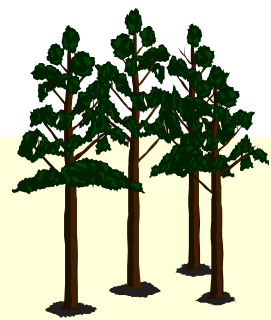


Rabbit Creek Community Council

NEWSLETTER JULY 2007

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Change of Meeting Location: RCCC Monthly Meeting to be held at Goldenview Middle School Bleachers

Letter from the Chair

It is summer time and the sun has taken over. Let's hope it stays around for awhile.

One of the issues of prime importance in the Rabbit Creek area is connectivity. We do not have sufficient connections between Goldenview Drive and any other major road. It is a very long and populated dead end road in an area that continues to develop without a plan.

Despite the efforts of Rep. Hawker and the hard work of Lori Davey and Susanne Comellas, the governor has vetoed funds for road planning and development for our area. Much of the major development in the area has been held up by the municipality due to lack of connectivity. Mayor Begich will meet with three members of the RCCC and two residents of the area on July 10 to discuss Legacy Point (elderly housing), connectivity, and other neighborhood concerns. On July 12 we will report on this meeting and discuss our options. Please attend the RCCC July meeting to learn more. Come and participate.

Dick Tremaine, Chair

**Please visit our website for maps and hot topics
information at <http://www.communitycouncils.org/servlet/content/27.html>**

**For comments and suggestions contact
Charlie Barnwell, webmaster**

Draft Agenda for July 12, 2007 Community Council Meeting

Attention: Meet at the Goldenview Middle School Bleachers

7:00 pm Call to order, Introductions ~ sign up to receive
e-mails from the Fed. of Comm. Councils

Approval of minutes from June meeting

Treasurer's Report

Announcements and comments from floor

Legislative Reports

State Legislators

Assembly

Guest Speakers

None scheduled at this time

Ongoing Business

Ashland Sub - 7.5 acres south of Prominence Pt, plat-
ting officer hearing Aug. 6

AWWU Water tower(s) update as available

Legacy Pointe update - Sr. housing 650 units, P&Z
hearing Aug. 6

Potter Highlands Sub - 160 acres above Potter Valley

Rabbit Creek Church - appeal to P&Z Nov. 5

Viewpoint - 96 acres off Goldenview next to Legacy Pt.

Title 21 - status of zoning code changes

Views at Prominence - 100 acres east of Prominence
Pt.

Collector road funding from legislature

New Business

Update on July 10 meeting with Mayor Begich re
Legacy Pt. elderly housing

Huffman Roundabout - DOT suggested theme

Committee Reports

Neighborhood Association Reports

Federation of Community Council report

Limited Road Service Area (LRSA) reports

9:00 pm Adjourn

Meetings are held on the second Thursday of each month
from 7:00 to 9:00 p.m. If enough registered members at-
tend to make the required quorum, the meeting will be a
General Meeting. Otherwise, a Board Meeting is called.
A quorum is 20% of membership. A quorum is 20% of
membership.

Platting Officer

Aug 6, Plat for Ashland tract, Prom Pte. Sub, 7 acres w/
sewers #S11473

Planning & Zoning Commission

Aug 6, Legacy Pte, Sr. Housing Project, S. Goldenview Dr.,
#2006-142

Nov 5, RC Church site plan appeal, #2006-124

**For information on these and other
municipal planning issues, go to
munimaps.muni.org/planning/home3.htm
and use drop-down menus for RCCC
items, or call 343-7943 (Zoning), or 343-
7942 (Platting).**

2007 Membership Form

Return to: Rabbit Creek Community Council, PO Box 112354, Anchorage, AK 99511

Dues (circle one): \$3 /person or \$5 /couple

Name(s) _____ Date _____

Mailing Address _____

Location of property or rental within RC area _____

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Hillside Suffers Road Funding Cuts

I am saddened to report we lost all our fund requests in the Governor's veto pen. We had requested \$4.5 million to fund the collector road from Shangri La to Rabbit Creek, \$600K to fix the approach of Bluebell onto Goldenview, \$900K to fund pedestrian improvements to Goldenview, \$250K for drainage improvements to the Road Service Area, and \$50K for the Hillside District Plan peer review. Representative Hawker fought very hard for our projects to be included in the Capital Budget. Governor Palin achieved 70% approval of the overall cuts to the Capital Budget. In order to bring our projects forward again this next year, we must convince Governor Palin's staff that these roads are the state's responsibility and are necessary to fund. We will also have to convince our legislators that we have the Governor's support or risk having same projects slashed twice.

The S. Goldenview area has sustained 51% of the overall housing growth for the entire Hillside between 2001 and 2006. We are slated to receive 74% of the current development with what is in the planning and platting processes right now. The infrastructure and roads are inadequate to handle this level of growth even though the land is apparently zoned to accomodate it.

Lori J. Davey, LRSA Representative

Electronics Recycling

Households can drop off electronics at Total Reclaim's facility or at one of the neighborhood-based drop-off events **Saturdays, 10a.m.-6p.m.**
July 14, East High School
Aug. 11, South High School
Sept. 8, Mears Middle School

17 Years of Memories and Flowers

The beautiful flower bed at the bottom of Rabbit Creek was planted by Susanne Comellas. For 17 years, through wind and weather, Susanne has kept the corner beautiful. This will be her last year of planting. It is time for a change. Please thank Susanne for her commitment to our neighborhood.

