

**Rabbit Creek Community Council Meeting Minutes for Thursday, May 9, 2024**  
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**Location:** Internet Zoom Meeting Only

Board Roll Call - Present: Tim Alderson (Acting-Chair), Matthew Blakeslee (Treasurer), David Sterling (Secretary), Judy Michael, Grace Johnston, Nancy Pease, Mike Kenny

Absent: Ann Rappoport, Amanda Doughty, Lorena Edenfield, John Riley

Board Member Acting-Chair Tim Alderson - Opened the meeting formally starting at 7:02 pm.

Requested everyone to sign-in on Zoom. Determined 6 board members and over 26 attendees total on zoom. Declared a Quorum and General Meeting. Tim Alderson 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 vote in the chat. Described voting eligibility, attendance of one prior meeting in past 12 months. Described Zoom protocol and instructions Land Acknowledgement – Meeting on unceded lands of the Dena'ina Athabascan.

- **May Agenda** – Tim Alderson requested approval of the agenda as written. **Motion: Grace Johnston & 2<sup>nd</sup> Keith Guyer**. To approve as written. No objections. Approved.
- **April Meeting Minutes** – **Motion to Approve by Grace Johnston & 2<sup>nd</sup> Matt Blakeslee** – To approve. No objections.
- **Treasurer Report** – Current report: Savings \$317.15 + Checking \$1,731.32 = \$2,048.52 available. Matt Blakeslee made a Pay Pal Account to accept donations. Pay Pal name in chat. Outstanding debt encumbered for ongoing records scanning.

### **Announcements & Legislative Reports:**

- **Assembly Members for RCCC Area -**
  - **Randy Sulte** – (907) 343-4121 - [Randy.Sulte@anchorageak.gov](mailto:Randy.Sulte@anchorageak.gov) – Present. Issues - Capital project is live online now. Assembly passed budget for first quarter. Rezoned National Archive site. Looking for updates on Wildland Fire Coordinator. Bianca Cross is Temp Chief of Police. Mayor election is going on now. Great Land Trust approval of park across Old Seward from Potter Marsh. South ANC wood lot will be at SWS Transfer Site, when they get staff.
  - **Zac Johnson** - (907) 343-4122 - [Zac.Johnson@anchorageak.gov](mailto:Zac.Johnson@anchorageak.gov) – Provided a long discussion about Re-Zone 87(S) issues below.
  - **Representative Laddie Shaw**–907-465-4945-[representative.laddie.shaw@akleg.gov](mailto:representative.laddie.shaw@akleg.gov)- Not present.
  - **Senator Cathy Giessel** –cell (907) 242-5450 – [sen.cathy.giessel@akleg.gov](mailto:sen.cathy.giessel@akleg.gov) Capital Budget approved and went thru some items in the budget- Girdwood School \$500k, Upper DeArmoun Road Upgrade, Stuckagain Road Upgrade, Canyon Road Parking, working on: 1) Energy Bills. Transmission Line bill under one transmission organization. So, there would be no tolls for electrons to lower costs. 2) Getting more gas out of Cook Inlet. Right now, production tax on oil coming out of Cook Inlet is \$1 per barrel. 3) CO<sub>2</sub> storage in Cook Inlet. There is a whole lot more. Still working on school issues.
  - **Anchorage School District** – Margo Belamy – Cell (907) 903-9820 – email = [belamy@asdk-12.org](mailto:belamy@asdk-12.org) – Not present.

### **New Business and Old Business Requiring Action & Reports**

- **Dan Rogers & Todd Lindley** – Running for Chugach Electric Board. Described their reasons.
- **Shangri La East Subdivision** – Grant Matthews for Tony Hoffman – Showed preliminary plat. Currently in design. 20 acres on west side of Mountain Air Drive. Streams and wetlands location being confirmed. May drop some lots for wetlands. Includes pedestrian pathway. Perc testing done.
  - Nancy Pease - Looking at Lots 4,5, 6. Concerned about wetlands and drainage protection. Consider shared driveways. Lot 11 needs to be connected on Path for Schools. Concerned about pedestrian pathways. Grants says there will be a pathway.
  - Mike Kenny – What watershed? Little Rabbit Creek.
  - Tim Alderson – Road is already maintained by LRSA and Owned by Shangri La Subdivision Owners.

