## **Rabbit Creek Community Council**

## **NEWSLETTER JUNE 2005**

#### http://www.communitycouncils.org/rabbit

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

## Vote on Bylaws June 9th

A summary of the changes to the bylaws is provided on page 2 of this newsletter.

## **School Year Calendar Change**

The school calendar will change for the 2006/2007 school year. School will start in mid-August at that time and the last day of school will be before Memorial Day. This change allows the schools to have more instruction time before fall testing and keeps the semester from being interrupted by winter vacation.

## **Muni Assembly Reconsiders Issues**

The Anchorage Municipal Assembly will reopen discussion on the sign ordinance as it affects churches.

The Assembly is also looking at the ordinance regarding notification requirements when pesticides are applied.

## **Help Keep Rabbit Creek Blooming**

Contribute your green thumb to help keep our roadside flower patch beautiful. We are still looking for volunteers to give a week of their time this summer to help with weeding, watering, and deadheading.

Get involved! Feel the pride that comes with having your grateful neighbors waving at you as you tend the flowerbed on Rabbit Creek. Contact Suzanne @ 345-8171 or e-mail golden1@gci.net.

## Agenda Topics for the June 9th Meeting

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

Treasurer's report
Minutes from May meeting
Legislative Report
MOA Fire Dept. ~ Cpt. Davidson
7:15 Action Agenda
BYLAWS APPROVAL

Comments from Floor ~ 10 minutes Announcements ~ Spring volunteer activities

## 8:15 Committee Reports:

Hillside District Plan
Trails and Access-Charlie/Jess
Neighborhood Association reports, INFO
LRSA reports, INFO
Federation of Community Councils Update ~
Suzanne/Dianne
Transportation Committee ~ Doug/Mike

#### 8:30 Old Business:

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

#### New Business:

New Land Use Cases

#### 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..

## **PLANNING & ZONING**

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

Jun 6, 2005-067, Revision to the Anchorage Coastal Management Plan

Jun 9, 2005-070, Variance to allow encroachment into required setbacks

Jul 18, 2004-021, Parks Plan review

vacation

Jun 20, 2004-137, Amending Large Animals Ordinance Jul 11, S-10950, Villages View re-hearing on ROW

Jul 18, 2005-076, Long Range Transportation Plan

#### **PLATTING**

Jul 6, S-11168-2 Grandeur, 30 acres

### **ANCHORAGE ASSEMBLY**

Tuesdays, 6 PM Loussac Library

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

2005 Membership Form
Return to: Rabbit Creek Community Council, PO Box 112354, Anchorage, AK 99511
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Name(s) Date
Mailing Address
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## Rabbit Creek Community Council

#### **2005 BOARD**

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# Approval of Bylaws to be Voted on During RCCC Meeting, June 9th

These Bylaws may be altered, amended or repealed by a two-thirds (2/3) vote of the members present at a general or special membership meeting if at least fourteen (14) days written and mailed notice is given of the intention to alter, amend or repeal Bylaws at such a meeting. The notice shall include a statement of the articles to be changed and the reason. The proposed changes have been noticed in the February and March, 2005 council newsletters and the full text has been on the FCC website for over a month: www.communitycouncils.org.

#### **Reasons for Proposed Changes:**

The Bylaws Committee proposes the changes in order to be consistent with current practice and to be in compliance with the revised municipal bylaws ordinance, as well as to make the document easier to understand. Two major changes are to: 1) move the annual election of Board members to November because the current system of having whoever shows up in January be 100% of the registered members who could vote did not seem fair, and 2) replace the percentage needed for a general membership meeting with a specific number of members. Minor changes include changing officer titles to Chair/Vice Chair and using the term 'communication' rather than 'mailing.' Changes related to specific Sections include:

- In Article I, recognizing that Councils are established by the Municipality.
- In Article II, shortening the boundary definition to simply refer to the Municipal Ordinance that defines the boundary.
- Article III, clarifying the language that describes the purpose of the Council and Referring to the section in the Anchorage Charter that establishes Community Councils.
- Article IV, Section 1, clarifies the membership eligibility. No substantive change from current practice is made. Maximum dues are increased to \$5 per person per year, to be set by the elected Board of Directors.
- Article IV, Section 2, the number of members needed to call a special meeting has been reduced. The number for a quorum of a regular meeting has been changed from a percentage of total members to a set number of individuals. Also clarified is that there must be at least six Board members present as well as general members.
- Article IV, Section 3, language has been changed to clarify the voting procedures, including the procedure for a challenge. Some unnecessary language has been deleted, and one section has been moved to Article V.
- Article V, Section 1 is changed to provide for election of Board members at the November annual meeting, to take office as of the January Meeting.
- Article V, Section 2 clarifies the voting procedures for Board members. This is intended to be consistent with current practice. It does delete the requirement to elect alternates.
- Article V, Section 3 streamlines the process in case of vacancies on the Board. The board would select a replacement. Also makes some changes in the method for removing a board member by the Board or general membership.
- Article V, Section 4 clarifies the meeting procedure for the board. This section also re-states the current practice of allowing the Board to take action between meetings of the full membership, or when there is not a quorum of the members, but note that section 6 states that the members can veto any actions at the next meeting.
- Article V, Section 5 clarifies the Board quorum requirement. It continues the current practice of requiring at least 6 affirmative votes to pass

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