

**Rabbit Creek Community Council Meeting Minutes for Thursday, July 8, 2021**  
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Location: Internet Zoom Meeting

Board Roll Call - Present: Ann Rappoport (Co-Chair), David Sterling (Secretary), Judy Michael, Mike Kenny, Nic Kinsman, Dianne Holmes.

Absent: Carl Johnson, Keith Guyer, Michelle Turner, Nowlin Withers, Jess Grunblatt  
Board Member Co-Chair – Ann Rappoport - Opened the meeting formally at 7:04 pm. 6 board members and a total of over 35 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: How many summer guests are you expecting 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.

- **July Meeting Agenda-** Approved as written. Motion passed.
- **June Meeting Minutes - Motion to Approve Mike Kenny & 2<sup>nd</sup> Judy Michael** – To approve as written by Judy Michael. Asked for any objections. Minutes approved provisionally. 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) – Not present.
- **John Weddleton** – e-mail: [WeddletonJ@muni.org](mailto:WeddletonJ@muni.org) – (907)-770-6875 – Noise issue, O'Malley Road Church Revival having 6-week event and working together to keep things quieter. Large homeless shelter at Tudor/Elmore Area with self-supported structure under discussion. Appointment conversation for Mayor Bronson's team. Looking at how MOA works on easements and rights-of-way. Campbell Lake right of way. Large lot valuations under discussions. Working on Long Range Transportation plan with available funding. Storm Water committee meeting. Passed some homeless shelter location issues. No ghettos like around Brother Francis Shelter. Other shelters in town are proving good for neighborhoods. Shelters need licensing which is tool for MOA to control issues. Homeless MOA now has 400 in Sullivan + 300 in hotel rooms. Went way beyond what was expected. September deadline based on FEMA reimbursement. Really has until May or June of next year at Sullivan. Hockey team wants to use for fall/winter.
- **State Representatives** –
  - **Representative James Kaufman** – [rep.elect.james.kaufman@akleg.gov](mailto:rep.elect.james.kaufman@akleg.gov)–907-538-5262– Thrilled to be back from Juneau. Working on issues for next special session.
  - **Senator Roger Holland** – [sen.elect.roger.holland@akleg.gov](mailto:sen.elect.roger.holland@akleg.gov) – cell 907-351-8277 – Absent.
- **Anchorage School District** – Not present.

### **New Business**

- **Land Use & Transportation Committee (LUTC)** – Meets first Thursday of each month.
- **Windy Corner on Seward Highway** – Ann Rappoport – Concerns include: A rock quarry in Chugach State Park, Beluga Whales that have been gathering in this area, trails, increased use in the area, restrooms, extend project to Falls Creek. Comments due July 15, 2021, to discuss these points and issues in RCCC. ADOT decided to change the scope slightly. RCCC sent in some comments. Nancy Pease attended Open House in June. Dianne Holmes expects toilets are not necessary since tourists will not be allowed off the bus. Concern about Beluga Whales to preserve their peace. Ric Davidge advised that illegal hunting has been a large issue in the past, as reported by USF&W study. Concern about rebuilding 20 Mile River Bridge and effect on Beluga Whale food. Nic put a link into the chat for this project.
  - **Motion Dianne Holmes & 2<sup>nd</sup> Mike Kenny** – To submit same and additional comments to DOT as outlined above and from previously submitted letter.
    - Vote by Zoom: Yes=11 No=3; Abstain=1. Motion passes.
- **PZC2021-0078 – Proposed Ravens Ring Brewing Co. in Huffman Industrial Park** – LUTC reviewed and decided RCCC has no comments. Assembly review on 7/27/21.

