

Rabbit Creek Community Council, November 10, 2022 –via Zoom

Meeting Summary

Regular monthly meeting of the Rabbit Creek Community Council was called to order by co-chair Ann Rappoport at 7:07 pm. Board members present, as well as sufficient general membership participants were present as required for a regular meeting according to bylaws.

New Business and Old Business requiring action:

Shangri-La East, S17688

- Platting hearing scheduled for 12/7. Proposal to subdivide one tract into 7 lots and 1 tract; total of 17.52 acres
- Proposed comments were presented (available on RCCC online links): including several requirements for survey markings. Also request to require construction of pedestrian pathways. (See full specifics in meeting documents on website).

Comments were approved and seconded by a vote of 10 yes, 5 no, 0 abstentions.

Note: Burlwood Subdivision name has been changed to Jaimly

Accessory Dwelling Units (ADUs)

The Municipality of Anchorage Planning Department is proposing new and/or modified specifications for the establishment of ADUs on private property.

- When first proposed, the purpose of this effort was to provide an avenue for more affordable housing under an umbrella of modifications that would foster a means of accommodating the needs of family members, i.e. “mother-law-housing”, extended family housing, or some version of rental unit that does not fall under current regulations. New ordinances are being proposed. ---
- Other community councils are concerned about unwanted effects of some of these new plans on existing neighborhoods and quality of life. Work sessions are planned; Community Councils are being encouraged to participate and to submit comments to the planners before the final regulations are codified.
- RCCC is also drafting written comments

AMATS 2022-23

- 45-day comment period for 2023-26 TIP Draft Amendment #1 ends in December. Rabbit Creek Road, from Seward Highway to Goldenvue has been delayed from 2024 to 2026, now being called “road rehabilitation”.
- \$1.5M in 2024 for non-motorized easements. It was moved and seconded to send a letter to AMATS with these issues, asking for further discussion. Motion passed with 12 yes, 0 no, 1 abstention.

Request for RCCC support for Girdwood’s 2023 bond proposal for cemetery

Briana Sullivan, Girdwood Board of Supervisors, requested support for a bond to build a cemetery in Girdwood. An ordinance was passed in 2015 proposing a tax for this. Their Cemetery Board

supports this; it is basic infrastructure; cost approx \$10-\$11 million.

Discussion followed regarding buffer zones, stream setbacks, and geotechnical report, equitable access. Reports were included in chat comments. Positive comments were contributed in support of the project.

Muni 10-year review of community council boundaries

A survey will be coming out probably in December. Dianne Holmes asked if any action was really needed. Mike Kenney commented that the whole watershed should be in RCCC. Dianne said that was the case about 20 years ago. Mike Kenny also questioned how the review would affect Glen Alps boundaries. No action was taken at this meeting.

Election of 2023 RCCC Board (Dianne & Nik)

Annual elections for four 2-year terms and three 1-year terms per Bylaws were held. Six names agreed to run for re-election. Nominations from the floor were requested for the one vacant seat. Nancy Pease agreed to run for that vacancy. Floor nominations were closed. Votes were held for those running for the two-year positions and another vote was held for the one-year terms.

The votes were unanimous and the following people were elected for two-years: David Sterling, Judy Michael, Amanda Doughty, John Riley. Elected for the one-year terms were: Ann Rappoport, Mike Kenny, and Nancy Pease.

Updates from elected or other officials

- Randy Sulte – Upcoming work session on Nov. 16 re: housing and homelessness. Working on budget and amendments. No roof repairs approved.
- Andy Holleman (ASD School Board) – new Teamsters contract raises pay for school bus drivers. Full slate of drivers and buses expected by Christmas. Other flat funding due to decreased enrollment—numbers of students in lower grades declining. Base Student Allocation increase of \$17.

After comments and announcements, meeting was adjourned at 8:56 pm.