

Rabbit Creek Community Council Meeting Minutes for Thursday, June 13, 2019

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Location: Rabbit Creek Community Church Sacristy

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

Absent: Paul Gionet, Frank Pugh

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** – Approve Agenda. No problems. Approved as written.
 - **Minutes** – May Minutes – **Motion Bert Lewis & 2nd Judy Michael** – To adopt the minutes with no changes. No objection, so approved.
- Attendance - Total ±34 people in attendance. General Membership Meeting.

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 – Trail and trapping passed on Tuesday. 50 yards. Cell phone in school zone ordinance postponed. 2019-66 & 67 edible cannabis will be in future meeting. Crime issues. Parking issues. Saturday Postal can food drive. Leave a can at mailbox.
 - John Weddleton – e-mail: weddletonj@muni.org – Speaking together with Suzanne. Reapportionment to be delayed indefinitely. 11 single member districts another proposal, will also be postponed indefinitely. After census is done. 12 members. Merrill Field increase in rates. Marijuana, onsite consumption at next meeting. Bear issue will be moved. Septic Tanks - Starting May 1st '19, the MOA would not allow steel tanks until the new coating is approved. So plastic is the main kind of tank used until the situation is resolved between the MOA and Anchorage Tank. New coating on steel tanks with a larger diameter riser access pipe is the new proposed ordinance. ANC Tank and Greer Tank need structural calculations to prove they won't collapse. Until program approved can't install those upgraded steel tanks. Ordinance to put off approved calculations and move the implementation date out. Steel tanks have been used for decades in the city, but the MOA wants calculations to back up this history of use. Fuel / propane tanks at homeless camps. Not considered a public safety issue yet, so waiting for Assembly work to take action. September 21st, no more plastic bags from stores. Stores will be able to charge a range of \$0.10/bag, up to \$0.50/bag.
 - **State Representatives** - Cathy Giessel not present tonight. Jenifer Johnston not present tonight.
 - HALO Meeting - Mike Kenny - AMATS – non-motorized transportation issues, elections.
 - Jerry George – Alaska Railroad – Potter Marsh Quiet Zone - ARR regarding update on horn blasting away at nearby train crossings. He reported:
 - **Rabbit Creek Rifle Range Crossing** – The mayor asked the railroad to fund their share of the Potter Marsh Quiet Zone. The Railroad has denied the mayor's request. The State came up with \$200,000, of the \$375,000 necessary to hang a small horn at the crossing that would blow only at the crossing and eliminate the train from blowing their 110 Db horn. The railroad has also not found federal rail funds that qualify for this project.
 - **Enstar Crossing** – The railroad has yet to explain why they must blow their horn at the Enstar crossing. John MacKinnon, Commissioner of DOT&PF and ARRC Board of Director is pursuing this matter.
 - **AWWU** – During the sewer pipeline reconstruction along Old Seward Hwy in 2018, AWWU detoured traffic onto private property and private roads. The traffic on these fragile roads caused considerable damage. We simply ask that they run a grader up the road when they were done with the detour, and they said they would, but never did. They are now denying responsibility because it was not an official detour shown on their traffic control plan but an ad hoc detour that was not signed as a detour. We simply are asking for an hour of grader time and maybe a load of gravel to restore private property they harmed. They have so far refused. These are private roads not public ROW that they used.
- Treasurers Report – Savings at \$315.98 + Checking at \$752.89, plus a \$500 check was submitted for deposit.
- **Bear Resistant Containers** - John Weddleton - Bear Resistant Containers - Consolidate things in MOA code so that if someone is baiting bears in any manner, they can be fined. Pushing for Bear proof garbage containers in areas with lots of bears. Those areas to be declared high bear areas requiring containers. Will start in the fall with 400 to 500 homes with requirement for bear resistant trash containers. Bear resistant garbage cans will come in big and medium size, in addition to the large size. Problem with small size containers that fall over. When one has no bear cart, garbage cans go out in the morning. With a bear cart, you can put it out the night before.
 - Dave Battle-ADF&G Area Biologists. Bear Ordinance at next Tuesday's Assembly Meeting. Bears #1 problems with wildlife in Anchorage area. Discuss ordinance situation. Some areas have lots of bears without any issues, like Stuckagain Heights. Sometime hot spots with problems because of just a few people who do not attempt to secure their trash. Situation is not too bad this year, as compared to prior years. Discussion on Bear population in Anchorage area. Population is not the issue; it is poorly handled trash. Discuss trash cans size and weight. Children safety in Secure Trash Zone. Homeless camps are the reason there are issues in Muldoon and Mountain View and a very complex issue. Ordinance only as good as the people who follow the requirements. Hope to vote on Tuesday. Ky discussed reporting options. Ky will put it on the web. Bear problem immediate threat, dial 911. Nuisance report, call Dave or go to website of ADF&G.

Old Business

- **Moen Park** - Ann Rappoport – Moen Park to add exercise and library house. Both were accepted by ANC Park Foundation. Exercise equipment needs funds and in-kind help. See Ann R if you want to help.
- **Gateway Parcel** – Ann Rappoport - BLM Property at Old Seward Hwy and Rabbit Creek Road to be our gateway property. Lots of ideas on potential use of that property. At this time, MOA will only agree to obtaining a lease from BLM for a gateway sign on the parcel. Proposal needs to include wording about all ideas for use of the land.
- **Correspondence Committee - Communications** – Will bring it back up in the Fall.

New Business

- **Access to Chugach State Park via Upper Canyon Road** – Access to Upper Rabbit Lake and south trail to Flattop. Some improvements made, but road is in bad shape. Contractor accepted that people have access. Thank Nancy Pease for that clarification.
- **Fire Evacuation Drill** – Plan was for 3 events this year for Firewise Activities - 1st at April meeting had big eqpt show. 2nd in mid-May had open house at Moen Park and gave out tree lot certificates. 3rd Evacuation Drill to help residents figure out what to do. Hoping to do it in a select area, maybe an area that has exit problems.
 - John See – Progress on Firewise sites. Did have a drill in 2005. Division of Forestry is fully committed with lots of fires around the state. Discussed how they will plan the evacuation exercise. Amanda - Emergency Management – Shares responsibility with AFD. Individual preparedness is important. Where are you going to go? Primary and secondary access routes need to be determined for everyone. Andy Preis – Works on everything related to preparedness. Comprehensive Emergency Operation Plan is on a website: muni.org/oem. Best place to go for information after an event: nixel, getting information out to TV and radio. Bear Valley School had an evacuation drill where they moved the kids to South High. Nixel is a blunt force tool, not specific. Alaska does not force people to evacuate events. Monday 7:00 pm Station 9. Inspections 30 out of 60 done.
- **July RCCC Meeting** – Proposed to be outdoors at Moen Park with small agenda.

Announcements

- Land Use Committee – No July 4th meeting. Next meeting in August.

Next Meetings – Will be at Rabbit Creek Community Church in June and August. Suggest July meeting at Moen Park.

Meeting adjournment – Meeting adjourned at 9:00 pm.