

**Rabbit Creek Community Council Meeting Minutes for Thursday, May 13, 2021**  
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Location: Internet Zoom Meeting

Board Roll Call - Present: Ann Rappoport (Co-Chair), Carl Johnson (Co-Chair), Keith Guyer (Treasurer), David Sterling (Secretary), Judy Michael, Mike Kenny, Michelle Turner, Nowlin Withers, Jess Grunblatt, Nic Kinsman, Dianne Holmes.

Absent: None

Board Member Co-Chair – Ann Rappoport - Opened the meeting formally at 7:06 pm. 11 board members and a total of over 40 attendees, Declared a General Meeting. Ann asked each attendee to write in their first and last name on chat and tonight's ice breaker question: What fun summer activities are you planning for 2021? The attendance list is attached. Advised of recording the meeting. Described methods to vote on issues for this meeting. People calling in on telephone will need to text to a phone number to sign-in and for voting and sign-in. Described voting eligibility, attendance of one prior meeting in past 12 months. Described Zoom protocol and instructions.

- **May Meeting Agenda- Motion to Approve Michelle Turner & 2<sup>nd</sup> Carl Johnson** – To approve with changes: Bear Issue will be later in meeting when ADFG can join; add update for Sky Ridge Subdivision comments, and add Old Seward Highway classification change. None opposed, Motion passed. Available on screen or via website, on Google enter Rabbit Creek Community Council, link on right hand side gets to the agenda.
- **April Meeting Minutes - Motion to Approve Mike Kenny & 2<sup>nd</sup> Michelle Turner** – To approve as written. Asked for any objections. Minutes approved with no edits. No objections, motion passed.

**Announcements & Legislative Reports:**

- **Assembly Members for RCCC Area -**
- **Suzanne LaFrance** – Contact info: Cell: (907) 351-7199, Voicemail: (907) 343-4122, E-mail: [LaFranceS@muni.org](mailto:LaFranceS@muni.org) – Kurt Parkan speaking for Suzanne tonight who is at another CC tonight. Emergency declaration in place until June 11<sup>th</sup> with lots of restrictions revoked. Likely that Assembly will revoke mask mandate tomorrow. MOA receiving \$103 mil Covid money in two batches. Assembly passed ordinance on easier purchasing. In June there will be listening sessions on issue of APD body cameras.
- **John Weddleton** – e-mail: [WeddletonJ@muni.org](mailto:WeddletonJ@muni.org) – (907)-770-6875 – Sky Ridge Subdivision probably going back to P&Z delaying to August. Town Hall on Monday at Loussac. Restrictions on Covid tomorrow, Assembly likely voting to remove mask mandate.
- **State Representatives** –
- **Representative James Kaufman** – [rep.elect.james.kaufman@akleg.gov](mailto:rep.elect.james.kaufman@akleg.gov) – 907-538-5262 – Absent
- **Senator Roger Holland** – [sen.elect.roger.holland@akleg.gov](mailto:sen.elect.roger.holland@akleg.gov) – cell 907-351-8277 – Absent.
- **Anchorage School District -** Kelly Lessens – Sworn in 10 days ago. Going to lots of graduations. Robust summer school program for primary and secondary at many Hub Schools. Volunteers for outdoor events are now allowed. Vaccination for 12 years old and up available. Kelly is our RCCC School Board liaison for this year.

**New Business**

- **Land Use & Transportation Committee (LUTC)** – Meets first Thursday of each month.
- **Capital Improvement Program** – Ann Rappoport – Rank Projects. Detailed numerous added projects including Bicycle path along Golden View Drive and Upgrade of Old Seward Highway between Rabbit Creek and Potter Valley to reduce speed and better accommodate pedestrians, bicyclists, and wildlife watchers. To vote, log onto the Capital Projects List and follow the voting process on the RCCC website. Described numerous previous ranked projects listed by MOA, Parks & Recreation, State of Alaska. Judy Michael advised that Mountain Air Drive is now a State project, not a MOA project.
- **Palaterra Subdivision** – Matt Blakeslee not available – Platting consideration of this subdivision postponed to May 19<sup>th</sup> or later, so that a groundwater study can be performed.
- **Potter Marsh South Parking Area Improvements** – Received \$1.5 mil, then rules changed and no match available. Now project is short around \$600,000. Might be funds in funding systems.

