

Rabbit Creek Community Council Meeting Minutes for Thursday, July 11, 2024
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Location: Internet Zoom Meeting

Board Roll Call - Present: Ann Rappoport (Co-Chair), John Riley (Co-Chair), David Sterling (Secretary), Judy Michael, Grace Johnston, Nancy Pease, Mike Kenny, Lorena Edenfield

Absent: Amanda Doughty, Matthew Blakeslee, Tim Alderson

Board Co-Chair Ann Rappoport - Opened the meeting formally starting at 7:04 pm. Requested everyone to sign-in on Zoom. Determined 10 board members and over 32 attendees total on zoom and in person. 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 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.

- **July Agenda** – Ann Rappoport requested approval of the agenda as written. Nancy had an added item. **Motion: Nancy Pease & 2nd Grace Johnston** To approve with one modification. No objections. Approved.
- **June Meeting Minutes** – **Motion to Approve by John Riley & 2nd Nancy Pease** – Nancy Pease offered several corrections about the Alaska Judicial Council. Ann will make corrections. Approved with corrections. No objections.
- **Treasurer Report** – Current report Savings \$317.15 + Checking \$1,731.32 = \$2,048.52 available. Outstanding debt encumbered for ongoing records scanning.

Announcements & Legislative Reports:

• **Assembly Members for RCCC Area -**

- **Randy Sulte** – (907) 343-4121 - Randy.Sulte@anchorageak.gov – Not a lot going on with Assembly. Covered Rezone. In process of redoing committees and he and Kameron Perez-Verdia oversee Homeless Comm. Will pull back what Assembly does with homeless. What is the general long term abatement plan. Working Project Anchorage with ADEC. July 16th meeting will cover several issues: homeless, body cams, 3% sales tax, confirmation of Police Chief Case, Eklutna Dam, Title 21, hydro utility director, Grants Pass homeless ruling.
- **Zac Johnson** - (907) 343-4122 - Zac.Johnson@anchorageak.gov – Not present.
- **Representative Laddie Shaw**–907-465-4945-representative.laddie.shaw@akleg.gov- Not present.
- **Senator Cathy Giessel** –cell (907) 242-5450 – sen.cathy.giessel@akleg.gov Not present.
- **Anchorage School District** – Margo Bellamy – Cell (907) 903-9820 – email = belamy@asdk-12.org – Not present.
- **Arianna Bellizzi - Executive Director for Community Councils -**
- **Candidates-** Ky Holland discussed his candidacy for State House District 9.

New Business and Old Business Requiring Action & Reports

- **Update on Assembly June 25 Vote on Rezoning and Comprehensive Plan Changes** – Nancy Pease and Dianne Holmes – Assembly added another Amendment; Community Councils only received it 7 days in advance of the meeting, so no meaningful public comment was possible. Scaled back the proposal from having only 1 residential zone Anchorage-wide, then 2 residential zones to now having 5 residential zones. All residential zones, city-wide can now be single family/duplex; ADUs were previously allowed city-wide. Expect increased density. In our area lot size and features determine whether a duplex will be allowed. Assembly changed the definition of a duplex from being attached to allowing two detached units on the same lot. Can also have a detached ADU on the lot (a previous zoning change). Some Assembly members tried to change the Comprehensive Plan but pulled back on that. Requested the Planning Department produce a process for a targeted review of the 2040 and 2020 plans within 60 days. Then there will be a nearly year-long process for the review to occur. No date or assurance that public comments will be part of the process. Vivian Mendenhall asked about a prior letter to Mayor-elect LaFrance; Ann will post that

June 10, 2024, briefing by RCCC on the RCCC website, Correspondence folder. Ky Holland had comments on 2020 plan being out of date and issues with 2040 Plan review. Nancy offered some questions given to the Planning staff related to current growth and projections.

- **Motion: Nancy Pease & 2nd Cindy Kinard** – Shall RCCC send a letter to the Planning Department about how the staff will carry out their review of the 2040 Plan. Specifically, is there Public Comment in the next 60 days as they determine the process. Will the review be based on Population projections, if not, can they incorporate new data. Comments: Ky Holland concerned about road connectivity, drainage, and many other issues. A step in the process for review by public. Identify what other issues there are. Do other neighborhood plans get overridden? Ann invited other to add comments in the chat. Vote Results: Yes = 23; No = 1; Abstain = 2. Motion passes. Nancy and Ann to work on the letter.
- **Proposal for Campground off Stewart Trail** – Brandy Pennington – Asked what RCCC thinks is best for that area in Upper Potter Valley to enhance and improve access. Nancy Pease advised that the Stewart Trail is designated as a public easement by the courts with access to Chugach State Park. Brandy has concern about people building trails on private property and getting public access. Tired of being bullied by people and wanting to be heard. Inviting comments about how she should improve her land. Ann described questions that were asked last November of Brandy. Brenda Vincent asked for more information about Brandy’s parcels. Brandy’s parcel is at the far end of Steamboat Drive, about 170 acres. Concerned about people on her land who have confronted her family. Brandy asking for ideas on what she should do with the property. Currently zoned R10, backs up to R1. John Riley offered a map of the parcel. Brandy intends to set up a trolley service to bring people into the site. She has acquired another parcel at Rabbit Creek and Golden View that could act as the parking area for people who want access to her site.
- **Resolution Commending APDs Vehicle Noise Enforcement & Advocating for Transparent Efforts** – Requested by Fairview CC – Concern about motorcycles and cars racing around RCCC roads. Noise meters by APD and raising of fines to \$300.
 - **Motion: John Riley & 2nd Ky Holland** – Shall RCCC support the Fairview CC Resolution on Vehicle Noise Enforcement. Comments – Nancy is in support. Ky Holland in support and commented on there also be traffic calming included. How do they monitor noise? Ask for a report at the end of the summer. Vote Results: Yes = 18; No = 3; Abstain = 2. Motion passes.

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- **Arianna Bellizzi - Executive Director for Federation Community Councils (FCC)** – Described FCC in detail. Picnic in August. Working on new website for deployment in 2025. Training meetings in Fall at Wilda Marston Theatre on purpose of Community Councils, how to run meetings and participate in Muni.
- **Letter to Mayor LaFrance** – Nancy Pease – Want to send a letter thanking Mayor Suzanne LaFrance for meeting in June and supporting RCCC. Concerns include the Comprehensive Planning review to be led by Planning Staff, including need to use current data, accept input from community councils, and include community plans. Look at all goals. Look at long term structures. Aim for affordability and livability with quality neighborhoods. Hillside area comprehensive drainage, groundwater recharge, environmentally challenging areas, Chugach State Park boundaries, setbacks on large lots. Want RCCC involved in the planning. Other ideas: consider Conservation Subdivisions on Hillside; are there any ‘Blue Zones’ – areas where people have greater longevity: what are the supporting factors? Members can send suggestions by Sunday.
 - **Motion: John Riley & 2nd Ky Holland** – Shall RCCC send letter described by Nancy Pease above, with added information from members. Vote Results: Yes = 16; No = 1; Abstain = 4. Motion passes.
- **Rabbit Creek Gateway Sign** – Meet in July.

- **Resilience Committee** – Meets 4th Monday each month. Wood lot at central transfer facility Thurs to Sat, \$20/load.
- **FCC** – Report above from Arianna Bellizzi.
- **HALO** – No report.
- **Schools on Trail** – Can use volunteers.
- **Social Media** – No report.
- **Next Meeting** – September 12, 2024. Skipping August meeting.
- **Meeting adjournment** – **Move to adjourn Keith Guyer & 2nd Nancy Pease** - Meeting adjourned at 9:04 pm.