The memorial many of us noticed at the Rabbit Creek flower bed was in memory of Aaron Cee. Aaron was killed in a motorcycle crash when he collided with another motor vehicle. We are very sorry for the family loss.

2007 Rabbit Creek Capitol Projects Ranking Survey

Each year Community Councils are asked to prioritize a list of potential capitol improvement projects for their area. At our June meeting the Council members ranked a list of projects that were published in the last newsletter. Over the last couple of years, the members have ranked, reviewed, deleted and added projects that members felt were important. The following are the most current projects voted by the members at the June meeting. For a complete list, please see the June newsletter on our website. The projects are ranked in order of priority:

Roads and Drainage projects:

Goldenview Drive to Potter Valley extension: Goldenview Drive upgrade/drainage, from Rabbit Creek South
Old Seward Hwy Upgrade, Rabbit Creek to Potter
Rabbit Creek upgrade, Seward Hwy to Goldenview, calming, pedestrian facilities
Mountain Air Drive Extension
Hillside Drainage Study

Parks & Recreation

Rabbit Creek Greenbelt (#275 & #279)
Storck Park #287 Upgrades
Moen Park (#292) Improvements
Rabbit Creek Park (#275) connections/access

Deletions (2006-2007)

New DeArmoun Road Firestation
Elmore Road Extension-DeArmoun Road to Rabbit Creek Rd.

Links and Contacts

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Rabbit Creek Community Council (RCCC) Board Meeting Minutes [DRAFT]
Rabbit Creek Community Church
June 14, 2007 ~ 7:07-8:55 p.m.

Joan Diamond, vice chair, called Meeting into order at 7:07 pm

Other Board Members in attendance: Mark Slaughter, Dianne Holmes, Joan Diamond, Donna Van Flein, Peter Johnston, Pat Salvucci. 24 people were in attendance. Lacking a quorum for a General Membership meeting, the meeting continued as a Board meeting.

Approval of Minutes:

Motion to approve May Minutes by Dianne Holmes, 2nd by Donna Van Flein – Approved

Treasurer's Report

- 222 members not including new members at today's meeting
- \$723.51 in the RCCC checking account

Announcements from the Floor

Questions on Goldenview Development plans from the floor

Need to confirm meeting location for Summer meetings; Joan to check with Goldenview Middle School, ASD

Chair Acknowledged Mike Hawker's recent legislative efforts

Legislative Reports

Representative Hawker – gave an update on legislative events:

RCCC's focus was on Land Use Planning and infrastructure for SE Anchorage

Received more funding in State Budget for roads than initially anticipated

Full 4.5M for Mt Air collector -road construction 900K for design of collector road from Goldenview Dr to Potter Rd

250K Hillside District Plan for drainage study

50K funding to Citizens Advisory Committee for professional review of HDP

Next step is to keep it from being vetoed from State Budget

MOA requested scoping for where road monies to be spent

Watchdogs are Road Board, Community Councils, & MOA Assembly

Jim Lamson MOA role in approving MOA funding requests

Emphasized grass-roots effort to raise awareness in Juneau

Unified voice assists in getting items through the budget

Visits to Juneau by the Road Board facilitated funding

Jennifer Johnston, MOA Assembly woman:

Has been researching Legacy Pointe issues

Believes developer is looking at 15 yr time frame for Senior Only Condos–starting project at bottom near old Seward, if it is built.

Suggested looking at R7&R6 zoning as alternatives

Believes MOA has intention to see the development occur

Recommend contacting Mayors Office

Old Business

- AWWU 930 Water Tower – some of the land is currently listed for sale, no other update
- Title 21 Update- New chapters are being released for review; there is a standing invitation for citizens to attend Title 21 Assembly work sessions, See MOA web for times.
 - Chapter 7 – design criteria will be a critical chapter for RCCC area
 - Additional chapters to be released in August
- Potter Highlands - May be on hold – Access via Finland & Romania is a key issue to be addressed, transportation corridor needs to be improved
- Rabbit Creek Church - Zoning Board of Adjustment hearing in November
- Viewpoint Subdivision

- Postponed from the March 7th Platting Board Meeting no other information
 - Views of Prominence
- Asked for 18month extension requested on March 8, 2007
- Trails – Access to parks critical as development adjacent to Parks Land. <http://www.hillsidedistrictplan.com/>
 - Separated pathways from Roads, Park access, via private land
 - Legal access to Rabbit Lake to be opened June 20th along old trail.

New Business

- CIP Prioritization
 - Attendees performed ranking of projects submitted by MOA:
 1. Goldenview Drive to Potter Valley extension
 2. Goldenview Drive upgrade/drainage, from Rabbit Crk South
 3. Old Seward Hwy Upgrade, Rabbit Crk to Potter
 3. Rabbit Creek upgrade, Seward Hwy to Goldenview, calming, ped facilities
 3. Mountain Air Drive Extension
 6. Hillside Drainage Study

Parks & Rec

1. Rabbit Creek Greenbelt (#275 & #279)
 2. Storck Park #287 Upgrades
 3. Moen Park (#292)
 3. Rabbit Creek Park (#275), connections/access
- Susan Green, of the Hillside Way Homeowners Association (7100 Hillside Way, 99516), requested support for drainage improvements along Rabbit Creek #2.

Motion by Dianne Holmes and 2nd by Joan Diamond: Support letter to MOA to expedite permitting & implementing construction of Rabbit Creek# 2 near the intersection of E 140th & Hillside way during the summer of 2007. Passed by all in attendance un-opposed

Meeting Adjourned at 8:55 p.m.