

# Rabbit Creek Community Council

NEWSLETTER DECEMBER 2005

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

## President’s Corner

Thank you to the developers and some of our council board members for taking the time to meet and talk about the Forest Heights development (old Mental Health Trust land at the south west end of Golden View drive). The developer has attended some council meetings and has met with board members to discuss how the council’s concerns about this 120-acre development can be addressed. This comes on the heels of a similar effort by the Potter Valley Development group doing the same - choosing to work with the council and neighbors early in the project conceptual design phases vs. late in the final approval processes.

We’ve yet to see the final results of this engagement and the promise of improved development proposals for community review, but I’m optimistic that we’ll see better designs through this process. However, we are still hobbled by the limited muni development codes that set such a low bar for neighborhood design and development. I hope that one or both of these developers will decide to go above and beyond the codes and attempt to design an Alaskan suburban residential community and help us learn by working together how to do that and create something that will be admired throughout the city for its consideration of living in Alaska and creating a valuable community space for generations of Alaskans to live in.

Good luck to both the developers and residents taking the time to work together on the future of our community. Ky

## Agenda Topics for the December 8th Meeting

**7:00 pm Call to order**

*Treasurer’s report*

*Minutes from November meeting*

*Legislative Report*

*Announcements & Comments*

### **Committee Reports:**

*Hillside District Plan*

*Trails and Access*

*Neighborhood Association reports*

*LRSA reports*

*Nomination Committee*

### **Old Business:**

*Previous Plats ~ Update on hearings/decisions*

*Forest Heights (MHT) Development Update*

### **New Business:**

*Land Clearing Ordinance*

*Community Policing Report*

*Community Capital Coordinator Report*

### **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. If enough registered members attend to make the required quorum, the meeting will be a General Meeting. Otherwise, a Board Meeting is called. A quorum is 20% of membership.*

## RCCC By-Laws to be voted on January 13

The next meeting will vote on by-law changes to bring RCCC into compliance with Anchorage Ordinances. See Page 2 of this newsletter for details.

## PLANNING & ZONING

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

Dec 5 Subarea Circulation Study #2005-118

Dec 5 Vacate a 10 foot utility anchor easement, S11431-1

Dec 5 Revision to coastal mgt plan, overview, 2005-067

### **Zoning Bd Exam & Appeals**

Dec 8 Stream encroachment, 15139 Evergreen, 2005-144

## PLATTING

Dec 7, S-11424 vacate 40' vegetation buffer, Villages Scenic Pkwy

## ANCHORAGE ASSEMBLY Tuesdays, 6 PM Loussac Library

Jan 10, amending Title 21 for large domestic animals, 2004-137

Dec 12 General land use planning issue of the Anchorage Coastal Management Plan, 2005-067

## 2005 Membership Form

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

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

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# Rabbit Creek Community Council

## 2005 BOARD

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Jerry Krieter, Alternate

## Large Domestic Animal Ordinance Gets New Hearing Date

The ordinance that would permit large domestic animal facilities and home-based businesses has been revised. A public hearing date is set for Jan. 10, 2006.

## APD Offers Applications for Citizen Academy

Applications for the Citizen Academy put on by APD are on the APD web site. The application deadline is December 15. Everyone in the community can apply. The classes are taught by police officers or personnel.

People who complete the class will be invited to join the Anchorage Police Citizen Academy Alumni Association (APCAAA). APCAAA is a non-profit association with a mission to support and assist APD with volunteers and financial support for equipment and other things that might not be in the budget. More information is available at [www.alaska.net/~ascam2](http://www.alaska.net/~ascam2).

Contact Scott O. Sell, President APCAAA (345-8512) for more information.

## RCCC By Laws To Be Voted on January, 2006

The Bylaws Committee worked on changes in early 2005 that would allow the council to be consistent with current practice and in compliance with the revised municipal

bylaws ordinance. Two major changes are: 1) to move the annual election of Board members to November, and 2) to establish a required number of members rather than a percentage in order to hold a general membership meeting. Minor changes include changing officer titles to Chair/Vice Chair and using the term ‘communication’ rather than ‘mailing.’ The full text of changes is on the FCC website under the RCCC section: [communitycouncils.org](http://communitycouncils.org). Summary of some changes include:

- Article I, recognizing that Councils are established by the Municipality.
- Article II, defining Council boundaries according to Municipal Ordinance.
- Article III, clarifying language that describes the purpose of the Council.
- Article IV, Section 1, clarifying membership eligibility. No substantive change from current practice is made. *Maximum* dues are increased to \$5 per person per year, to be approved by the Board.
- Article IV, Section 2, reducing the number of members needed to call a special meeting and changing a quorum for a regular meeting from a percentage of members to a set number.
- Article V, Section 1, changing the annual meeting and Board election to November with Board seated in January.
- Article V, Section 4 clarifying the Board meeting procedure which re-states 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 with provision for members to change a decision at the next meeting.
- Article V, Section 8 requiring polling and recording the opinion of other members present at a Board meeting.
- Article VII is changing a “review of finances” rather than a formal audit.
- Article X is added for dissolution of the Council.

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