

Rogers Park Community Council Meeting Minutes January 13, 2025, 7:00-9:00pm

Call to Order - Scott called to order 7pm. Zoom only meeting due to the school being closed for weather.

Jill read the land acknowledgement.

Scott read the housekeeping notes.

Officers:

President, Scott McMurren

Vice President, Jill Klein

Secretary, Cassandra Raun

Treasurer, Beth Abisror

Immediate Past President, Pete Mjos

FCC Representative, Marilyn Pillifant

Cassandra gave instructions for name changing and identifying members on zoom.

Quorum established by Cassandra

Jill read announcements, including an upcoming ice rink fundraiser for Rogers Park Elementary

Ice Rink donation link:

<https://rogersparkpta-346888.square.site/product/ice-rink-donation/37?cs=true&cst=custom>

All meetings are held at the Rogers Park Elementary School Library, September through May, 7:00-9:00pm. in person and also on Zoom. Meeting dates are as follows:

February 10, 2025 April 14, 2025

March 3, 2025 May 12, 2025

Be sure and sign up for our newsletter. Please encourage your neighbors to do so as well:

<https://rogersparkcommunitycouncil.eo.page/vp1z2>

Review and approve the December 9, 2024 meeting minutes: Marilyn Pillifant motion to approve, Pete Mjos second, Minutes passed by acclamation.

Treasurer's report, Beth Abisror - \$1111.47 in our accounts, no donations, no deposits, no withdrawals, she got a letter saying that our account would be dormant if there isn't any activity so she moved \$5 back and forth so our account is still active.

Mel Langdon made a motion to move the resolution vote up to the top of the agenda. Seconded David Lockard.

Scott asked for any opposition. Marilyn Pillifant opposed. Discussion. Scott called for a vote to change the agenda.

Yes votes: 14; No votes: 3

Motion passed.

Mel Langdon motioned to approve the resolution in support of the proposed Master Plan for Eastchester Park. Dave Evans second. Open discussion.

Dave Evans made a motion to replace the existing whereas when relocating Chester Creek to the south with "WHEREAS when relocating Chester Creek to the south, consider replacing or retaining the surrounding trees to open up sightlines, create continuous park space, provide shaded areas, and maintain vegetative screening from the highway."

Pete Mjos, second. Open discussion:

Scott asked for any opposition. No opposition.

Scott called for a vote to approve the resolution.

yes votes: 22

no votes: 0

abstention: 1

Resolution passed.

Mel will email to Cassandra and Scott for signatures and submission.

School Board Report:

-Dave Donley - By state law a charter school can claim any school that a school district shuts down. Rilke Schule wants to claim a closed school, but other charters school do as well. That is the most controversial issue before the board at this time. The board is facing a multi-million dollar budget deficit.

Alaska Legislative reports:

-Senator Elvi Gray-Jackson - please see her written report

-Representative Alyse Galvin - she sent her written remarks. Jill read her written remarks.

Assembly reports:

-Meg Zaletel - Regarding Ballot and bonds, January is the month that they choose what will go on the Ballot in April. The first thing on the ballot is candidates. There are 6 seats up for election, the filing period is open now and you can find all the information by pressing the election button on the muni website and click the candidates button. There are two tax levies to go on the ballot. One is the APD fleet, we are well behind in terms of hours and miles on our APD vehicles. The other levy is the Artsa levy, this is essential equipment for our street maintenance. There will be bond questions to be decided next Tuesday. Please go to the items on the assembly page if you are watching for anything specific. Also, the sales tax discussion has been kicked forward. It will not go on the April ballot, if it goes to a vote this session it will go to a special vote.

Felix Rivera asked that Scott come back to him.

Committee Reports:

Crime and Safety, Dave Morgan - please see his written report

Felix Rivera - Regarding the windstorm, please report downed trees, especially on lines. There are community efforts to help with the clean up after the storm. Meg talked about the sales tax and bond and levy proposals. Regarding efforts on housing, there are ongoing efforts to increase housing by 10,000 units. Regarding the Easter Leafa report, an Anchorage teen who was shot and killed by police last year, the Mayor ordered an audit report regarding that incident. There was an executive summary from that report that was released to the public. It has 11 different recommendations. That report is on the mayor's website. There is also a Request For Proposal (RFP) out right now for an evaluation of all APD policies.

FCC report, Marilyn Pilifant - Municipal clerk has announced that the meetings broadcasted on Channel 9 will no longer be broadcasted. If you want to continue watching Assembly and Commission meetings you'll need to subscribe to youtube.com/moameetings to watch. There is a Turnagain Pass master plan webinar coming up. If there is anyone interested in running for the assembly, there is a civics workshop this Thursday at Double Shovel Cidery. You can look at the FCC website and they will have all of this information.

