

Rabbit Creek Community Council Meeting Minutes for Thursday, February 9, 2023
FINAL Approved at March 9, 2023 RCCC Meeting

Location: Internet Zoom Meeting

Board Roll Call - Present: Ann Rappoport (Co-Chair), John Riley (Co-Chair), Keith Guyer (Treasurer), David Sterling (Secretary), Mike Kenny, Nancy Pease, Judy Michael, Matthew Blakeslee, Amanda Doughty, Carl Johnson

Absent: Michelle Turner,

Board Member Co-Chair – Ann Rappoport - Opened the meeting formally at 7:03 pm. Asked people to put name in the chat. Determined 9 board members and a total of over 22 attendees. Declared a Quorum and General Meeting. Ann Rappoport 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. Described Pass the Hat method of collecting money for use by RCCC. Urged folks to send in a contribution.

- **February Agenda – Motion to Approve by Carl Johnsons & 2nd Keith Guyer** – To approve the agenda as written. No objections. Approved.
- **January Meeting Minutes – Motion to Approve by Carl Johnson & 2nd Amanda Doughty** – No objections. Approved.
- **Treasurer Report** – Savings \$316.77 + Checking \$1,279.58 = \$1,596.35 available. Outstanding debt encumbered for ongoing 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 – Not present.
 - **Randy Sulte** – Not present. **State Representatives** –
 - **Representative-elect Ladie Shaw** – Not present
 - **Senator-elect Cathy Giessel** – Present.
- **Anchorage School District** – Andrew Holleman – Lunches too short, so a mandatory minimum time to eat and have physical activity is now a policy across all elementary schools. Lunch Room help is short staffed, so delivering prepared meals. Figures on balanced budget being worked on. Closing Abbot Loop School which has design problems. Charter school might lease for max 5 years. Looking at closing an elementary school every year due to population down turn.
- **AFD** – Captain Sean Fredenhagen – Bonds on ballot to replace equipment and upgrade stations.
- **Parks & Rec** – Beth Nordlund - Bond to upgrade various parks trail upgrades, at \$3.95 mil. Read thru the list. Working on Ocean View Bluff Park to Potter Marsh.
- **Candidates for Offices-**
 - **Andy Holleman** – ASD School Board – Re-election.
 - **Zach Johnson** – Assembly - Introduced himself.

New Business and Old Business Requiring Action & Reports

- **Mountain Air Drive Project** – Holly Spoth-Torres Public Involvement Specialist, Alex Read PMgr DOT, DL Peterson Project Designer – MOA owned and maintained. DOT project w/ AMATS as partner. Todd Jacobsen assisting, and Trevor Strait, still in preliminary stages. Plan is to extend Mountain Air Drive to connect to south existing road in Shangri La Subdivision. Mission is to improve emergency and public access in the area and a pathway for non-motorized. Showed a map of the intended pathway and profile. A bridge over Little Rabbit Creek. Pathway on one side. Federal funded. Environmental study. Schedule shows construction in 2027 if funded. Field work done last fall. Wetlands delineated. Cultural resource assessment. All documents are on the project website. Dianne Holmes suggested two pathways, one on each side. Right of way does not warrant two pathways. Looking at other ways to improve the

intersection at Rabbit Creek. Roundabout will not work with curve in road. Nancy Pease suggests making it easier for kids to walk to school with more pathways in all directions, and desires a neighborhood safe speed. Discussed environmental study. Traffic study for school will be performed. Rabbit Creek Fire Station 10 relocation has been discussed in the past. Jamie Drive extension is not part of this project, but they are designing so that the connection could happen easier in the future. 156th Ave and Jamie sort of align where they will intersect Mountain Air at some future date. Not part of this project. DOT is always accepting feedback thru the design process, sooner the better.

