

# Rabbit Creek Community Council

NEWSLETTER MAY 2005

<http://www.communitycouncils.org/rabbit>

Rabbit Creek Community Council \* P.O. Box 112354 \* Anchorage, AK 99511-2354

## Land Use Meeting

There will be a land use meeting at 6:30 just before the monthly Community Council meeting.

During this meeting, we will review pending cases and clarify issues that will affect the Rabbit Creek area. We will also develop recommendations for board discussion.

## Flower Volunteers Needed

The flower garden at the overpass is in need of people with a truck that can handle 40 gallon barrels to help water the flowers. Families sign up for either a week of watering or weeding. Has it really been 15 years since the flower plot first started? Do residents who drive that route know that it is a volunteer project in need of new helpers? Call Susanne to volunteer:345-8171.

## Bylaws Vote to be Held in June

A vote for changes to the bylaws will be held during the June RCCC meeting, see the summary on the back page.

## PLANNING & ZONING

### 1st/2nd Mon, 6 PM Loussac Library

- May 9, 2004-137, Large Animal Ordinance
- Jun 6, 2005-067, Revision to the Anchorage Coastal Management Plan
- Jun 13, 2004-021, Parks Plan review
- Jul 11, S-10950, Villages View re-hearing on ROW vacation
- Jul 18, 2005-076, Long Range Transportation Plan

## ANCHORAGE ASSEMBLY

### Tuesdays, 6 PM Loussac Library

- no date, 2003-143 Assisted Living Ordinance
- no date, 2005-039 Neighborhood/District Plan Process Ordinance

## Agenda Topics for the May 12th Meeting

### 6:30 Land use committee meeting

### 7:00 pm Call to order, Introductions, Approval of Agenda

- Treasurer's report
- Minutes from April meeting
- Legislative Report

### 7:15 Action Agenda

- New land use cases
- CIP/Parks priorities
- Comments from Floor ~ 10 minutes
- Announcements~RCCC Spring volunteer activities, June 3 Wildfire exercise

### 8:15 Committee Reports:

- Hillside District Plan - no report
- Trails and Access-Charlie/Jess
- Neighborhood Association reports, INFO
- LRSA reports, INFO
- Federation of Community Councils Update ~ Suzanne/Dianne
- Transportation Committee ~ Doug/Mike
- Bylaws Committee ~ Dianne, **VOTE in June**

### Old Business:

- Previous Plats ~ Update on hearings/decisions
- Sub area circulation study~ INFO
- New elementary school site selection process ~INFO

### New Business:

- Cindy Stanton ~ APD update, Evacuation Plan

### 9:00 pm Adjourn

Meetings are held at Rabbit Creek Community Church (Rabbit Creek and Snowshoe Lane), the second Thursday of each month, from 7:00 to 9:00 p.m..

## PLATTING

- May 4, S-11110, Cloud 9 Subd, 40 acres, Bear Valley & Marguerite Hills area
- May 20, 2005-059, Site plan review, Russian Orthodox Church, Old Seward Hwy (no hearing)
- Jun 1, S-10927 Marguerite Hills, 22 acres
- Jun 1, S-11371 Marguerite Hills, 40 acres & vacate 60 ft ROW
- Jun 1, S-11336 Potter Cr, 16 acres
- Jun 1, S-11359 Views at Prominence 100 acres, near Henson Dr & Prom. Pte
- Jul 6, S-11168 Grandeur, 30 acres

## 2005 Membership Form

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

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

Name(s) \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_

Mailing Address \_\_\_\_\_

Location of property or rental within RC area \_\_\_\_\_

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# Rabbit Creek Community Council

## 2005 BOARD

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## More Lanes on Rabbit Creek Road?

Meetings for the Long Range Transportation Plan were held around town recently. An earlier newspaper insert listed various options for improving the road network, highway connections, the valley commute, transit, and the non-motorized network. People were encouraged to comment on the suggested solutions.

Among the handouts was a spreadsheet of potential projects which included a 3-lane Rabbit Creek Road upgrade from Goldenview to the Seward Highway. The scant information did not include pedestrian walkways nor whether the added lane would be strategically placed for left turns.

Another project cites extending Elmore Road from DeArmoun to Rabbit Creek Road. This would bring traffic out to Elmore which is at the crest of a steep hill with a curve in the other direction. The Council is attempting to find out more about these projects.

To comment, e-mail the engineer at: [LRTPComments@ch2m.com](mailto:LRTPComments@ch2m.com)

## Southeast Anchorage District Parks Plan

In conjunction with the city’s Parks Plan rewrite, park districts have been created to decentralize the function of the Parks Department. Our area in SE Anchorage has a manager (Shawna Popovici) and will soon have its own Strategic Action Plan which will define projects and issues that residents have indicated are important.

Land Design North is authoring the plan in association with the Parks Department. Residents supplied their prioritized list of projects during a series of meetings held within the district. The public will comment on the plan in coming months.

### Bylaws Update:

The proposed changes to the RCCC bylaws are posted at <http://www.communitycouncils.org/Rabbit%20Creek/rabbitcreek.html> and reflect updates needed to conform to the new Municipal requirements and clarify procedures. Primary changes include moving the annual meeting when the board is elected from January to November in order to insure current members get to vote on the board and changes that simplify or clarify voting requirements including when the general membership can challenge a vote of the board. A summary of changes will accompany the electronic newsletter distribution.

Please visit the web site for the full details or contact Dianne Holmes or Ky Holland who can provide you with a printed copy of a complete summary of changes or the entire document for review. We will vote on these changes at the JUNE meeting. Special thanks go to Dianne Holmes, Jeff Friedman, Ted Pease, Wayne Skidmore and Mike Flister who have reviewed the bylaws and proposed the changes.

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