

Rabbit Creek Community Council Meeting Minutes for Thursday, April 11, 2024
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Location: Internet Zoom Meeting Only

Board Roll Call - Present: John Riley (Co-Chair), Matthew Blakeslee (Treasurer), David Sterling (Secretary), Judy Michael, Tim Alderson, Grace Johnston

Absent: Ann Rappoport, Amanda Doughty, Lorena Edenfield, Mike Kenny, Nancy Pease

Board Member Co-Chair – John Riley - Opened the meeting formally starting at 7:04 pm.

Requested everyone to sign-in on Zoom. Determined 7 board members and over 26 attendees total on zoom. Declared a Quorum and General Meeting. John Riley described the Sign-In Method.

RCCC follows Roberts Rules of Order. The attendance list is attached. Zoom advised of recording the meeting. Described methods to vote on issues for this meeting. People calling in on telephone will need to vote in the chat. Described voting eligibility, attendance of one prior meeting in past 12 months. Described Zoom protocol and instructions. Land Acknowledgement – Meeting on unceded lands of the Dena'ina Athabascan.

- **April Agenda** – John Riley requested approval of the agenda as written. **Motion: Grace Johnston & 2nd Keith Guyer** To approve as written. No objections. Approved.
- **March Meeting Minutes** – **Motion to Approve by Matt Blakeslee & 2nd Judy Michael** – To approve. No objections.
- **Treasurer Report** – Current report Savings \$317.15 + Checking \$1,711.32 = \$2,028.52 available. Matt Blakeslee made a Pay Pal Account made for donations. Pay Pal name in chat. Outstanding debt encumbered for ongoing records scanning.

Announcements & Legislative Reports:

- **Assembly Members for RCCC Area -**
 - **Randy Sulte** – (907) 343-4121 - Randy.Sulte@anchorageak.gov – Present. HLB meeting ahead. Described numerous issues being considered by Assembly. Mayoral runoff election pending. Discussed Bond results. Regarding 87(S) P&Z meeting on May 20th. Randy agrees that this issue is an areawide rezone, which falls under a Public Notice Process. Sponsors are trying to avoid the Public Process. Advised that sponsors are willing to listen and work with communities and P&Z. Discussed homeless camping issues and protecting the public.
 - **Zac Johnson** - (907) 343-4122 - Zac.Johnson@anchorageak.gov – Not Present.
- **Representative Ladie Shaw**–907-465-4945-representative.laddie.shaw@akleg.gov- Not present.
- **Senator Cathy Giessel** –cell (907) 242-5450 – sen.cathy.giessel@akleg.gov Long Trail \$500k appropriation to realign Long Trail and appropriation in Girdwood for another \$180k adding in Iditarod part of trail. \$1.6 mil for Upper DeArmoun road work. Education funding is still up in the air. Operating budget has Alaska PFD Dividend at \$2,400, while Senate proposing 25% at \$1,400. Every \$1,000 in PFD costs the State \$600 mil. Described PFD in Earnings Reserve. Schools that were not equitably funded are in ANC, FAI, JNU. Bush schools were equitably funded. Margo advised that ASD was shorted \$15.2 mil. The money would have to come from the General Fund. Trying to find out why the error was made. Override of BSA veto lost by 1 vote. Bill in House to include \$680/student. Described lots of ongoing negotiations. Margo Belamy described various Charter School situations.
- **Anchorage School District** – Margo Belamy – Cell (907) 903-9820 – email = belamy@asdk-12.org – Detailed discussion about subjects: Biology Science Curriculum. Clark Middle School student attack. ELL Department for limited English-speaking families. Academies. Budget depends on what Governor decides to do on BSA.
- **AFD Report** – Captain Loy – Submitted grant requests: \$150k Step Grant for Training opportunities. Grant for 300 smoke alarms. Evaluating costs of lower level alarms and costs to send personnel across town to address or response as crews are available. Many vehicles are getting ancient so looking for 26 new vehicles. Mobile Crisis Team on trial basis now, 20 to 30 calls per day. Fire Wise outreach has office in Station 9. ASP Anchorage Service Patrol on the south side of town will be helped by APD. Job fair today. Some paramedics retiring soon from Station 9.

New Business and Old Business Requiring Action & Reports

- **Open Floor for Quick Comments** – No comments.

- **Motor Vehicle Noise Enforcement** - Hans Thompson, South Addition Community Council – Looking for sponsor. RCCC was instrumental in getting fines amount changed and increased enforcement. Concerned with vehicles that have illegally installed or noisy mufflers. The issue came to a head in 2020. Approached Ombudsman who agreed that enforcement was needed. APD bought equipment and made code changes to enforce the law. 2022 RCCC and others helped to get noise fine changed from \$100 to \$300. Presented information on enforcement results on-line from APD up thru July 2023. The ask today is to continue to ask for RCCC support to continue enforcement. Showed a written Resolution to be presented to MOA APD, requesting support. Comments: Dianne Holmes expressed appreciation for Hans efforts. Suggestion for more enforcement around wildlife areas like Potter Marsh. John Riley suggested to request and assign the issue to Land Use & Transportation Committee review the Resolution and make suggestions. Keith Guyer & Riki Lebman expressed concern about excessive vehicle noise on Rabbit Creek Road and Golden View Drive during summer.

