

Rabbit Creek Community Council Meeting Minutes for Thursday, March 10, 2022

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Location: Internet Zoom Meeting

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

Absent: Ann Rappoport, Carl Johnson

Board Member Co-Chair – Michelle Turner - Opened the meeting formally at 7:02 pm. 9 board members and a total of over 35 attendees, Declared a General Meeting. Michelle Turner described the Google Sign-In Method. Michelle 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: What will you be doing with an extra hour of daylight, daylight savings time? Asked new members to answer in the chat.

- **March Meeting Agenda- Motion Keith Guyer & 2nd Matt Blakeslee** – To approve agenda with changes. No objection, Motion passed.
- **February Meeting Minutes – Motion Keith Guyer & 2nd Nancy Pease** To approve February Minutes. Nancy Pease had submitted some changes. Included those changes in revised minutes. 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 – Not present.
- **John Weddleton** – e-mail: WeddletonJ@muni.org – (907)-770-6875 – Meetings on reapportionment activities and various maps being considered. \$800k design for homeless shelter. Many millions won for Port of Alaska. 10-year tax abatement for accessory housing units. Birchwood airport ownership may be transferred. School bond.
- **State Representatives –**
 - **Representative James Kaufman** – rep.elect.james.kaufman@akleg.gov – 907-538-5262 - Matthew Harvey representing James Kaufman. Over view – Budget is in house finance. No committee assignments yet. Waiting on spring revenue forecast publication on Feb 15th. Key bills on the floor. Discussed several bills being discussed and in various forms. Included Hillside Fire Prevention, exiting and access, and others RCCC items on several bills to be funded.
 - **Senator Roger Holland** – sen.elect.roger.holland@akleg.gov – cell 907-351-8277 – Present, said hello and had to attend a 7:30 meeting. Lives in RCCC district.
- **Anchorage School District** – Kelly Lessons – ASD School Spring break now. Teacher retention. Budget was passed. Go to Anchorage Museum for ASD art exhibit. Proposition 1 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

- **Assembly Reapportionment** – 50-page revised Assembly Reapportionment shown on screen. On MOA website.
- **Amendment #3 to TIP AMATS Spending Priorities** – Nancy Pease – LUTC looked at this recently. No changes to RCCC projects. No action needed.
- **Performance Measure/Scoring Criteria for MTP2050** – Nancy Pease – Metropolitan Transportation Plan (MTP). Links on screen and website to review. A 20-year plan covering, joint

MOA and State funding sources. AMATS does this plan and sets things up measuring on a report card basis to evaluate. General comment is to measure the results, not money spent. Six goals. 1st Infrastructure. Maintaining existing infrastructure. Concern about roads in 100-year flood plains, even though we have few. 2nd goal Safety, like safe walking. 3rd Improvement of Ability Option. 4th Measure amount of tourism revenue. 5th Adaptability. Help the Environment. Greenhouse Gases. No performance measures for walking and trails. Go online and review and participate. Mostly driven by federal standards.