- **Section 36** – Adam Robinson – Lives on Canyon Road. Member of Single-Track Advocate board, they're dusting off Section 36 Plan. Sharing rough ideas with on-screen map. Their plan is to create mountain bike and multi-use trail pathways in Section 36. Talking to Nordic Ski Association with MOA and feel that their plan aligns with MOA plan from 2008. Trails would be back-country design. Access Section 36 thru Storch Park. Boardwalk or bridge across wetlands. Not married to any ideas and open to everything. Crossing on Clarks Road. Master plan calls for 12 to 18 miles of trail, but they do not have that amount of money now, so down the road. Some neighbors made support and they had conditions with windy driveway. Described degree of difficulty of proposed trails. No lighting proposed. Trails will be narrow.
  - Nancy Pease – Degree of difficulty of trails. Most people want to get on ridgetop. What about connecting to other adjacent trails.
  - Dianne Holmes – Described numerous options she has in mind.
- **Update and Board Action on AO-2024-45 to Amend Title 21 and Future AO to Amend Comp Plan and 2040 Land Use Plan Prior to 87(S)** – Nancy Pease – Letter placed on screen. 87(S) is an initiative to rezone entire city residential lots. Original premise was for affordable housing, now they call it attainable housing. They want to change the process. Assembly delayed action to May 21<sup>st</sup>. Want membership approval of comment letter. Now instead of rezone, they are calling it a text amendment, so they don't have to send out mailers and follow 21-day rule. They want to make land-use changes in 7-days. Would overrule neighborhood and district plans. The idea is for Assembly wanting more power and less accountability. Assembly has the right to make bad policy. Zac Johnson weighed in with comments.
  - **Motion: Dianne Holmes & 2<sup>nd</sup> Judy Michael** – Shall RCCC submit the letter on additional comments that was written by Land Use Committee and already submitted and just reviewed by this group? Vote Results: Yes = 13; No = 0; Abstain = 1. Motion passes.
- **\$95 to Rent Storck Park for June Meeting** –
  - **Motion: Nancy Pease & 2<sup>nd</sup> Matt Blakeslee** – Shall RCCC rent Storck Park Pavilion for June meeting? Vote Results: Yes = 14; No = 0; Abstain = 0. Motion passes.

## **New Business and Old Business Requiring Action & Reports Not Critical**

- **Seward Highway Upgrade from Rifle Range to Bird Flat** – Nancy Pease – Points from meeting today. Noise monitoring and modeling done. Want to know when, where, how. North terminus pathway, not along Seward Highway but along western side somewhere, TBD. There will be a left turn lane at Potter Valley Road. Pathway 10' wide at 10' offset from traffic lanes. Fencing along railroad in more areas. Extensive high cuts along roadway, or tunnels. Next stakeholder meeting in July. Vivian Mendenhall is on an HDR board as a member of Audubon Society.
- **CIP Survey** - Out on May 9<sup>th</sup>. Will address at June meeting.
- **Rabbit Creek Gateway Sign** – No report.
- **Resilience Committee** – No report.
- **FCC** – New leader hired. Encouraged to update website. Urban renewal. Nomination for officers.
- **HALO** – Concern about re-zone issues. John Weddleton was going to write letter on re-zone. Dianne Holmes will send out a draft copy.
- **Schools on Trail** – No report.
- **Social Media** – No report.
- **Next Meeting** – June 13, 2024. Zoom meeting and Storck Park Pavilion.
- **Motion to Adjourn Nancy Pease & 2<sup>nd</sup> Dianne Holmes** - No objections. Approved.
- **Meeting adjournment** – Meeting adjourned at 8:57pm.