

Rabbit Creek Community Council Board Meeting, February 13, 2003
Rabbit Creek Community Church (Snowshoe Lane)

Call to Order: The meeting was opened at 7pm by Dianne Holmes. Board Members present: Carol Fries, Nancy Pease, Ky Holland, Jo Utic, Jess Grunblatt, Josh Pierce, Donna Van Flein and Susanne Comellas. Excused were Vivian Mendenhall and Greg Ross. Twenty-three residents signed the log (including the Board)

Announcements:

March 3 at O'Malley's on the Green 7pm – candidates' forum – Request for help writing public service announcements.

Unnamed creeks – requested people to suggest names

National Resources Conservation Service – possible grant money needs checking in to.

Bus service to the Hillside to be restored.

By-Laws edited for grammatical errors and scanned for the website by Wayne Skidmore

Road Improvement District ordinance passed without clause that would have required utilities to be in place beforehand.

Concerns—persons not on the agenda: None

Treasurer's Report –No report but figures are \$492.29 in the bank account and 73 paid members. Lacking the required quorum of 14 paid members (at 7:10pm) for a general meeting, a board meeting was called.

Minutes: Approval of January Minutes: passed

Legislative Audio-conference with Con Bunde & Mike Hawker's aide:

Labor and Commerce Committee – Marine Pilots Bill will improve port security in Anchorage.

Recently lifted moratorium on out-of-state travel— he felt that this needed more scrutiny.

No Child Left Behind and cost differential study is an on-going.

Questions from audience: At issue the governor's reorganization of ADF&G and removal of the Habitat Department to DNR. Concerns centered about how these decisions will affect our renewable and valuable wildlife resources. Permitting process is efficient and the changes are unnecessary. Con was unconcerned and felt the governor was "innocent until proven guilty". There is a 60-day period to examine this change and people were encouraged to send in their concerns.

It was requested of Mr. Hawker that Spruce Bark Beetle funds not be used for roads and water lines because these items should be planned for under a formal planning process; perhaps the monies could fund the Hillside District Plan, however.

Assembly Report-Janice Shamburg:

Last Assembly meeting addressed ballot issues:

Park Bonds- urged to vote for, especially support Eagle River area as those residents pay for that ER park bond but must have a "yes" vote from the rest of the city to proceed.

2 additional LRSA's in South Anchorage are on the ballot.

Other bonds: Library-1.7million ; 911 repair-2.9 million; School District Bonds- 70% state funding for major maintenance and capitol improvements, 60% state funding for new administration building.

Committee and Neighborhood Reports:

Potter Cr Homeowners' Assoc. is still looking into whether the GCI land falls under their master plan.

Old Seward Hwy east of the marsh: Dianne Holmes and Megan Poulson met with DOT's Jim Childers to find ways to fund an upgrade. By addressing 17 key questions, including getting support from user groups & MOA/legislators, the project should be re-ranked higher by AMATS.

Old Business:

Villages View Estates was postponed—waiting for soils tests.

Goldenview Park Subdivision—Platting approved the variances, but the road width variance will be heard later. The Board did not elect to comment on the road variance because the residents apparently do not have a problem with narrower streets in the rest of the subdivision.

Sign Ordinance—Josh Pierce reviewed the 2nd draft as positive, but discussion revolved around the length of time suggested to bring non-conforming signs into compliance—10 years seems too long. Additionally, variances can be requested based on life expectancy of current signage.

Motion by Nancy and Jess to shorten the grandfather clause to 5 years; object to changeable copy signs as being inappropriate for residential areas; and restate RCCC's other recommendations that were not included in the 2nd draft. Passed unanimously.

Moss Creek Subdivision—discussion of appeal of landscaping requirements—tabled.

Bishop Subdivision-S-11033, representatives from Hillside Way HO Association, Ken Richter, Susan Green- background-developer placed fill from a job at Service high on a wetland on RC Rd near 140th a few years ago which exacerbated neighborhood flooding. Code violations noted and Corp of Engineers involved resulting in 8 conditions for compliance. Developer now wants to subdivide. Motion by Carol and Jess to oppose the request until it can be shown developer has satisfied all the conditions of the Corp of Engineers and code enforcement including a plan that meets the needs of the neighbors; require an approved stormwater plan and 'as-built' plans to show location of building, drive and utilities. The development plan and drainage plan must be approved by the Corp of Engineers and city and must allow for participation of affected residents. Passed unanimously.

S-11048 Woodhaven Hts (Betty St) presented by Bob Cowan, representative for the developer—variances are being requested for private road and ROW. Local homeowners object to plat as configured and are requesting developer to explore access on eastern border which may help address neighborhood connectivity with adjacent undeveloped parcel and help preserve stability of steep natural topography and limit impact on existing neighbors. The Council applauded the 45-ft stream setback on Little Survival Cr. Motion by Carol and Ky to oppose plat as currently configured and request consideration of above points on access and for future connectivity. Passed unanimously.

Upper Potter Heights-Finland Drive-Anthony Strupulis- spoke on clear cutting and stream diversion on 10 acre parcel for a Rugby field (& maybe a clubhouse). Code enforcement issued stop work order and developer must go through site plan review. The Board brought up numerous objections including zoning, parking, traffic on substandard road, septic provisions, noise, lighting, creek drainage alteration with problems to adjacent land owner. Nancy prepared a letter of the objections. Motion by Carol and Jo to send Nancy's letter to MOA code enforcement emphasizing our concern and adding comments on parking, road maintenance, and land clearing. Passed unanimously.

Snowshoe Park-Susanne Comellas-city attorney name and number available, but out of office until next week.

Accident at 142nd and Buffalo-Ice and steep slope of 142nd create a situation where vehicles are unable to stop before the Buffalo intersection. All present familiar with problem and it was suggested that temporary stop signs be placed on Buffalo until a permanent solution can be found. Place this intersection on CIP list. Motion by Nancy and Carol for Resolution requesting the above. Passed unanimously.

Meeting adjourned - 9:40pm with 20 people in attendance.