**Rabbit Creek Community Council Meeting Minutes for Thursday, December 9, 2021**

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Location: Internet Zoom Meeting

Board Roll Call - Present: Ann Rappoport (Co-Chair), Keith Guyer (Treasurer), David Sterling (Secretary), Judy Michael, Mike Kenny, Nowlin Withers, Jess Grunblatt, Nic Kinsman, Dianne Holmes.

Absent: Carl Johnson, Michelle Turner

Board Member Co-Chair – Ann Rappoport - Opened the meeting formally at 7:04 pm. 9 board members and a total of over 36 attendees, Declared a General Meeting. Ann Rappoport described Roberts Rules of Order issues, which are followed by RCCC. Ann asked each attendee to write in their first and last name on chat. The attendance list is attached. Advised of recording the meeting. Described methods to vote on issues for this meeting. People calling in on telephone will need to text to a phone number to sign-in and for voting and sign-in. Described voting eligibility, attendance of one prior meeting in past 12 months. Described Zoom protocol and instructions. Question for the night: Are you traveling for the holidays and if not do you expect guests at your house.

* **December Meeting Agenda-** **Motion Keith Guyer & 2nd Amanda Doughty** – To approve agenda. No objection, Motion passed.
* **November Minutes –** Not discussed for approval tonight.

**Announcements & Legislative Reports:**

* **Assembly Members for RCCC Area** -
  + **Suzanne LaFrance** – Contact info: Cell: (907) 351-7199, Voicemail: (907) 343-4122,

E-mail:  [LaFranceS@muni.org](mailto:LaFranceS@muni.org) – Not available.

* + **John Weddleton** – e-mail: [WeddletonJ@muni.org](mailto:WeddletonJ@muni.org) – (907)-770-6875 – Supports name change of Suicide Peaks. Homeless getting out of Sullivan Arena is approaching success. Hotels and single adult shelter. Election code commission meeting. AMATS goals and objectives. Passed a budget unanimously. Unusual! 12th Assembly member before end of the year. Assembly rules of procedure soon to be discussed.
  + **State Representatives** –
    - **Representative James Kaufman** – [rep.james.kaufman@akleg.gov](mailto:rep.james.kaufman@akleg.gov) – 907-538-526 - Not avail.
    - **Senator Roger Holland** – [senator.roger.holland@akleg.gov](mailto:senator.roger.holland@akleg.gov) – cell 907-351-8277 – Not avail.
  + **Anchorage School District** – Kelly Lessons – No additional rounds of bus closures. Lottery to open Feb 1st, instead of Jan 1st. Superintendent is retiring. Described replacement procedure. Superintendent search underway. Approved 2-year bond package -$111 million- for Apr. election.

