

# Rogers Park Community Council Meeting Minutes

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Monday February 13, 2012 – 7pm

Rogers Park Elementary School Library

Meeting convened at 7:05pm

## Community Council Officers present:

Dave Morgan, President

David Metheny, Vice President

Jim Wright, Past President

Cheyrl Forrest, Treasurer

Mike Black, Secretary

Bob Churchill, FCC Representative

## Elected Officials Present:

Assembly member Elvi Gray-Jackson

## Handouts available included:

Rogers Park Community Council Agenda for February 13, 2012; Community Council Contact List for all CCs; Amended Bylaws of Federation of Community Councils dated 19<sup>th</sup> October 2005; A proposed Resolution Supporting FCC Language in Support of Changes to School Site Use; An approved resolution dated Jan 14, 2012 concerning the Knik Arm Crossing; Questionnaire 2012 Community Council Information; A proposed resolution Supporting Equal Rights in Anchorage; Proposed amendments to RPCC bylaws.

## Welcome:

Approximately 19 members of the RPCC present plus guests. Quorum established

## Approval of Agenda:

Agenda modified to once again delay consideration of the RPCC bylaws amendment until March at the request of Dave Evans (author of proposed changes) because of his absence. Added discussion of CIP requests for RPCC.

Approval of Minutes:

Minutes for January 9 were not approved because copies had not been made for members.

Presentations:

Anne Marie Moylan made a presentation on One Anchorage Campaign and requested a supporting resolution from the RPCC Support for Equal Rights in Anchorage. "One Anchorage Initiative" concerns the guarantee of equal rights for all regardless of race, age, sex, religion, sexual orientation or gender identity. The Initiative will be on the Municipal ballot on April 3. Speaking in support were a number of community council members including Arlis Sturglewski. Question was called and the resolution was passed by a vote of:

17 in favor

1 opposed

1 abstention.

Next the proposed amendments to the RPCC bylaws were again tabled.

Bob Churchill next introduced A Resolution Supporting FCC Language In Support of Changes to School Site Use. The resolution was based upon the neighborhood of South High School being opposed to the building of a Sports/Football Stadium on School property that might be considered disruptive to the neighbors. The resolution would establish a protocol for communication and feedback from the community on any proposed major changes in the use of school property. The protocol would include notice to adjoining property owners, the community council and a public hearing.

Call for the question. Resolution was passed

18 in favor

0 opposed

0 abstentions.

Next Elvi Gray Jackson presented her Assembly Report.

- Ballot proposition re Use of Fireworks – Public Hearing was yesterday. Failed 7-4.
- Mayor's I/M Ordinance deleting the six month grace period – Passed 6-5.

- Assembly member Drummond and Gray-Jackson introduced an ordinance to postpone the increase in the Vehicle Registration Tax until the I/M program ends in March. The increase is \$70 for vehicles older than eight years old and up to \$150 for newer vehicles. If ordinance passes, it will be retroactive so those who paid the I/M fee as of January 1, 2012 will be reimbursed. Public Hearing is 2/14.
- Ballot proposition to grant a property tax exemption to eligible widow or widower of a person killed during military service – Public Hearing was held January 31<sup>st</sup>. Passed.
- Ballot Proposition to change the Charter to allow for Electronic Publication of notices. Public Hearing was held January 31<sup>st</sup>. Passed.
- ARDSA Bond Proposition - \$27,472,000 – Public Hearing was held January 31<sup>st</sup>. Passed.
- Park Bond Proposition - \$2,750,000 - Public Hearing was held January 31<sup>st</sup>. Passed.
- EMS and Public Transportation - \$1,588,000 - Public Hearing was held January 31<sup>st</sup>. Passed.
- Assembly member Honeman introduced new fireworks ordinance. Public hearing is scheduled for February 14<sup>th</sup>. There will be much community participation and input prior to approval.
- Ordinance to increase the temperature threshold for cold weather plan from 32 degrees to 45. Public Hearing is scheduled for February 14<sup>th</sup>.
- City was awarded a \$13.2M Federal grant – Small Business Credit Initiative - to invest in Anchorage businesses. Assembly Work session on subject Friday, February 10<sup>th</sup> in City Hall – Mayor’s Conference Room.
- 2011 General Government Operating Budget - \$8.7 Surplus – so far.

Next Assembly meeting February 14, 2012

Discussion followed Assembly member Gray’s report that questioned the adequacy of snow removal in the Rogers Park Community Council neighborhoods. Safety issues with the narrowing roads and the lack of snow removal were of concerns to many.

### Legislative Report:

President Dave Morgan reported that he had been to Juneau the previous week and discussed the session activities with Representative Gardner and Gara's staff. Rose Foley of Representative Gara's staff had been particularly helpful. Oil taxes (HB110) had been the dominant subject in discussion but that other issues such as the capital budget were being discussed.

Richard Benavides of Senator Bettye Davis reported that the Senator was concentrating on Suicide Prevention Training in schools and additional funding for education.

Discussion also included the ever rising costs of Medicare to the State of Alaska. A 10% annual increase of Medicare costs has been consuming more and more of the State Budget in the Department of Health and Human Services.

February 18<sup>th</sup> and 19<sup>th</sup> will be constituent meetings hosted by Senator Ellis and Representative Gardner.

### Presidents Report:

Dave Morgan reported that the CIP being considered by the Legislature include \$1m for U-Med Planning

### FCC Report:

The FCC report was offered by Bob Churchill and he reported that the selection of the next Superintendent was under way according to the School Board Clerk, Jeff Friedman. Dr Jim Browder will be replacing Carol Comeau as Anchorage School Superintendent.

Heather Ireland reported to the RPCC that the Municipality needs a resolution from the Community Council on the pedestrian improvements on Lake Otis to proceed with a \$250k capital project to improve safety. The Airport Heights CC has already passed a resolution and the RPCC needs to act to get work underway.

### Treasurers Report:

No change in financial picture with our bank balances remaining at \$170.82. No further action has been taken on requiring dues of members of the RPCC.

Next meeting on March 5 for RPCC Officers and public to set agenda for next regular meeting at the First Christian Church at 6pm. Next RPCC Meeting is scheduled for Monday March 12 at Rogers Park School at 7PM. President Morgan will not be available to preside at the March

meeting and Vice President Dave Metheny will assume the President's duties. NOMINATIONS OF NEXT YEAR'S OFFICERS WILL OCCUR AT MARCH MEETING with elections in April.

Meeting Adjourned.