

Resolution



RABBIT CREEK COMMUNITY COUNCIL (RCCC)

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Resolution 2024-15

A resolution supporting the proposed Community Council Boundary changes for Rabbit Creek: retaining established boundaries with the addition of adjacent tidal flats

WHEREAS Anchorage Municipal Code 2.40.040 states that “Review of community council district boundaries and the number of districts shall occur upon assembly or planning and zoning commission initiative or at the request of the mayor or one or more community councils; however, a comprehensive review of district boundaries and the number of districts shall occur at least once every ten years, following the release of decennial U.S. Census results and after assembly redistricting is acted upon and any court appeals are disposed of.”

WHEREAS the Municipal Planning Department began the 10-year review of community council boundaries in 2022 with a questionnaire survey and outreach to community councils to identify potential Boundary Study Areas.

WHEREAS a Boundary Advisory Committee made up of a geographically representative group of 12 volunteers from among the Community Councils was organized in early 2023 to provide feedback to the Planning Department and the Planning and Zoning Commission regarding the boundary study areas that were identified by the questionnaire responses and other public comments.

WHEREAS after five publicly noticed meetings, the Boundary Advisory Committee created an Action Summary with their recommendations regarding each Boundary Study Area.

WHEREAS in late October 2024 the Planning Department released a public hearing draft report and recommendations with maps for Community Councils to review and respond to.

WHEREAS the Rabbit Creek Community Council (RCCC) initiated a discussion of the 10-year Boundary Review and the Planning Department’s White Paper #2, and subsequently submitted an email, April 10, 2023, to the Planning Department confirming that RCCC boundaries did not need to be modified given our long and active history participating in land use, transportation, drainage issues throughout our area, and the geographic continuity of the major roads and watersheds currently defining and within our boundaries.

WHEREAS the RCCC again discussed this issue and again strongly reiterated that view with a vote of 21 ayes, zero nays and 2 abstentions at our September 12, 2024, General Membership meeting, sending a letter, September 15, 2024, documenting this vote to the Planning Department.

WHEREAS the RCCC has now specifically reviewed the Planning Department draft report and recommendations for Boundary Survey Areas #38, Higher Elevations of RCCC, and #40 Chugach State Park and Cook Inlet Coastal Boundaries Update.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the RCCC supports the Planning Department recommendations for Boundary Survey Area #38: upper elevations of RCCC should remain in RCCC, for reasons described above and detailed in our previous correspondence.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the RCCC supports the Planning Department recommendations for Boundary Survey Area #40 which would:

- (1) Delete a parcel currently within the RCCC boundary which is part of Chugach State Park; and
- (2) Add appropriate tidal flats in Cook Inlet adjacent to the RCCC upland areas. RCCC adds a recommendation that the northern section of those tidal flats that is not contiguous with RCCC should logically become part of the adjacent Oceanview Community Council (see Map 1).

The Rabbit Creek Community Council at the December 12th, 2024, General Meeting with a quorum, approved this resolution by a vote of 13 Ayes, 0 (zero) Nays, & 0 (zero) Abstained. Attested this 13th of December 2024.



Ann Rappoport, Co-chair



John Riley, Co-chair