- **Motion Dianne Holmes & 2<sup>nd</sup> Jess Grunblatt** – To draft a letter to request reiterate comments funding covering this Potter Marsh South Parking Lot.
  - Vote by Zoom: Yes=22; No=0; Abstain=0. Motion passes.
- **Changing Old Seward Highway Classification East Side of Potter Marsh** – Nancy Pease – Described previous request to reclassify the Old Seward Highway on east side of Potter Marsh from Rabbit Creek Road to Potter Valley Road to a Country Lane and lower the speed limit. MOA classifies the road as a General Collector. Road Typology classification offered by MOA. Category called Parkland Road. DOT rates the road as a major collector, so desire to request reclassifying as a minor collector. DOT&PF Shannon McCarthy, lives in the area, familiar with road. Will discuss with other engineers to start the re-classification process.
  - **Motion Nancy Pease & 2<sup>nd</sup> Nowlin Withers** – To have RCCC support and pursue the re-classification of the Old Seward Highway on east side of Potter Marsh from Rabbit Creek Road to Potter Valley Road to a lower classification. Pursue with State DOT and MOA entities.
    - Vote by Zoom: Yes=20; No=0; Abstain=1. Motion passes.
- **Windy Corner on Seward Highway** – DOT proposing a project at Seward Highway Windy Corner mile 105 to 107. Comments made in 2020 April and August. DOT is making changes to the project scope: to extend the project to Falls Creek pullout; anticipated source was a new rock quarry by Rainbow Valley, but may now get rock from other areas; and they are now considering including a multi-use pathway as previously recommended by. Turning lanes were not safe but will be designed correctly. RCCC also has concerns about wildlife; what it means to have such a big parking area. Dianne Holmes suggested bringing Rainbow Valley HOA into the issues.
  - **Motion Nancy Pease & 2<sup>nd</sup> Dianne Holmes** – To submit further comments to DOT as outlined above and from previously submitted letter, before the June 9<sup>th</sup> due date.
    - Vote by Zoom: Yes=18 No=2; Abstain=4. Motion passes.
- **Moen Park Work Party** – Ann Rappoport – Some money has been raised for the matching grant for adult exercise equipment. There will be a party to raise awareness of the project, Thursday 6/10/21 at 5 pm just before the RCCC meeting at Moen Park. Also Sunday 6/13/21 from 1:00 to 4:00 pm will be a work party with general cleanup and brushing.
- **City-wide Cleanup** – Taking suggestions for road areas that need cleanup. Most roads in our area have already been cleaned. Suggested to go clean up in your own area.
- **Social Media Update** – Amanda Doughty–Same as the April report. 43 members on Next Door.
- **Porcupine Trail Bear Issue** – Resident Ken Zieghan and ADF&G Reps Cory Stantorf & Tim Spivey – Ken is 45-year resident along Rabbit Creek and last 4 years has had many grizzly bears in yard. Wondering about survey. He can't be outside without a gun. When fish come in bear population is worse. Black bear living in tree near house. The issue is not trash. No one from ADF&G has ever come to look. Cory Stantorf - Full bear census is hard and costs several millions. Discussed various census methods. Right now bears eating winter kill, sedges, grass, birch buds, etc. Food sources change throughout summer. Discussed staffing issues and possible remediation. The only time ADF&G gets involved with bears is when there is a definite conflict.
  - **Motion Vivian Mendenhall & 2<sup>nd</sup> Mike Kenny** – To submit comments to ADF&G Regional Supervisor requesting more research of bear populations in RCCC area.
    - Vote by Zoom: Yes=17 No=1; Abstain=0. Motion passes.

## **Old Business & Committee Reports**

- **Land Use & Transportation Committee Report** –
  - Comments submitted on Palaterra Subdivision, Small Area Implementation Plan.
  - Sky Ridge Subdivision - Requesting safe path to school trails at Sky Ridge.
    - **Motion Dianne Holmes & 2<sup>nd</sup> Nancy Pease** – To submit comments requesting a safe path to school for Sky Ridge Subdivision.
      - Vote by Zoom: Yes=17 No=1; Abstain=0. Motion passes.
  - Village Scenic Parkway – Red line on map, shows property is partially in MOA BSSA area.

- **Resilience Committee Firewise Update** – David Michael – May 17<sup>th</sup> 7 pm Zoom meeting. Other reports and discussions. Woodlot is open. HALO organized meeting on resilience. MOA has funding available.

**Motion Carl Johnson & 2<sup>nd</sup> Keith Guyer** – Motion to adjourn. No objection. Motion passes.

**Action Items:** Letters as mentioned above.

**Next Meeting** – June 10<sup>th</sup>. Zoom Meeting and live at Moen Park, if not raining.

**Meeting adjournment** – Meeting adjourned at 9:05 pm.