

**Russian Jack Community Council
Meeting Minutes
November 13, 2013**

18 people present

Legislative Report:

Sen. Bill W: Military meeting focus on sexual assaults. Medicaid expansion debate continues and Gov. Parnell will decide in Dec. AFN, Chamber and other orgs support it. Goose Creek prison just opened, almost full, need for additional prison facility, remove nonviolent offenders. Labor contracts up for negotiation.

Rep. Geran Tarr: Rudolph spoke for her. Constituent meetings went well. Her office has moved and will be up and running soon.

Stephen Holmstock: RJ resident presented idea to have a block party in RJ in spring. Kid activities, cultural representations, neighborhood gathering. 4th and flower area, Kanchee park. RJCC to host annual BBQ there per Ed Leach, with Stephen's group's lead and involvement.

Rep. Andy Josephson: No report

Rep. Max Gruenberg: Ted spoke for Rep Gruenberg. Office move for building renovations. Phone numbers are the same. Transfer of property bill. Text messaging bill.

Assembly Report: No report

School Board, Kathleen Plunkett: Association of AK school boards conference just held. 49 million shortfall assuming flat funding. Teacher salaries have remained flat for many years. Need for early intervention for learning programs.

Principal report: Sean Murphy, 25% qualify for ELL, 85% qualify for meals, Title 1 school = funds to help underperforming students, RTI = test all kids 3 x yr, new teacher evaluation systems will start next year, lots of changes that impact the classroom. Thanked Ed for donating food for student families.

Boniface/Caribou traffic document: the situation is being analyzed and data is available but study not complete

Capital improvement plan: Council will review and discuss these items at December meeting. Will add Wonder Park safety improvements and will delete those items that are already done.

Nominations for officer elections – vote in December

Ed Leach presented a request to Senator Bill W to look into APA regulations change

NeighborWorks: Jonathan, resident survey conducted in summer. Number one request was for speedbumps.

Potluck on December 11 to send off the legislators

Meeting adjourned at 8:15 pm