

Rabbit Creek Community Council Meeting, Minutes for Thursday, October 10, 2013

RCCC met at Golden View Middle School Library area.

Board Roll Call - Present: Nancy Pease as Chair, Pat Hansen, Keith Guyer, Mike Kenny, David Sterling, Joan Diamond, Dick Tremaine, Pat Abney, Jeff Vaughn

Excused: Gail Smith, John Isby

Board member Co-Chair Nancy Pease opened the meeting at 7:01 pm

Minutes: September 12, 2013 minutes copy placed on line for review with copies handed out and reviewed on computer screen during meeting.

Motion to approve by Nancy Pease 2nd Mike Kenny – Passed with no objections.

Treasurer's Report: Checking: not available

Approximately xx paid members for the year 2013. Around 40 paid members.

Attendance - At least 16 members with a total 23 people in attendance tonight. The meeting originally qualified for a board meeting, then later as a general membership meeting as member arrived.

Announcements:

Fire Station 10 had 3 firefighters from tonight's shift in attendance and discussed questions from the floor:

- Captain C. Keen Austin and two fire fighters in attendance.
- Discussed fire wise conditions this summer. No major events on Hillside during dry spell.
- Fire Department considering 2 acres being bought for Fire Station 9 at the park – New station being revisited again. Then the MOA would dedicate the remaining 9 acres as a park.

Assembly and State Legislative members - None in attendance. Always invited.

Boy Scout member attending as part of his Eagle Badge.

On-Going Business:

Moen Park Improvement update by Jim & Michele Rogers

- Steve Rafuse MOA Planner discussed
- Challenge Grant by the Roger's
- Legislative request at \$200,000 going to the Juneau next year. Looking for letters of support sent to Mr. Rafuse. A letter from the RCCC would help.
- 110 people showed up at Moen Park volunteer day on Sept 15th work day.
- Volunteer fix-it day will be scheduled next year.
- 2001 master plan prepared.
- If funding does come thru, they have formed a committee to identify and prioritize improvements.
- 1st committee in two weeks to do a walk-through at the Moen Park. 9/23/2013 at 1730 hrs.
- Opening of a new park Campbell Creek Estuary. Ribbon cutting at noon tomorrow. Mayor will be there. Overlooks are in place, signs look great.
- Number 1 amenity for neighborhoods: Trails, Parks, Health Club
- **Motion Nancy Pease 2nd Keith Guyer** – RCCC draft a letter to support the Moen Park Upgrade. Motion passed unanimously. Michele Rogers to draft and submit to Nancy.

Golden View Drive Upgrades Update by Todd Jacobson

- Funding available a little over \$3.0 million.
- Will be 65% done with design by end of 2013. Dec 11th a 65% open house at Golden View Middle School
 - Should have a really good idea how much the project will cost.
- Money requests: 2014 at \$11.0 million 2015 at \$16.2 million + \$1.0 million from ATRSA bond
- Work north to south in phases, depending on funding.
- MOA requesting \$9.3 for Mountain Aire Drive in 2015

- Bluebell Drive requesting \$1.6 million in 2016 that will be add to the Golden View Drive project, during the same phase.
- Last Monday meeting recommended an ordinance to place rural street lighting standards.
- Joan Diamond asked about how to keep speed limit at 35 mph. Streets designed for 85th percentile of what people drive. Study has been performed. 45 mph will be proposed as the design speed.
- MOA Traffic engineers to discuss subject with are Steve Schrader or Stephanie Mormilo.

Street Lighting update by Ric Davidge

- Ordinance passed at MOA with 1 descent.
- Com Ferguson, State official, asked Stephanie ??, MOA official, a question about State built roads that do not have continuous street lighting, "... the state has built lots of roads, do you think they are safe?" Answer: "... .safe but we want our MOA roads to be safer."
- Assembly announced that staff make their own standards. Void area for rural lighting standards. Stephanie only has one lighting standard, an urban standard. Assembly will come up with lighting standards.
- Roads can be designed to slow cars down.
- Friday 10/18/2013 at 10:30 am 8th floor of City Hall, there will be a MOA Assembly work session about street lighting.
- Pat advises that Design Criteria Manual is not a legal document as an ordinance. State has produced a standard for rural lighting.
- Ric Davidge has been invited to other Community Council meetings to discuss street lighting. A rural alliance is being formed.

