

Rabbit Creek Community Council

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Comments from the President—We’ve dodged a bullet?

Last year we were on the verge of some major development projects covering hundreds of acres. The council expressed many concerns with these projects including lack of planning for transportation, drainage, open space and trails, and sewer/water access.

Well, so far not much dirt has been moved in these new projects except for some test holes and surveying tape. While I have been critical of the municipality in the past about their commitment to land use planning and the community cost of land use development, I have to say that in the last year they’ve been engaged in striking a balance between development and good community planning.

What you don’t see on the Hillside is a testament to that - you don’t see unplanned roads plowed in the hillside, traditional trails abandoned for new property lines, or existing community roads damaged by new developments resulting from last year’s proposals. We’ve dodged the bullet, and perhaps with municipality commitment and community engagement, next year we will see community development projects that have been thought out, well planned, and welcomed as enhancements to the quality of life in Anchorage.

City Hosting Title 21 Workshop on Sep. 7

In an effort to help educate Anchorage residents about the importance of the rewrite of the Title 21 land use code, the Municipality of Anchorage is conducting a series of four regional workshops involving the city’s community councils.

Mayor Mark Begich, Planning Director Tom Nelson, and other staff will give an overview of Title 21, and then provide a chance to ask questions about the draft document that was released in June.

The code rewrite, known as Project 21, is part of the city’s multi-year process of updating land use regulations. It will affect how development will take place in Anchorage for decades to come. The workshops are part of an 11-week public review period designed to get comments from all parts of the community before the next draft is available for public review. The Planning and Zoning Commission and the Anchorage Assembly will hold joint hearings in the Spring of 2006.

The Workshop for the Rabbit Creek Community Council and other community councils in South Anchorage will be held on September 7 at Bear Valley Elementary, 7:00 to 9:00 p.m.

Future Elementary School for Rabbit Creek in the Works

The Anchorage School District (ASD) has identified the need for another elementary school to serve the Hillside area to be located south of Huffman Road and east of the New Seward Highway. ASD planning staff will give a presentation overview of the school site selection process and present maps identifying the three sites.

PLANNING & ZONING

1st/2nd Mon, 6 PM Loussac Library

Sep 19, 2005-076, Long Range Transportation Plan

Sept 19, 2005-118 SubArea Circulation Study

Oct 3, 2005-118, Hillside Sub-Area Circulation Study

PLATTING

Sep 7, S-11359 Views at Prominence 100 acres

ANCHORAGE ASSEMBLY Tuesdays, 6 PM Loussac Library

Agenda Topics for the September 8th Meeting

7:00 pm Call to order, Introductions, Approval of Agenda, confirm quorum
Treasurer’s report
Minutes from June meeting
Legislative Report
Announcements & Comments
Committee Reports:

Hillside District Plan
Trails and Access-Charlie/Jess
Neighborhood Association reports
LRSA reports

Old Business:
Sub area circulation study
New elementary school site selection process
Previous Plats ~ update on hearings/decisions

New Business:
Bird TLC Proposal for trails
Title 21 Review
Long Range Transportation Plan ~ Update
Use of RCCC e-mail List
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..

2005 Membership Form

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