

Rabbit Creek Community Council Meeting Minutes for Thursday, December 12, 2024

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Location: Goldenview Middle School Library and Internet Zoom Meeting

Board Roll Call - Present: Ann Rappoport (Co-Chair), Matt Blakeslee (Treasurer), David Sterling (Secretary), Judy Michael, Nancy Pease, Tim Alderson, Mike Kenny

Absent: Amanda Doughty, John Riley, Lorena Edenfield, Grace Johnston

Board Member Chair Ann Rappoport - Opened the meeting formally starting at 7:05 pm. Requested everyone to sign-in on Zoom or on paper at GV. Determined 8 board members and over 26 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 Athabaskan.

- **December Agenda** – Ann Rappoport asked for approval of December Agenda.
 - **Motion Judy Michael & 2nd Matt Blakeslee** - To Approve Agenda. No objections - Approved.
- **November Minutes** – Ann Rappoport advised that the November minutes will be available at the January Meeting for approval.
- **Treasurer Report** – December total for Savings + Checking = \$1,956.13 available. Outstanding debt encumbered for ongoing records scanning. Suggest \$25/year donation per family.

Announcements & Legislative Reports:

- **Assembly Members for RCCC Area** -
 - **Randy Sulte** – (907) 343-4121 - Randy.Sulte@anchorageak.gov – Not present.
 - **Zac Johnson** - (907) 343-4122 - Zac.Johnson@anchorageak.gov – Updated code for mobile crisis team to help APD. MOA request to State list developed. Mandatory ID at package liquor store. MOA elections from 3-years to 4-years for public to vote on.
 - **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 Described district 9 has had the highest voter turnout for the past 25 years. Governor's budget for 2026: \$14.2 billion. Oil price is going down. AK needs \$74/barrel to break even. Concern about PFD, wants 25/75 split. Expecting \$1.5 billion deficit. Savings account is well below what is recommended to be there. APD is down by 71 officers now. Described committees she will be on.
 - **Anchorage School District** – Carl Jacobson – email = jacobson@asdk-12.org – Described ASD issues. Right sizing issues underway. Property at Muldoon area returned to MOA. Budget tools for public to view budget and weigh in with comments.
 - **Ky Holland Incoming House Rep** – Will be on Energy Committee. Wants to get economy growing again; Resilience Committee and wildfire protection plan.

New Business and Old Business Requiring Action & Reports

- **DeArmour Road Pavement Preservation** – Sean Baski (ADOT&PF) and Nick Oliveira (consultant) – From 140th Ave up to Hillside Road. <\$5 mil available which is over 10% of their total budget. Trying to find funding. Might happen in 2025, if funding becomes available. Scope is asphalt replacement, Safety Issues, and minor drainage. Speed limit now is 40 mph, could lower to 35 mph. Some speeders, mostly 36 to 40 mph. Possible things they can do include skinny up the painted lanes from 11' to 10', which makes people drive slower, additional signage, reflective delineators on side of road for visual cues. Getting speeds down can be dramatic for better safety. Comments: Nancy Pease - Likes safer roads. Curve at 140th has poor site lines. Recommends bicycle lanes beyond 140th. Only a pavement preservation project. Painted Sharrow markings on pavement. Agrees about 140th curve. Dianne Holmes – Recommends total reconstruction since repaving does not last. At Sean's level he does what money he is handed. 1,000 miles of roads waiting for pavement preservation. Community needs to nominate more money. DOT&PF - Old Seward East side of Potter Marsh might make it one-way allowing for non-motorized lane. No street lighting.

Limited dig out and doing foamed asphalt along the entire length for deeper reconstruct and 25% dig-out of the roadway of selected spots. DOT&PF would appreciate a singular voice on comments.

- **Motion Nancy Pease & 2nd Mike Malvik** – Based on community interest in safety and good access request DOT&PF post a 35 mph speed and reduce painted lane width of 10', provide painted signage at 140th and along the way. Results: Yes = 10 No = 2 Abstain = 1 - Motion passes.
- **Anchor Gardens** – Larissa Wright-Elson – They are a newer, small non-profit concerned about food shortage with locally grown foods. Community gardens around town. Resource depot in mid-town. Anything to help the community grow their own food. Composting and other workshop classes. Looking for coaches and volunteers. Recommends eating kale.
- **Formal Support of RCCC Boundaries** – Ann Rappoport drafted up a resolution to maintain RCCC boundaries with addition of adjacent tidal flats. One person recommended that above Golden View be merged with Bear Valley Community Council. Muni listened to RCCC recommendation to maintain RCCC boundaries as-is. Tidal flat areas being assigned in CC areas. There is an area of RCCC that is actually in Chugach State Park, so give that area to Chugach State Park.
 - **Motion Nancy Pease & 2nd Judy Michael** – Propose to maintain RCCC boundaries as-is, with addition of adjacent tidal flat areas. The area of RCCC that is actually in Chugach State Park should be given to Chugach State Park. Results: Yes = 13 No = 0 Abstain = 0 - Motion passes unanimous.
- **MOA Assembly Proposals to (1) Simplify restrictions for residential development in B-3 zoning; and (2) Suspend residential design standards to reduce costs for multifamily development** – Nancy Pease – Proposal is to Suspend Design Standards for multi-family housing, buildings with 5-units or more, for 2-years from Jan 2025 to 2027. Intention is to spur construction. Nancy feels the standards are safety for residents and neighborhood. Need landscaping. Not interested in building just a shoe-box shape structure. Recommend not to ask for a 2-year moratorium. Ann Rappoport added
 - **Motion Nancy Pease & 2nd Kim** – Propose to send letter to assembly about the items detailed above. Results: Yes = 11 No = 1 Abstain = 4 - Motion passes.
- **Promote Hillside Water Capacity** – Concern about water capacity on hillside. Volunteer to be on committee – Tim Alderson, Matt Blakeslee, Nancy Pease. Tim wants to go thru Stormwater Utility system. Zac Johnson discussed Storm Water Utility that needs to get back on track. Already in the code, needs funding.

New Business and Old Business Requiring Action & Reports Not Critical

- **Project Anchorage** – Randy Sulte read thru selected projects. None in our area.
- **2040 Land Use Plan** – No update.
- **Rabbit Creek Gateway Sign** – Next year.
- **Resilience Committee** – Meets 4th Monday of each month.
- **FCC** – No report.
- **HALO** – No report.
- **Schools on Trail** – No report.
- **Social Media** – No report.
- **Fire Safety** – No report.
- **Next Meeting** – January 9, 2025. Zoom meeting, also at Goldenview Middle School.
- **Meeting adjournment** – Move to adjourn by Judy Michael, 2nd Tim Alderson - Meeting adjourned at 9:02 pm.