

**Rabbit Creek Community Council Meeting Minutes for Thursday, February 10, 2022**  
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Location: Internet Zoom Meeting

Board Roll Call - Present: Ann Rappoport (co-Chair), Michelle Turner (Co-Chair), Keith Guyer (Treasurer), David Sterling (Secretary), Judy Michael, Mike Kenny, Dianne Holmes, Carl Johnson, Amanda Doughty, John Riley, Matthew Blakeslee.

Absent: None.

Board Member Co-Chair – Ann Rappoport - Opened the meeting formally at 7:04 pm. 11 board members and a total of over 56 attendees, Declared a General Meeting. Ann Rappoport described a new Google Sign-In Method. Ann asked each attendee to write in their first and last name on chat. RCCC follows Roberts Rules of Order. 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.

Question for the night: How are you managing the snow? Asked new members to

- **February Meeting Agenda- Motion Keith Guyer & 2<sup>nd</sup> Michelle Turner** – To approve agenda with changes. To move Reapportionment portion to end of meeting. No objection, Motion passed.
- **January Meeting Minutes – Motion Judy Michael & 2<sup>nd</sup> Carl Johnson** To approve January Minutes. No objections, Minutes approved.

### **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) – See below on reapportionment..
- **John Weddleton** – e-mail: [WeddletonJ@muni.org](mailto:WeddletonJ@muni.org) – (907)-770-6875 – See below on Reapportionment
- **State Representatives –**
  - **Representative James Kaufman** – [rep.elect.james.kaufman@akleg.gov](mailto:rep.elect.james.kaufman@akleg.gov)–907-538-5262– Not available.
  - **Senator Roger Holland** – [sen.elect.roger.holland@akleg.gov](mailto:sen.elect.roger.holland@akleg.gov) – cell 907-351-8277 – Present, said hello.
- **Anchorage School District** – Kelly Lessons – ASD School Climate Survey opens Feb 14<sup>th</sup>. School calendar meeting. Parent Teacher conferences upcoming. Charter School Fair event lottery closes soon. New business academy for high school juniors upcoming. Superintendent search underway, deadline Feb 21<sup>st</sup>. 3-year contract agreement, union needs to approve. Feb is budget month, described in detail. Federal release dollars need to be spent by late 2024. Dropped links in chat for these numerous concerns. Two-year bond package recently approved by the Assembly. Includes 31 items. Bond package averages at \$111 million total or \$55 million per year. Impact on taxpayers is an increase of \$13 per \$100k assessment. Described how they calculated the bond amount. School district is slated to redraw the school boundaries later in 2022.

### **New Business**

- **Old Seward Highway Pavement Preservation** – Sean Baski DOT&PF Highway Design Chief – Working on getting a new Project Manager for this project. Kelly Kilpatrick, DOWL Project Manager - Project is to extend life of the road with minimal improvement. Project scope will include rotomil the existing asphalt, preserve existing road design as much as possible, drainage improvement and some culvert replacement, replace some guardrail, remove vegetation that limits line of site, wildlife improvements. Schedule is to have the actual site work done in 2024. This summer there will be surveyors, design folks, Geotech crew doing coring, design will start in October 2022. DOT will return to RCCC after the first draft is completed for a visit. Questions and comments:
  - Nancy Pease – 1. Can you extend or widen the shoulder along the road? 2. What will be the design speed? 3. Can we work to come up with signage regarding bicyclists and people walking on road? Sean Baski responds – This is a preventative maintenance funding project.

Widening the roadway is not in the scope. Funding by AMATS, so mostly Federal funding which has a lot of candidates applying for the available funds. This is a band-aid project. State has no money available except for pothole patching. NP – Can the road speed be set at 35 mph. SB described the scientific process for road speeds are set, will pass along the request. SB described process for adding road signage for sharing the road.

