

**Rogers Park Community Council
Meeting Minutes
May 13, 2024, 7:00-9:00pm
Rogers Park Elementary School Library**

Officers:

President, Scott McMurren
Vice President, Jill Klein
Secretary, Cassandra Raun
Treasurer, Sara Dykstra
Immediate Past President, Pete Mjos
FCC Representative, Linda Chase

Scott Called the meeting to order at 7:02pm

Jill read the Land Acknowledgement

Scott read the housekeeping rules.

Cassandra Raun established quorum

Pete Mjos motioned to approve the April 8, 2024 meeting minutes. Jill, seconded. Scott called for a vote, minutes unanimously approved.

Sara Dykstra gave a Treasure's report. No transactions since last meeting, balance is \$1011.23.

Announcements:

All meetings are at Rogers Park Elementary School Library, second Monday of every month, September through May, 7:00-9:00pm. in person and also on Zoom.

Alaska Legislative reports:

Senator Elvi Gray-Jackson gave her report. This is Asian American and Pacific Islander Heritage Month. The Senator gave an update on her bills. \$1M to complete the Northern Lights sound barrier is still in place and she is hopeful that the Governor will not veto it. Please see her attached notes. \$680 is still in the budget for BSA increase, but there are a bunch of bills regarding correspondence schools.

Assembly reports:

Meg Zaletel gave her report. Regarding rough roads and potholes, please call 907-343-6363 if you have/see rough roads. You can also email Meg or Felix. They have had good luck with getting a response. Bike paths are not the same, but if you see a bike path in really rough shape, you can still let them know and they can reach out to parks. Snow plow damage can also be flagged for repair. Street sweeping is happening now. Please park in your driveways and out of the way to the extent that you are able. Regarding Port of Alaska - they are looking at an important summer construction period for stabilization. They will be making some big decision

based on an economic study that they had commissioned. They are building a 75 year port and what does that look like with various and changing economic factors.

There will be a hearing on the small boat launch ordinance on May 16th. They are looking at how to keep the boat launch in good condition.

Home Initiative goes to the Planning and Zoning Commission on May 20th.

Felix Rivera gave his report. There was an ordinance around electric bicycle introduced at the last assembly meeting, set for public meeting at May 21st assembly meeting. This ordinance gets rid of low speed and high speed framing and instead uses a specific wattage of 500 watts. Below 500 watts is considered a regular bike. If you are above 500 watts then your bicycle is regulated as a motor vehicle. This distinction will allow for better understanding and enforcement. Tomorrow is the last day to vote in this election. If you are mailing tomorrow go to the postoffice and get your ballot hand stamped. Otherwise, drop it in an election box by 8pm tomorrow. Regarding housing, the Next Step Pilot program set a goal of housing 150 individuals by the closing of the cold weather shelter, which is going away at the end of the month. They are making progress with that goal. Looking at going straight from abatement to housing and skipping the middle step of shelter or some other form of sheltering.

Guest: Nicolette Dent, Park Planner, Anchorage Parks and Recreation, gave her report about Hillstrand Pond, right off Chester Creek Trail. They have been working on a master plan for Eastchester Park, working with community councils in the area, talking tonight about Elevated Light Penetrating Platforms (ELP platforms). ELP Platforms allow light in under the platform to allow vegetation to grow underneath. The Youth Employment Project will install the ELPs and do some other stabilization of the bank and bank vegetation. It's a quick win, they have the funds and the people to do the work. The team will be out there in June or July for just a couple of days. Larger masterplan includes Hillstrand pond, the playground there, Woodside playground and the Juneau Street Spur.

Election of Officers:

Proposed Slate: Scott McMurren, President; Jill Klein, Vice-president; Cassandra Raun, Secretary; Beth Abisor, Treasurer

Pete Mjos asked for any other candidates, there were no other nominations. Pete introduced the slate and proposed that the council accept the slate. No objections, slate elected.

Committee Reports:

Beautification - Zack Zaletel: free dump passes available. You can get them at the central transfer station, there are trash bags that you can pick up at Fred Meyer at Customer Service, you can deposit the orange bags in a number of locations around town all month, cleanup ends on June 2nd. Neighborhood Cleanup on June 1st.

Closing Comments for the Good of the Order

Kristine Bunnell, Anchorage Community Development Authority (ACDA): they are getting ready to kick off the Midtown District Plan on behalf of the midtown community council, there is a meeting at Natural Pantry Tomorrow at 5pm.

Ric Wilson: the sound barrier on Northern Lights has graffiti is starting to appear. He is proposing that we get someone to draw a mural of a city or houses, something welcoming and bright and might discourage graffiti.

Kristine said ACDA has grants for that in their facade committee and facade program, up to \$10,000 for a mural.

Pete motioned to adjourn, Ric seconded, meeting adjourned at 8:07pm.

Next meeting: September 9, 2024, 7:00-9:00pm