**New Business**  ,

* **Draft HLB 2022 Annual Work Program** – Shelley Rowton of HLB – Provided maps showing HLB property color coded with key table in RCCC area. Discussed Bear Valley. Discussed different properties pointing at map. HLB Parcel 2-147 proposed to be transferred to Chugach State Park, based on Potter Valley Land Use Plan. HLB Parcel 2-144 no new plans. There were some discussions with GCI about purchasing their adjacent property but no deal was finalized. Potential exists for a conservation group to purchase and conserve some area here. Section 36 had proposed wetlands project, but it fell through.
  + Nancy Pease, LUT Comm, verbal comments also in written format – Hoping to have the disposal section expanded per written comment. Concerned about proposed code change to allow of the long-standing interest on a property. Is this a way around putting property out to public sale? Shelly Rowton described some examples. Gold mining claims in Fairbanks. Property at Alyeska Resort lease area by Chair 7. Average lease is $17k/year income. Vitally important to Alyeska business. Selling to someone else in a competitive bid would harm their business. Currently have the ability to sell direct to non-profit entities, but not to for-profit entities. Another example at a lease parking lot by Ramada Inn downtown Anchorage. Average lease is $9k/year income. It is her job to get the land into the right place. Nancy described RCCC comments on various pieces of property in our area, as described in the written comments. HLB manages uncommitted property, about 9,000 acres of land, includes wetland mitigation programs, Brownfield programs. Sometimes they purchase property for the right instances. Links in chat to maps. <https://arcg.is/Hbam4>. Public hearing in February.
  + **Motion Nancy Pease 2nd Amanda Doughty** - To submit comments to HLB: 1) Recommend that proposed disposal be accompanied by an objective summary in the work plan of the parcel attributes. 2) Get some constructive comments on the proposed code change for selling HLB parcels to current lessees without competitive bid. Parcel 2-158 be sure to retain the pedestrian easement. Parcel 2-156 on Golden View Drive surrounded by private land that could be conservation land, retain that parcel. Parcel on the bluff by Old Seward Highway, initiate conservation strategies. Parcel 2-147 in Upper Potter Valley support transfer to Chugach State Park. Parcel 2-139 in Bear Valley support acquiring road access to that parcel. Discussions:
    - Ky Holland – Concerned about wildfire mitigation and secondary access, fire breaks.
    - Vote by Zoom chat: Yes=21 No=0; Abstain=0. Motion passes.
* **Update on Equestrian Heights Subdivision** - Will discuss at future meetings as things develop.
* **MTP 2050 Goals & Objective** – Nancy Pease for LUT Committee – Provided description of the situation and scope. Provided written information. AMATS are revising goals and objectives. Goal 1 - Preserve existing infrastructure. Fix things first before you ask for more. Goal 2 - Safety and security of all user and design for. Consider vehicle speed. Low stress system for pedestrian and bicyclists with separation. Goal 3 - Improving mobility options. Design that supports the existing neighborhood. Goal 4 - Support the economy. Protect neighborhoods. Goal 5 - Promote a healthy environment. 15-minute neighborhood. New Goal - Prioritize equity. Goals and objectives are on AMATS.com. Comments due end of December.
  + **Motion Dianne Holmes 2nd Nic Kinsman** – To submit the comments above.
    - Vote by Zoom chat: Yes=20 No=0; Abstain=2. Motion passes.
* **Input to State CAPSIS System** – Nancy Pease – Most important note Potter Marsh mailbox area. ADF&G has worked to get funding for official pull-off spot. Construction to start in spring 2022. Includes parking spaces, signage. Items removed are toilets, boardwalk removed because it can’t be a dead end, crossing for safe crossing of Seward Hwy. Suggest comments so they include toilet, 60’ boardwalk. safe crossing. Boardwalk at north end extension to go east away from highway. Dollars are not huge. RCCC has previously testified and written Legislature supporting this project.
* **Suicide Peaks Rename** – Bill Pagaran - Rename the South and North Suicide Peaks to North and South Yuyang’ Ch’ex, Phonetic pronunciation (You-yonk Check (soft k)), a Dena’ina name that translates as “Heavens Breath”. Provided maps, lots of details, reasoning, and his plan for name change. Bill’s day job is working at Suicide Prevention.
  + **Motion Nancy Pease 2nd Nic Kinsman** – To support this project.
    - Vote by Zoom chat: Yes=23 No=0; Abstain=3. Motion passes.
* **Land Use & Transportation Committee (LUTC)** – Meets first Thursday of each month.
* **Equestrian Heights Subdivision** – Future discussions.
* **Mountain Air Drive Extension** – Dianne Holmes – Presentation at meeting. Ky Holland – DOT described context with other road extensions. Looking for ways to connect to Bear Valley. Looking for ways to connect other isolated neighborhoods for Fire Wise reasons.
  + Lake by Equestrian Heights Subdivision that could be used for wild land fire.

**Old Business & Committee Reports**

* **Land Use Transportation & Committee Reports** – No report.
* **Resilience Committee** – See above from Ky Holland.
* **HALO** – No report.
* **Committee Reports**
  + **Treasurer Report** – Keith Guyer we have not spent any money since last time. $1,595 available. $400 for future scanning.
  + **Social Media** - Nic Kinsman – No updates to report.
* **Motion Judy Michael 2nd Keith Guyer** – To adjourn. No objection. Motion passes.

**Action Items**: Letters as mentioned above. New board members meeting in December.

**Next Meeting** – January 13th. Expecting Zoom Meeting.

**Meeting adjournment** – Meeting adjourned at 9:03 pm.