Status of Anchorage Plans 2040 Neighborhoods and Collapse of Anchorage Zones for Residence AO-2023-87(S) Assembly HOME Initiative – Dianne and Nancy: Discussion points prepared by Nancy Pease (shown on-line). Ordinance 2023-87(S) is about rezoning residential districts from current 14 to 5 districts. Planning and Zoning Commission's hearing will be continued to May 20th. RCCC can send in more comments if future changes to 87(S) warrant. Assembly sponsors feel it is not really a rezone. even though it covers the entire bowl, excluding Eagle River and Girdwood. If it is determined to not be a rezone, the MOA will not need to send out notices to all property owners. Discussion of Nancy's points of 87(S) were: lot coverage not defined. Water and wastewater not defined (although it is assumed the required separation of 100 ft from well to septic will still be required). The suggestion to require if two+ lots in a subdivision were to increase in density, that they should be required to join a LRSA. However, discussion pointed out that LRSAs have to vote to add in new areas and that it would not be logical nor efficient if such lots were located at the far end of a subdivision because the whole road to those lots would need to be plowed, yet the other lots would not be paying into the LRSA. Request a water and wastewater study on Hillside; discussion pointed out the great expense of such a study and that it was more logical to require a study for when smaller areas/lots increased their density. Plus, DEC needs to approve a lot with three or more units and all lots need to meet certain requirements that are tougher to meet than those of the MOA. RCCC should emphasize the limitations of access and environmental constraints. ADUs are now allowed on all parcels thus doubling density even without any new rezoning. Targeted rezone areas in 2040 Plan already designate areas for higher density that have the supporting infrastructure. Item 1B education of public is required. Item 1C higher density standards discussed. Item 1C higher density standards discussed. Planning's 36-page recommendation to the PZC laid out many problems with 87(S). Riki Lebman discussed Windsong Drive not in LRSA that is being damaged by truck traffic going to other areas. Suggests that DEC may not be reviewing ADU installation to meet water & wastewater. Tim Alderson suggests that Storm Water Utility be considered and Right of Way enforcement for traffic issues. There are a lot of details in this resolution that are not being considered. Not sure how this ordinance affects 2040 Plan and Title 21. The public process for 87s is not getting the attention from councils that it should as it is too complex and the sponsors are not providing accurate information when they present 87(S) before them. Dianne Holmes described numerous issues and questions and complexities related to 87(S) that will be in the submitted comments that need to be submitted before the next May RCCC meeting.

- **Motion: Tim Alderson & 2nd Grace Johnston** – Shall RCCC move forward with sending comments discussed and presented in Nancy Pease drafted document. Vote Results: Yes = 14; No = 0; Abstain = 3. Motion passes. Nancy will finalize for submittal.
- **Operating Budget Amendment 72** – Request from Alaska Trails for RCCC to send letter of support to State House Finance Committee on Operating Budget Amendment 72 requesting increased funding for improvements within Chugach State Park. Cathy Giessel advised that Operating Budget was passed today in Senate. Sounds like this request might be a Capital budget item. Might be a

part of a Long Trail in Chugach State Park. Riki Lebman suggested tabling this until more information is available. Decision by Co-Chair to move forward with motion and vote.

- **Motion: Tim Alderson & 2nd Grace Johnston** – Shall RCCC move forward with sending support letter as discussed in support of Operating Budget Amendment 72. Vote Results: Yes = 14; No = 2; Abstain = 4. Motion passes.

New Business and Old Business Requiring Action & Reports Not Critical

- **CIP survey out on May 9th. Will address at May meeting.**
- **Rabbit Creek Gateway Sign** – Awaiting MOA signature. Close to approval.
- **Resilience Committee** – David Michael & Keith Guyer- List of Wildfire mitigation projects. Ky working with Cory along Clarks Road. 5/9/24 - 6 to 9 pm Annual Event at Campbell Science Center. Capsys budget request submitted. Wood lot opens in May. Meeting 4th Monday of every month. Resources on website. Dianne Holmes needs help sharpening tools.
- **FCC** – New leader hired. Encouraged to update website.
- **HALO** – No report.
- **Schools on Trail** – No report.
- **Social Media** – No report.
- **Next Meeting** – May 9, 2024. Zoom meeting and GV School Library.
- **Motion to Adjourn Matt Blakeslee & 2nd Keith Guyer** - No objections. Approved.
- **Meeting adjournment** – Meeting adjourned at 8:57pm.