Transportation, Dave Evans and Bob Butera - Early 2024, DOT came up with a number of alternatives to connect the Seward and the Glenn Highway. Alt D was one of their alternatives. In December they released some new alternatives, but Alt D remained, slightly adjusted but remaining. In early 2024, RPCC passed a resolution opposing Alt D. The intention was to pass a new resolution opposing the revised resolution. But the deadline for community council commentary has been extended into February and now there are several community councils getting together on Wednesday to see if a joint council resolution would make sense for combined/collective commentary. Individual comments are still due by January 23rd. Dave asked that a single topic email go out to RPCC asking for individual comments to be sent in. He would like that email to go out by Thursday.

Closing Comments for the Good of the Order: there was discussion of reviewing and updating the RPCC by-laws, to include notification and timing of resolutions.

Pete Mjos: Both the muni and the state are aware of the issue of the Maplewood Hill and Senator Gray-Jackson is pushing the issue on our behalf.

Mike Savitt asked about the possibility of calling a meeting with a single item (resolution) on the agenda to discuss a resolution with a shortened timeline.

Next meeting: February 10, 2025, 7:00-9:00pm

Motion to adjourn Pete, Marilyn Second, meeting adjourned at 8:33pm

Senator Gray-Jackson's Notes
Roger's Park Community Council
January 7, 2025

- Governor Dunleavy released his budget proposal on December 12th. Here is a summary of the Governor's Key Highlights in his budget proposal:
 - **Public Safety**
 - Increased funding in outer areas of the state.
 - **Education**
 - \$1.5B total for K-12 education, including \$1.1B for foundation funding.
 - \$2.75M for teacher recruitment and career/technical education.
 - **Energy Development**
 - \$50M for AK LNG Project Advancement
 - \$6.3M for renewable energy grants
 - **Affordability**
 - \$6M for expanded childcare assistance.
 - **A full statutory PFD in 2025 - \$3,800.**
- As the Governor stated in his budget, this is just a starting point. My office will provide updates on the budget as hearings are held and finance subcommittee meetings begin.
- The Senate Majority will focus on lowering Alaska's high energy costs, improving education, and revitalizing Alaska's economy.

- As mentioned last month, below are a few of the bills I'm excited to reintroduce for the upcoming legislative session. I'm committed to building on the progress we made last session and passing key pieces of legislation that almost made it to the finish line last year. These bills address important issues impacting our communities, from education to public safety:
 - **Asian American/Pacific Islander (AAPI) Program** will mandate the inclusion of AAPI history and culture in the curriculum of all Alaskan public schools.
 - **CPR Curriculum** will require school districts to teach CPR to students at appropriate grade levels.
 - **Mental Health Education** will require all school districts to integrate age-appropriate mental health curriculum into the mandated health curriculum.
 - **Chokehold Ban** will ban the use of carotid holds and tracheal holds, as well as any restraint that impedes a person's breathing or circulation in a way that could produce a loss of consciousness.

- I believe these bills represent crucial steps forward for our state. I will continue to provide updates on these and other legislative efforts as the session begins.

- Martin Luther King Jr. Day is January 20th. This is a day to remember and commemorate the life and work he did. It is a day to reflect on the systemic injustices, and principles of racial equality. Let's consider Martin Luther King Jr. Day as a "day on," focusing on actions that contribute positively to society, rather than just a day off.

Happy New Year!

Always representing your interests!



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Crime and Safety Committee January 13, 2025, Report

From Committee Chair David Morgan

- 1. The Anchorage Police Department (APD) Citizen Academy 25-1 is full, and the next academy will be held in fall 2025. The goal of the Citizen Academy is to make the residents of Anchorage better understand how policing is conducted in their community, in their community. It is hoped that all Citizen Academy graduates will learn more about the people who are protecting their community and learn how and why they make the decisions they make while performing their duty. This training provides the leadership and liaison for "Neighborhood Watch Crime prevention groups in coordination with Anchorage Police and Fire Department.**

David Morgan has been selected to attend the APD Citizen Academy 25-1 Call, held every Wednesday from March 12, 2025, through May 28, 2025 (Twelve Week Class).

- 2. Homeless Camps within the RPCC: The 2 Homeless Camps were our area that impacted green space update:**
 - Jacobson Park Homeless Camp remains clear at this time with no tents or individuals at that location.**

- **Northern & Latouche in Median between Northern Lights & Benson before the entrance to Rogers Park Elementary School remains clear at this time with not tens or individuals at that location at this time.**

3. Next Meeting of the RPCC Crime and Safety Committee: Schedule for February 3, 2025, at 7:00 PM at Don Jose's Restaurant, Anchorage – Alaska.