164th Avenue Road Drainage Project Update

- Request is on CIP list.
- Hawker advises that Community Council's needs to agree to money and RCCC has not agreed on this project.

Park Dedication Effort Update by Nancy pease

1. Pat and Nancy and Joan went to meeting with Jenifer Johnson and MOA folks. 3 things came out of meeting:
 1. After investigation, 20 parcels on list. Jenifer says she will put on a list to dedicate land as parks. Time frame of when this would occur was not established.
 2. Get HLB to come talk about park lands in our areas.
 - a. Pedestrian easements that are platted but not identified. Pursue with PM&E as a project.
 - i. Example – Trail along Little Rabbit Creek in new Creekside Subdivision.
 3. People blocking easements that run thry or adjacent to their property. Needs ordinance to enforce access. Suggest take control out of Enforcement Division and give it to Right-of-Way Division.
2. No action except to make phone call to Jennifer Johnson to encourage action.

CIP project list

Items on RCCC Master List discussed at meeting:

Highest Priority -

1. Golden View Drive Upgrade \$11 mil on list
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3. Potter Valley Road Surface Rehab Old Seward to Greece. 2017
4. Old Seward Hwy Upgrade Rabbit Creek to Potter Valley

Moderate Priority -

1. Birchtree Elmore LRSA – on list
2. Hillside LRSA traffic calming – not on list

Parks

1. Section 36 not on any list
2. Moen and Stork Parks both on list for \$200k

Motion Dick Tremain 2nd Joan Diamond – RCCC should actively oppose 164th Ave Street Drainage Project.
Passes unanimously.

- Check with LRSA on their status of the project.
- Recommendation for funding by legislature for
 1. Complete design,
 2. Robust stakeholder buy-in of the designed project,
 3. Right-of-way resolved,
 4. Before funding the total construction of the project. Passed unanimously.

Todd Jacobson has suggestion on CIP projects.

- Initial Funding - Need enough money to get design completed with all right-of-ways resolved. Also need complete buy-in on design by all parties.
- Most CIP projects are premature.
- For Mountain Air Drive Project:
 1. Ask for enough to do complete design and follow the above methods.

New Business

Alliance of Rural Community Councils Meeting

- Dick Tremaine and Pat Abney are Co-Chairs, Kathy Noland is secretary.
- No objections for these folks as liaisons for RCCC.

Citizen Task Force

- Jane Angvik Chair
- Nine topics:
 1. Charter Guarantee for a public Hearing
 2. Public Notice of Proposed assembly action
 3. Public Hearings
 4. Substitute S versions of Ordinances
 5. Continuation of a Public Hearing
 6. The Electronic Public Record of an ordinance or Resolution-
 - Reader Board
 7. The Assembly Chambers
 8. Community Council Collaboration
 9. Assembly Presence
- Assembly work session to go into depth on these topics
- Nancy Pease proposed and wrote a letter supporting these topics with emphasis on several topics.
- Suggest strict standards on attendance by Assembly members. All board members agreed on letter.

Nominations for Board members for next month and membership drive

- Home Owner Associations can be requested to send out information for RCCC subjects.

Elsewhere in Anchorage – Ship Creek Master Plan

- CD available to look at for a very different plan. Some interesting ideas in the plan.

Proposed Bylaws RCCC Changes

- Dianne Holmes came up with a written list of suggestions.
- Dick Tremaine advises that MOA Assembly will consider an ordinance with guide lines this winter. Suggest to wait until after this is complete.
- Various specific subjects
- Nancy proposes to discuss at November meeting.

Reports:

- Neighborhood Associations – No updates.
- Halo – Supported rural alliance. O'Malley Road Design review. Abbot Road will be the next Hillside street upgrade project. O'Malley Road project looking to take money from other projects.
- FCC – No updates.
- LRSA – No updates.
- New projects – No updates.

Wrap-up assignments:

- Nancy Pease –
 - Letter to assembly about CIP
 - Letter to Assembly about Public Hearings
 - All members send Homeowner Association information to Nancy for board nominations.
 - HLB information.

Motion to adjourn Dick Tremaine, 2nd Joan Diamond - Motion passed.
Meeting adjourned at 8:58 pm.