

# Rabbit Creek Community Council Meeting Minutes for Thursday, October 10, 2019

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Location: Goldenview Middle School Library

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

Absent: Paul Gionet, Frank Pugh

Board Member Co-Chair – Ky Holland - Opened the meeting at 7:07 pm. 9 board and over 20 members. 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** – September Minutes – **Motion Bert Lewis & 2<sup>nd</sup> Jess Grunblatt** – To adopt the minutes as posted. Minor corrections. No objection, so approved.
- Attendance - Total ±28 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](mailto:LaFranceS@muni.org) – Joshua Spring is here tonight as Suzanne's Representative. Cyber Security to allow Anchorage to maintain business after a cyber-attack. Handouts for ASD in front.
  - John Weddleton – e-mail: [WeddletonJ@muni.org](mailto:WeddletonJ@muni.org) – MOA Assembly will have 6 each 2-member districts. Should we have marijuana cafes be allowed? Lots of challenges to figure out. Might go out on the ballot. Will be thoroughly debated between now and April. Wildfires – Trying to get AMATS funding for Emergency Access Roads in RCCC area. Port of Alaska has been a recent issue at Assembly.
  - **State Representatives** – Jenifer Johnston not present tonight
  - Cathy Giessel - Present tonight. Alaska & Feds spent \$100 mil on wildfires this year. All is quiet with the legislature at the moment.
  - **Brett Keene ANC Fire Department** - Rolling closures that started Oct 1<sup>st</sup>. Numerous rig closures happening to save money. Tender 10 staying open. Tender 9 doing closures could cause issue for lack of water in our area. When people call in sick there are issues to cover that person, usually overtime. \$4 million hole in the budget. Suggestions from audience to write Assembly and Mayor with suggestions. 40,000 each 911 calls last year. John Weddleton said this is a 2019 budget problem. Money is in the budget for 2020. Fire Academy short money.
  - HALO Meeting – None.
  - Treasurers Report – Savings at \$316.13 + Checking at \$1,077.48 = \$1,393.61.

### Committee Reports and Ongoing Projects

- **Stormwater Utilities and Hazard Mitigation Update** – Discussed this issue at last RCCC meeting and sent in notes. Additional action on 2019-106(S2), which was offered as a handout. There are areas opting out of the Storm Water Utility, like Eagle River, Girdwood, and others. Existing permit with EPA. Girdwood and Chugiak/Eagle River has a system for handling storm water. Many Anchorage areas are not coordinated and setup for this. Anchorage Bowl decided Stormwater Utility may be needed and appropriated \$1.5 mil to do a study, which is underway. Lots of ways to handle the storm water. Interested in getting non-profit entities into paying their share. Two districts in Anchorage Bowl, ARTSA and not ARTSA areas. In some cases LRSA would take care of stormwater in their area. Mike Kenny described how the RCCC area is more of a Turnagain Arm area, different than the rest of the bowl. Most of RCCC area storm water feeds into Potter Marsh. Like to see more of a recognition for areas like ours. MOA is trying to figure out a rate structure, e.g. \$40 mil/year /by 70,000 properties = \$571/each but by making this a Utility rather than a Tax the actual rate can be determined based on actual property stormwater discharge and consider factors such as impervious surface area and mitigation steps to reduce or eliminate storm water discharge off the property. Many properties on the hillside would be expected to have a low rate compared to a large box store and parking lot.
- **Land Use & Transportation Committee Report (LUT) – Peter Crimp** – Offered a document “Proposed Stormwater Utility for Anchorage 10-9-19” and reviewed thru Resilience Committee information below.
- **Resilience Committee Firewise Update** – Description for tree cutting and money to keep Firewise going is printed on the back of tonight's agenda. John See AFD Forester – House-by-house effort. Out of date Anchorage wildfire control plan. Fire exposure model out of date. James Kaufman to help John See, who volunteered from HALO. Need help from homeowners, neighborhoods and neighbors, municipalities and subordinates, and stakeholders like the Alaska Zoo. Over the next quarter the group will put together plans. HALO to accumulate information. Fire Prevention week and posters are around the school. 26 applications for mitigation projects from various entities. Fire detection monitors are in place and will be tested next week. John See has recently become a volunteer, due to lack of funding. Expecting Anchorage area to have more expansive beetle kill next summer. CEA tree clearing could use a \$100,000 fund to get the tree trimmers to cut nearby beetle kill trees and leave them down for homeowner to grub away. Ky went thru resolution on back of the agenda.
  - **Motion Bert Lewis & 2<sup>nd</sup> Keith Guyer** – To submit the pre-written resolution to mayor on agenda. Minor clarification about the \$100,000. Motion passes, no one opposed, 1 abstention.

### Old Business

- **November Elections** – Everyone in an electable position has agreed to continue their seat in 2020. Need one person. Asking for Nominees.

### New Business

- **Rolling brown outs at fire stations – Motion Dianne Holmes & 2<sup>nd</sup> Ann Rappoport** - To write short letter to mayor and appropriate representatives requesting logic be applied to lack of tenders in our area and reassign. Concern about lack of staff also. Find a better solution. Chair to write a simple letter and get it out. Motion passes.
- Three issues in mail referred to the LUT committee.
- Sept 28<sup>th</sup> Potter Marsh Cleanup - Collected 540 lbs of trash and evasive plants. Successful.
- Need designer for tool box shed and to sharpen tools at Fire Station 10.
- Moen Park Challenge Grant looking for money.

**Next Meetings** – Will be at Goldenview Middle School Library in November.

**Meeting adjournment** – Meeting adjourned at 8:47 pm.