forestry problem or questions, he can assist. 500,000 acres last year of beetle kill in Alaska. Expect the same this year. Transporting fire wood that may have beetles, need to consider waiting until beetles have left the wood.
- **Block Watch** – Officer N. Welch Woman Police Officer - Neighborhood Crime Watch Program, new signs. Criteria of 50% participation. Figure out interest level. Reviewed handout.
- **Gage Tree Service** – Andrew Bloom – Arborist – Spruce Bark Beetle service with spraying. Only effective with a healthy tree. Pheromones allow communication between beetles and trees. Spray and injection are possible methods. 100% effective. Birch tree rollers and miners bugs can be sprayed. Insecticide is Selvin carbaryl at a 2% solution, need correct timing for proper application. Toxic to bee and pollinators bugs, so care needs to be taken. Described some proper pruning practices. Spray in spring prior to 60°F temps. Prune in Fall and Winter is best.
- 7:32 pm tonight at Rabbit Creek Road and Old Seward a small fire was reported.

Announcements

- Land Use Committee –
 - **Motion Jess Grunblatt & 2nd Peter Crimp** - Motion for contribution to Bird TLC for use of meeting space at their Old Seward facility. \$75 donation, Amendment for \$100. Motion passed at \$100.
 - **Motion Peter Crimp & 2nd Dianne Holmes** – BLM Parcel at corner of Old Seward Hwy and Rabbit Creek Hwy, the Old Fire Station and Lions Club parcel. Peter read the written motion. Re-endorse RCCC for BLM to give a long-term lease to MOA for public use of that lot. Meeting on 4/15/19. Voice vote count: Numerous yes , 0 no, 1 abstention, motion passes.
 - Capitol Project review at next RCCC meeting.
 - Moen Park Proposal for various upgrades.
 - Legacy Point new Realtor sponsoring the sale. \$3.5 mil.
 - Cleanup week April 27th to May 4th. Trash bags available.
 - **Motion Ann Rappoport & 2nd Ricky ??** - Appropriate up to \$400 for new signage. Voice count: Yes many, No 0, abstain 0, motion passes.
 - **Motion Paul Gionet & 2nd ???** To extend meeting 5 minutes. Motion Passes.
 - Man in a suit to discuss voting - Person on school board ballot that was not approved to be on the ballot. MOA election crew broke the law. He feels mail-in ballots are illegal??

Announcements

- Treasurers Report – Savings – \$315.91 & Check \$852.39. Membership at 181 people. \$500 check from Grant. Collected \$131 in donation tonight by passing the hat.
- Chipper Day on May 4th. Details being worked on. Standby for news.

Next Meeting – Will be at Golden View Middle School on May 9th.

Meeting adjournment – Meeting adjourned at 9:02 pm.