

Russian Jack Community Council

Meeting Highlights

May 11, 2016

21 present, including presenters

(important news and information is highlighted in yellow for your convenience)

Legislative Report

Senator Wielechowski:

- Oil tax credit issue is currently being worked on in legislative special session. Bill in House tomorrow being heard.
- Legislature passed crime bill, which provides rehabilitation services to non-violent offenders to help decrease recidivism
- Capital budget negotiations happening right now

Rep. Tarr:

- In the crime bill that passed recently, some components were included that were ideas that originally came from Ed Leach, RJCC President. A good example of the power of participation!
- Bernice is her new legislative aide

Rep. Spohnholz

- Oil and gas tax subsidies and credits being worked on right now.
- Senate bill 91 crime bill passed
- May be a summer special session to work out the Budget

Assembly Report, Forest Dunbar

- Assembly voted on budget recently
- The new Fire station 3 on Bragaw Street will be named after Max Gruenberg
- Passed marijuana sales tax but still uncertain if it will generate revenue because state still hasn't licensed any marijuana businesses yet
- Homeless camps continues to be a problem, city met today with Mayor and APD. City has about 75-100 camps. **If you spot a camp, call the APD non-emergency number at 786-8900. There is currently a burn ban in city right now and these camps may pose a great risk to the safety of the city.**
- The law is that APD can remove the person from the park but are not allowed to destroy their belongings for 15 days
- Mayor Berkowitz is currently working with staff and partners on long term housing for the homeless

George Martinez, Special Assistant from Mayor's office

- Housing First is the model of handling homeless camp issues mentioned above. There will be 10 people dedicated to parks to deal with homeless camps. Doing vulnerability assessments of the homeless to get them service that they need and get them out of public areas.
- **Open Office with the Mayor is tomorrow at 6pm at Fairview Rec Center on Karluk Street**
- This Saturday at Lousaac Library is the 16th Annual Reading Rendezvous

Wonder Park

- 6 days left of school! Community gardens are installed will hold a week long summer camp to get it started. If interested in a plot contact Principal Sean.

Neighborhood Picnic leaders, Fred and Kendra

- **Picnic will be Saturday, August 27th, 11-2pm at Polar Bear park, will be ribbon cutting of new skate park**
- Need committee members. Legislative offices will help with food costs and advertising, Anch parks foundation will also help with advertising
- Developing a fundraising committee for the community council- Kendra, Fred, Frank

Daniel from Mt View Community Council

- Recently had a marijuana business apply, got denied. Approved one cultivation facility.
- Davis Park is owned by the military who recently stated that they want the city to pay for the lease of the land so the improvements to the park can't be done yet. May try to negotiate a zero dollar lease if possible.

Meeting adjourned at 8:45pm.