- **Motion Nancy Pease & 2nd John Riley** – To approve the comments discussed and in the written document, with Ky Holland comments about fuel consumption related to greenhouse gases and autonomous vehicles, work from home.
 - Questions: Ky Holland – concern about autonomous driving vehicles. Lucinda Kinard is concerned about cars not stopping at Buffalo at the bottom of 142nd Ave. Wray Kinard is concerned about poor road conditions on hillside. Ky added that roads need to meet their expected standards.
 - Vote by Zoom chat - Yes=23; No=1; Abstain=0. Motion passes. Nancy will finalize the document.
- Nancy voiced other concerns, including: Land Use is a big point. Old Seward that does not have shoulders for walking. Emergency phones. Emergency egress and second ways out of areas. Locked gates. Projects need to be affordable. Proper scoring for under privileged population projects.
 - **Motion Nancy Pease & 2nd Judy Michaels** – To put these comments into a format and send to AMATS staff and other Community Council as a separate letter
 - Vote by Zoom chat - Yes=23; No=1; Abstain=0. Motion passes. Nancy will finalize the document.
- **HLB Annual Work Plan** – Dianne Holmes – Always need to be alert as to what HLB is doing. Need to follow the Title 21. Work plan was put out earlier this year. Would like to support some land transfers of various parcels to Chugach State Park under a non-competitive method. Concerned about various parcels. 1) Potter Valley parcel up by Chugach State Park, that was subdivided in a manner. 2) Support proposed transfer of parcel to Chugach State Park. 3) Alascom Tower in Section 36, and access road. The access road could be a component to the Section 36 and remain public up to a gate. 4) Potter Valley south side two HLB parcels with a Mental Trust parcel in between. Should consider connecting the 3 parcels. Resolve access issues. 5) Legacy Point area zoned as PLI land, now a conservation organization trying to take set aside. Some parcels to support, some to add questions about, some to ask for coordination between agencies. Need to attend by Zoom the April HLB meeting.
 - **Motion Nancy Pease & 2nd John Riley** – To summarize these comments into a letter to HLB.
 - Vote by Zoom chat - Yes=19; No=2; Abstain=0. Motion passes. Dianne Holmes will finalize the document.
- **NPS RTCA Grant Proposal for Schools on Trails** – Nancy Pease – Trail between Golden View and Bear Valley Schools. Planning effort applied for grant. Take place over 2022. Anchorage Park Foundation Community Challenge Grant matching 1 for 1.
- **MOA Election Update** – Dianne Holmes - Election observers for candidates. Now is the time to apply and go through the process to be an observer.
- **Candidate Discussions** –
- **Cathy Geisel** – Senate Candidate - Concerned about fiscal responsibility. Constitutional Reserve is running low. Need to grow the Permanent Fund. If that fund can grow above \$100 billion, it will generate enough funds to operate the state sustainably. She supports this.
- **Randy Schulte** – Assembly Candidate – Regular guy. Lives in Bayshore. Oil person. Visit at Kaladis on Saturdays 8 to 10 am. Consider assembly a part time job.
- **John Weddleton** – On lots of Hillside Boards. 6 years on Assembly. Not a part time job.

- **JBER** – Joy Boston – Described numerous activities at JBER. Arctic Thunder to be the last weekend of July. Thunderbirds coming. Link posted.
- **Land Use & Transportation Committee (LUTC)** – Meets first Thursday of each month.
 - **CAPSYS** – John Riley - Update. Narrow their focus to these highest priority projects. Hillside Disaster Evacuation Routes. Chugach State Park Access Improvement Points. South Potter Marsh Pull-out.
 - **River Hills** – Judy Michael - Eliminate lot line between two lots. No problem. River Hills south not going thru rezone, stay with R9 zone. Road access issues. Expect April visit by landowners.
 - **Equestrian Heights** - Dianne Holmes - Asked about classification of wetlands.
- **Motion Judy Michael & 2nd Lucinda Kinard** - To extend the meeting for 10 minutes. No opposed, passes.
- **Trails** – No comments.
- **Resilience Committee** – Ky Holland – Meet 4th Wednesday of month. UAA producing maps. Various agencies providing funding. Juneau Reps helping. April 30th Community Wide Event at Hilltop Ski Area. Applied for NFPA grant.

Old Business & Committee Reports

- **Skis for Kids – Dianne Holmes** – Previously described the need for sleds, eagle, stuffed mouse, window frame, old broom. List in chat. Things are happening.
- **FCC** – Spent time on reconstructing Fairview and Mountain View areas with highway connections.
- **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.
- **Motion Dianne Holmes & 2nd Keith Guyer** – To adjourn. No objection. Motion passes.

Action Items: Letters as mentioned above.

Next Meeting – April 14th. Expecting Zoom Meeting.

Meeting adjournment – Meeting adjourned at 9:11 pm.