- **Rugby Field Disturbances** – Ben Mohr, Rugby Foundation, requested details about the concerns. People spoke with these concerns:
  - Kyle Wessells – Moved to area in 1978 for peace and quiet. Described story about concerns and Rugby Field noise starting 4 years ago. Concerns about tight parking, wedding issues, helicopters landing at Rugby field, Season opener 4 weeks ago. More wedding issues. People speaking are amplified by microphone.
  - Ric Davidge – Potter Highlands gravel pit is private property, but rugby attendees are parking in the area. Fence installed but has been torn down. Land owners are preparing lawsuit. Agreement with AFD to evacuate, if necessary, which is difficult with lots of parked vehicles.
  - Laura Atwood – Concerned about the noise from rugby, weddings, fireworks, food trucks, fast vehicles.
  - Woman attendee – Concern about loud music and DJs, loud announcements, lives on Italy Circle
  - John Riley – Lives on Italy Circle since 1985. Concerned about loud noises. Suggested options: no noise after 10 pm, turn speaker volume down.
  - Jim Saylor – Lives on Italy Circle. Concern about amplified noise, drunk folks,
  - Ingrid Johnson written comments as read by Becky – Concerns about rugby being loud, wedding vows amplified are loud, helicopter rides, difficult to contact owner.
  - Frank Pugh – Concern about if a public trailhead is installed on his property, how much traffic that would bring to the area. Concern about many who have just spoken that have joined into an access lawsuit for public disruption against him. Frank advised that he could easily work with MOA to make numerous access points for the public and neighbors should be aware of that and look in the mirror about your complaints as relates to issues with the Pugh Property.
  - Rob on behalf of Ben Mohr – Speaking in response to issues raised. Only 4 or 5 instances. Trying to shut down gatherings by 10 pm. Road and parking on road. Referee mics. To Ric and Connie, yes an apology is owed. Will have the appropriate party, Rugby Union, issue an apology. 2020 there were no events. 2021 some rugby games and weddings. Helicopter rides 2 years ago with 7 or 8 rides. During McHugh Fire the rugby field was used by the firefighters as camp and they also used water from ponds. Practices are being done at Park Strip and Golden View School. Things we can do better. Agree that if Stewarts Trail is opened up agree that there would be a cluster. Ric Davidge wants to get together, needs to leave. Can't make commitments for Justin Green (Rugby field owner). Has also had funerals. Justin has lots of friends that use the property. Rugby Union cuts the grass. Rugby Union this year has placed 5 girls in universities on scholarships.
  - Ann Rappoport – Safety issues and access for emergency issues. Suggests a meeting with neighbors to come to agreement with Justin Green.
  - Dianne Holmes – Suggests neighbors write down issues in letter. John Weddleton knows MOA rules and might be able to help with meetings.
  - Kelly Becker – Hopes all parties can work this issue out together. Hopes RCCC can assist with Friends of Stewart Trail.
- **Social Media Update** – 198 followers on Facebook. Push for Next Door website. Planning a photo contest.

## **Old Business & Committee Reports**

- **Land Use Transportation & Committee Reports** –
  - **Porcupine Trail Bear Issue** – Resident Ken Zieghan at last meeting. Letter went out recently with suggestions to ADF&G. Waiting for response.
  - **Safe Routes to Schools** – Met with neighbors for Golden View with Bear Valley trail.
  - **RCCC Meeting with Legislature Reps** – Scheduling for late July.
  - **Letters** – Sent out letters on Potter Marsh funding, River Hills streetlight, Sky Ridge Subdivision
  - **Moan Park Work Party** – Successful report on June 13<sup>th</sup>. Matching funding at \$7,500 out of \$10,000 needed.

- **Resilience Committee Firewise Update** – July 30 & 31 training/meetings.
  - **Alaska Long Trail** – Money in State budget was vetoed. Working on issue.
  - **Rabbit Creek Trail Maintenance** – Need Eagle Scout help for projects.
  - **HALO** – Mike Kenny reported. Resilience Meetings July 31<sup>st</sup> at church.
  - **Annie Massey** – Alaska Parent’s Rights in Education – website in chat, wants to get the word out.
  - **Motion Dianne Holmes & 2<sup>nd</sup> Mike Kenny** – Motion to adjourn. No objection. Motion passes.
- Action Items:** Letters as mentioned above.
- Next Meeting** – September 9<sup>th</sup>. Maybe at Golden View Middle School or Zoom Meeting. No August RCCC Meeting.
- Meeting adjournment** – Meeting adjourned at 8:54 pm.