

**Rabbit Creek Community Council Meeting Minutes for Thursday, December 8, 2022**  
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Location: Internet Zoom Meeting

Board Roll Call - Present: Dianne Holmes (Acting-Chair), Keith Guyer (Treasurer), David Sterling (Secretary), Mike Kenny, John Riley, Nancy Pease, Judy Michael, Matthew Blakeslee

Absent: Michelle Turner, Carl Johnson, Ann Rappoport, Amanda Doughty

Board Member Acting-Chair – Dianne Holmes - Opened the meeting formally at 7:12 pm. Asked people to put name in the chat. Determined 6 board members and a total of over 22 attendees, Declared a Quorum and General Meeting. Dianne Holmes described the Sign-In Method. RCCC follows Roberts Rules of Order. The attendance list is attached. Zoom 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.

- **December Agenda – Motion to Approve by Nancy Pease & 2<sup>nd</sup> Keith Guyer** – To approve the agenda as written. Move the order of some items around. No objections. Approved.
- **November Meeting Minutes – Motion to Approve by Matt Blakeslee & 2<sup>nd</sup> Keith Guyer** – To approve as written. No objections. Approved.
- **Treasurer Report** – Savings \$315.59 + Checking \$1,279.48 = \$1,595.07 available. \$400 encumbered for future records scanning.

**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) – Behind on emails. Tons of comments on Girdwood Development. Homeless issues with various plans being reviewed. 10-year review of Community Councils due on Dec 23<sup>rd</sup>. 60-acre Girdwood development on PL land owned by Heritage Land Bank. Residents have numerous concerns about the development. Expensive development that would not provide economical housing that is in short supply. \$587 mil budget recently passed. Discussed process to replace Assembly Seat members. Mike Kenny concern about Randy Sulte reapportioned out of our area with new boundaries. Suzanne described how member good thru the end of their term.
  - **Randy Sulte** – Not Present.
- **State Representatives –**
  - **Representative James Kaufman** – [rep.james.kaufman@akleg.gov](mailto:rep.james.kaufman@akleg.gov) – 907-538-5262 – Not present.
  - **Senator Roger Holland** – [sen.roger.holland@akleg.gov](mailto:sen.roger.holland@akleg.gov) – cell 907-351-8277 – Not present.
  - **Senator-elect Cathy Giessel** – Interested in school funding, restore pension plan for teachers and firefighters.
- **Anchorage School District** – Andrew Holleman – ASD Board Meeting 0900 Saturday to look at future deficit options. Immersion Programs will remain. Full school bus service started this week. Updated bus routing with new software, so less buses/drivers required. Idea for moving 6<sup>th</sup> graders into middle school. Described Immersion Programs conditions and successes.
- **JBER** – Joy Boston – No report.

**New Business and Old Business Requiring Action**

- **AMATS 2023-26 TIP Amendment #1** - Nancy Pease – Transportation Project 4-year budget that passed in August and now has a proposed amendment. Draft comments provided on the screen for our interest in getting mapping completed for Rights-of-Way for Recreational Trails and Non-Motorized Connectivity. AMATS staff unsure on the value of this effort. Agreed to meet in second half of December. Nancy reviewed numerous Rights-of-Way in and around the RCCC area shown on screen. Locations discussed include: DeArmoun Road area, Potter Valley Road and Scenic Valley. Rabbit Creek Road from Bridge Subdivision Intersection over to Buffalo Street. Potter Valley for a trail along the creek. The Right-of-Way information is barely visible on many maps and

RCCC would like to help identify these and other locations in our area to the AMATS Board. There is funding available for work.

- **Motion by John Riley & 2<sup>nd</sup> Mike Kenny** – To approve the points and comments in the Draft document as prepared by Nancy Pease. Shall RCCC submit comments to AMATS asking them to consider RCCC recommendations. Results: No objections, so motion passes.
- **Comments** – Vivian Mendenhall agrees that information needs to be made available.
- **Mills Property Draft Plat** – Kate Sauve with S4 Group – Representing Owners for Mills Property. Plat put on the screen. 80-acre tract being divided into 3 separate tracts. Western boundary has proposed trail along boundary from Rabbit Creek down to the SW Corner and along southern boundary. Dedicated Right-of-Way along southern and eastern boundaries. No proposed development at this time. Dividing the tract amongst family members. Originally proposed a trail along Rabbit Creek. MOA Departments did not support that creek trail, so they proposed to move trails over to other locations. Dianne and Nancy brought up the requirements of Hillside District Plan for stream set back requirements. Concern for various MOA members that do not support non-motorized gravel trails next to streams, for unknown reasons. Nancy feels it is RCCC's responsibility to inform the MOA of HDP requirements. Rob Brown commented about difficulty of putting trail next to creek in a certain location due to terrain conditions. Hultquist Homes is a neighbor and has not yet developed proposed trails in their area. Grant xx advised that the trail on Hultquist property is in an area of very steep terrain with heavy brush and rock. Not in a good area. May look good on paper, but not physically smart. Nancy advises that recently MOA is starting to require developers to flag, survey, and brush out the trail easements. Dianne Holmes advises that this Plat is not ready for RCCC comments, does not even have a number.
- **Land Use & Transportation Committee Updates** – Nancy Pease
  - **ADU Housing (Accessory Dwelling Units)** – Ongoing review
- **Schools on Trails** – Nancy Pease – Ongoing review and activity.
- **Resilience Committee** – No report.

### **Committee Reports**

- **FCC** – No Report.
- **HALO** – No report.
- **Social Media** – No report.
- **Treasurer Report** – Savings \$315.59 + Checking \$1,279.48 = \$1,595.07 available. \$400 encumbered for future records scanning.

**Next Meeting** – January 12, 2023. Meeting on Zoom.

**Motion to Adjourn Nancy Pease and 2<sup>nd</sup> Mike Kenny** - No objections. Approved.

**Meeting adjournment** – Meeting adjourned at 8:34 pm.