

Russian Jack Community Council
Meeting Highlights
June 10, 2015

13 present, including presenters

Legislative Report

Sen. Bill Wielechowski:

- It appears that the legislature will pass the original budget tomorrow but we'll know tomorrow. Appears that senior benefits restored, public employee contract cost of living increases, marine hwy funds, some public radio funds restored, 800 million dollar cut overall
- Note that most Anchorage legislators are not collecting per diem
- Erin's Law is also big topic: vote tomorrow. The riders have been removed.
- Muldoon farmers market – will be held at Begich Middle school 9am-2pm start June 27, 14 vendors so far, \$20 for 10x10 space, \$10 for smaller space. Website at Muldoon farmers market. Will market it w/ variety of free advertising.

Rep. Gruenberg:

- Meeting daily as a caucus, public employee contract has become the hang-up issue
- Possibility that there may be another special session for Medicaid
- Handling with the fiscal problem in general
- Riviera mobile home park has been purchased by a California based company and apts are being put up in their place

TJ for Senator Ellis: Introduced himself, recently replaced Matt Moser

School Board Report, Kathleen Plunkett:

- Meeting soon to discuss ongoing school needs and projects

Neighborhood Picnic/BBQ: August 1 at Wonder Park Elementary 11am-2pm. Most of the parking lot construction will be done. Will use the playground area. Set up starts at 9am. All are welcome!

Fred McCleary will be grill master. Sherry has developed an inventory of neighborhood businesses and has asked for donations which many positively responded to. Ribbon cutting ceremony with Anchorage Park Foundation for safe paths to school program and the completion of the Wonder Park corridor trail . Advertising at churches, businesses and homes. Legislators are donating funds for flyers and other portions of the event.

Tents, tables, and chairs can be purchased with the remaining \$1,000 funds from the grant from 5 years ago, per Ed Leach and Mark Butler at Federation of Community Councils. Perhaps we will approach the local storage business to see if they will donate a small space.

Budget for the event \$1400 plus the legislators will chip in up to \$700

Rep Gruenberg mentioned that there needs to be a line painted at intersection of Mt. view drive and McCarrey street

Sherry Wright, resident: Chester Creek drainage project – need help restoring vegetation along creek banks and other supportive actions. If you are interested in helping with this project, come to the RJCC meeting in September to learn more.

Wonder Park Elementary had cameras installed for external area which have recently caught on tape several vandals in action who were all kids.

Meeting adjourned at 7:40pm. Next meeting in September!