- **New Transportation Projects** – Nancy Pease – Three road projects open for comments now. 1) DeArmoun Road will have pavement repair from 140th to Hillside Drive. Project Manager is John Knowles. 140th has a strange unsafe alignment, which is a major collector road. Share the Road sign for bicycles. Requesting several more signs. Summarize the requests to DOT Include: Verify the unsafe crossing created by the terminus of the bicycle lane. Provide a crosswalk and signage across DeArmoun Road. Provide crosswalk and signage across 140th. Provide additional signage asking people to share the road. Project will be ready to bid in summer 2023.
 - **Motion by Nancy Pease & 2nd Vivian Mendenhall** – To support the summary items listed above. Vote Results: Yes= 16; No=0, Abstain=3. Motion passes.
 - 2) Pavement Repair of the Rabbit Creek Road from the Old Seward Highway to the overpass along Rabbit Creek Road. Also work to be done in the Rabbit Creek Flood Plain. The culverts for Rabbit Creek under Old Seward/Rabbit Road are failing and they are not adequate for fish passage, with pooling in areas. Anadromous fish in the creek include coho, pink, Dolly Varden, and other species that go all the way up to Hillside Drive. The culvert should allow passage for small mammals and bears. Hazardous area for pedestrian and biking. Suggestions include: Better striping on road for bicycles; Pedestrian access to Old Seward; Guardrail repair; turn pocket turning left onto Old Seward while coming down hill.
 - **Motion by Nancy Pease & 2nd Dianne Holmes** – To write a letter to DOT with the points mentioned above. Vote Results: Yes= 20; No=0, Abstain=1. Motion passes.
 - 3) Seward Highway from Windy Point up to Rabbit Creek Road – February 24th comment period ending. Need safety for all users. Joe Meehan, ADF&G advises that the culverts next to boardwalk the let Potter Marsh water into the Cook Inlet are undersized, failing, and need to be replaced. Intersection with Potter Valley Road might need interchange. Need to be proactive to not let Old Seward Hwy become a frontage road to allow for animal movements to/from the uplands. Trail connection from Potter Valley mailbox area down to existing trailhead. Concern letters as submitted in the past. Suggest a commuter rail to Girdwood.
 - **Motion by Nancy Pease & 2nd Mike Kenny**– To flush out these 3 points in a letter to DOT with the points mentioned above. Vote Results: Yes= 17; No=0, Abstain=1. Motion passes.
 - **Wildfire Egress Project Wrap-up** – Ky Holland – Lots going on for the next year. Study group meeting for past 5 months. Lots of attendance and input. Helped to understand what the problems are going to be. Report to be out in March. Realized that without a plan we are not eligible for funding. Planning for annual Firewise event. Information on website from link in chat.
 - **Mills Property** – 80-acre upcoming plat – Dianne Holmes & Ann Rappoport – Big track with two lots. Viewed map on line also available on RCCC website. Points for comments: On the western border of Mills parcel from the stream, southward, to 140th, there should be a wide easement to allow a switchback path up the steep hill that would connect to 140th and also the adjacent Section 36 park. Described various comments about trails to Section 36. Plat to be posted soon. Will write letter to city with comments.
 - **Motion by Dianne Holmes & 2nd Nancy Pease**– To write letter with comments about Mills Plat. Vote Results: Yes= 14; No=0, Abstain=2. Motion passes.
 - **Land Use & Transportation Committee Updates** – Nancy Pease – No specific report.
- Committee Reports**
- **HALO** – Candidate forum on March 2nd at Alaska Zoo. Mills Property.

- **Motion by Nancy Pease & 2nd Matt Blakeslee** – To donate \$100.
 - Vote Results: Yes= 16; No=0, Abstain=0. Motion passes.
 - **Schools on Trails** – Meeting soon
 - **Social Media** – Adding 2 new followers each month. 2023 plan being prepared.
 - **Next Meeting** – March 9, 2023. Meeting on Zoom.
- Motion to Adjourn Ky Holland & 2nd Mike Kenny** - No objections. Approved.
- Meeting adjournment** – Meeting adjourned at 9:09 pm.

Submitted by David Sterling, RCCC Secretary