- Dianne Holmes – Advised that this project has been on RCCC's CIP list for decades. We were told the State was reluctant to move forward because the road really needed extensive upgrades to bring it into compliance. Now surprised that money is being spent only to resurface. Thinking the right of way needs to be surveyed so we know what could be included for pedestrian access. SB will pass along the comments. Normally mapping is not part of this type of project. No street lighting is included. DH – We want a country lane.
- Wray Kinard – Hope DOT will coordinate work being done by other departments, specifically southern improvements for Potter Marsh.
- Frank Pugh – In favor of resurfacing the road.
- Ann Rappoport – Chat questions - Can the community take over control of the road? How or who do we talk to be the squeaky wheel? SB – Once money is being spent, like now, the federal government will only move forward with the intended plan. AR – Are utility upgrades a part of the project. SB- Basically no, only if necessary to accomplish the main plan.
- **Nominations to Muni Transportation Improvement Program** – Nancy Pease – Described the program. Provided a list of projects to be nominated:
  - 1. Schools on Trails – Bear Valley to Golden View Schools –
  - 2. Old Seward Hwy – The project we just talked about.
  - 3. Golden View – Pedestrian bike + improvements
  - 4. Rabbit Creek Left Turn Pocket – At bottom of hill at Old Seward. Very dangerous situation.
  - 5. Trails along platted/undeveloped pedestrian easements & section lines.
    - Dennis Miller wants to know exact easements and trails. NP – No real work has been done yet; this is a proposal to perform the work. Frank Pugh also voiced concern and has little trust in the process. Different folks described existing trails that have been platted.
    - Vote by Zoom for the 5 items listed. Vote for any or all. 24 people voted, results:
      - 1. Schools on Trails – 11 votes
      - 2. Old Seward Hwy – 14 votes
      - 3. Golden View – 15 votes
      - 4. Rabbit Creek Left Turn Pocket – 19 votes
      - 5. Trails along platted/undeveloped pedestrian easements & section lines – 10 votes
- Input to State CAPSIS System – Federal Infrastructure Funding for various projects. Ann Rappoport described how RCCC picks projects we are interested in.
  - South Potter Marsh Pedestrian Improvements –
  - Chugach State Park Access
  - Hillside Fire Mitigation
  - Project 1 to 5 above
- **Assembly Reapportionment** – The decision to add a 12<sup>th</sup> Assembly member is why Reapportionment is underway. Suzanne LaFrance and John Weddleton – Comment about Turnagain Arm CC has DOT reconsider decisions about rumble strips. Narrowed to 4 maps. Other maps can be submitted. Described the process, which is still in flux. Will have public hearings. Comments are still being accepted. Denny Wells provided current maps in the process onscreen for all to see and described them in great detail.
  - After the presentation, comments by attendees. Anne R - Do we want to combine the Hillside and Eagle River? Hillside combined with lower areas? Consensus is no.
  - **Motion Dianne Holmes & 2<sup>nd</sup> Nancy Pease** - Move that we are not in favor of any map that combines RCCC area with Eagle River. Some of the maps that Denny Wells has worked on, including Bryce's map that John Weddleton had input on, that keep neighborhoods together. Also critical to work with other assembly members. Nancy Pease offers a friendly amendment – RCCC should request that reapportionment closely follow legal requirements, compact, contiguous, and socially integrated districts. Therefore, we request that the Hillside

remain in one district and no part of it be combined with Eagle River. Chugach State Park is an uninhabited part of the MOA and does not create contiguity between Hillside and Eagle River.

- Carl Johnson suggests a separate vote on the amendment.
- Vote by Zoom chat on the Friendly Amendment - Yes=25 No=3; Abstain=1. Motion passes.
- Comments on the Original Motion:
  - Mike Kenny wants to see the maps and study.
  - Julie Coulombe – Advised that Hillside CC, Huffman O'Malley CC, and HALO, none of them supported a specific map.
- **Vote by Zoom chat on the Motion - Yes= \_\_\_ No= \_\_\_; Abstain= \_\_\_. Motion passes.**
- **Motion Judy Michael & 2<sup>nd</sup> James Michael** To extend the meeting for 10 minutes. No opposed, motion passes.
- Comments on Omnibus Ordinance – Nancy Pease – Assembly action on Feb 15<sup>th</sup>.
  - 20-21-88F Assembly substitute to amend Title 23 The Building Code – Regarding licensing. Staff explains that local MOA licensing is required to have local building enforcement. State does not have the staff to manage. Suggest support for this.
  - Title 21 Land Use Code – Size of a shed on side and rear set back increase by 30%. One could have two 200 sf sheds right at the property line.
  - MOA want to change the code regarding filling out applications. Ask that the code includes similar language referring to Title 21.
  - Street and Trail Review.
  - Cash bond for temporary signs.
  - Assembly retains landscape design on large commercial.
  - 10-year property tax exemptions for owners who want to add ADU housing. Suggest annual certification
  - **Motion John Riley & 2<sup>nd</sup> Carl Johnson** – Move that we accept the recommendations listed above.
  - Vote by Zoom chat - Yes=16; No=8; Abstain=2. Motion passes.
- **Land Use & Transportation Committee (LUTC)** – Meets first Thursday of each month.
  - **Equestrian Heights Subdivision** – Future discussions are forthcoming.
  - **Trails** – No comments.
  - **Resilience Committee** – Meeting Feb 28<sup>th</sup> by zoom.

## **Old Business & Committee Reports**

- **Ski4 Kids – Dianne Holmes** – Previously described the need for sleds, eagle, stuffed mouse, window frame, old broom. List in chat. Things are happening.
- **Forestry has \$10k for planting trees.** Applications link in chat. March deadline.
- **HALO** – No comments.
- **Committee Reports**
  - **Treasurer Report** – Keith Guyer we have not spent any money since last time. \$1,595 available. \$400 for future scanning. Social obligation.
- **JBER** - Arctic Thunder to be the last weekend of July. Thunderbirds coming. Link posted.
- **Motion Keith Guyer & 2<sup>nd</sup> Michelle Turner** – To adjourn. No objection. Motion passes.

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

**Next Meeting** – March 10<sup>th</sup>. Expecting Zoom Meeting.

**Meeting adjournment** – Meeting adjourned at 9:11 pm.