

Rabbit Creek Community Council Meeting Minutes for Thursday, April 14, 2022

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Location: Internet Zoom Meeting

Board Roll Call - Present: Michelle Turner (Co-Chair), David Sterling (Secretary), Judy Michael, Mike Kenny, Dianne Holmes, Amanda Doughty, Carl Johnson.

Absent: Ann Rappoport, Keith Guyer, John Riley, Matthew Blakeslee

Board Member Co-Chair – Michelle Turner - Opened the meeting formally at 7:04 pm. Started off with not enough board members. After review of requirements and determining 7 board members and a total of over 35 attendees, Declared a Quorum and 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. Asked new members to answer in the chat.

- **April Meeting Agenda**- Agenda discussed. Added Tara Subdivision.
- **March Meeting Minutes** – March minutes were not posted in enough time to review.

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 – Not present.
- **State Representatives** –
 - **Representative James Kaufman** – rep.elect.james.kaufman@akleg.gov – 907-538-5262 – James Kaufmann and Matthew Harvey checked in from Juneau at event with only a little time. Advised that RCCC is being noted. Call with questions.
 - **Senator Roger Holland** – sen.elect.roger.holland@akleg.gov – cell 907-351-8277 – Present, said hello and discussed a MatSu issue, reapportionment and adding areas to his senate district, PFD. Chairs Judiciary. Many bills finalizing in last weeks of session. Lives in RCCC district.
- **Anchorage School District** – Kelly Lessons – ASD Connect is new way of communicating. ASD New Superintendent announced today, Dr Bryant. 3-year contract. Financial literacy for students is coming soon. Chronic absenteeism being reviewed. Monitoring Juneau activity. Proposition 1 two-year bond package has failed. Board will review reasons why. Graduations at UAA Alaska Airlines Center. Spring lottery open. August 18th set as first day of school. Discussed other subjects: Busing to Rogers Park, Retention issues. Will be assigned to another area next year.
- **JBER** – Joy Boston – Described numerous activities at JBER. Base access description listed online. Veteran honor flight upcoming soon. Arctic Thunder to be the last weekend of July. Thunderbirds coming. Links posted.

New Business and Old Business Requiring Action

- **Assembly Reapportionment** –
- **Senate Finance Committee Considering Budget** – Nancy Pease – Ann Rappoport testified on 4/7/22. Senate review of CAPSIS list. 3 Projects. 1) Chugach State Park Access. 2) South Potter Marsh Pull-out Amenities. 3) Wildfire Evacuation Routes. Will need to wait and see on results.
- **TIP AMATS Spending Priorities** – Nancy Pease – AMATS comments. Their project funding list. 2 documents. Narrative – Don't mention several plans. Projects 3-road projects in our area. 1) Rabbit Creek Road Reconstruction from Seward Highway to Golden View Drive Redesign. RCCC asking for left turn pockets, not a center-lane. Non-motorized path, RCCC prefers a separated path. 2) Mountain Air Drive – RCCC has supported this project. Requested connection to Bear Valley for wildfire evacuation. 3) Full interchange south of Dimond at Scooter Road. Suggest they not perform this \$200 million project. Instead spread the fund out in the community. Two Plans 1) Street Typology a Greenway or Recreation Corridor along Old Seward Highway along Potter

Marsh. 2) Typology that prioritizes roads around schools. 3) Typology that prioritizes non-motorized connections that could serve as evacuation routes. Asking for funding that updates transportation and recreation trails.

- **Motion Nancy Pease & 2nd Riki Lebman** – To approve the comments discussed above as stated by Nancy Pease.
- Comments: Nancy advised that her comments are printed online. These comments are similar to what RCCC submitted last year. Performance measures and whether or not they respond to comments that are provided. Friendly amendment to add responsiveness to comments.
 - Vote by Zoom - Yes=15; No=0; Abstain=0. Motion passes. Nancy will finalize the document.
- **Tara Subdivision** – Marc ? of Far Point Land Services – Client wants to develop about 11 acres off 156th Ave by Windsong, into 5 parcels. Plat presented on screen. Southern part of River Hills Subdivision across Little Rabbit Creek that was subdivided last year. Zoned R9. Access will be improved to municipality standards from West Circle to 156th Ave and a portion of 156th Ave. Gravel and RAP surfaces and widened to 22'. Expecting a pedestrian pathway on north side that will connect to path coming from River Hills side. Discussed location of trail and steep access down to creek. Developer, Mr. Taras Ilnitski, will work with community on trail and plans to live on one of the lots.
 - Concern about size of cul-de-sac. Will let MOA decide on size. Will be turn around. Maintenance and snow removal by LRSA. Plat has been submitted to MOA. Moving forward on next stages.
 - Mary Cary lived in area for 35 years. Clearing underway on adjacent properties, Spruce Terrace. Concern about runoff between the two properties and wet conditions. Potential undiscovered wetlands on this property. Marc advised that engineers will be doing test holes. Mary advised that the roads will connect between the subdivisions allowing for flow thru traffic and secondary access. Concern about amount of clearing and suggest preservation of vegetation. Marc stated expects minimal clearing.
 - Nancy Pease described trail connectivity expectations in the area.
 - **Motion Dianne Holmes & 2nd Riki Lebman** – To prepare comments mentioned above in regard to drainage, wetlands, turn around dimensions, width of roadway, trails. Comments will be prepared by Nancy Pease and Dianne Holmes.
 - Vote by Zoom - Yes=14; No=0; Abstain=1. Motion passes.
 - Comments: Concern about width of road. Existing roads are minimal. Roads need to be built to acceptable standards of LRSA.
- **Land Use & Transportation Committee (LUTC)** – Meets first Thursday of each month.
 - **HLB Annual 2022 Annual Work Plan** – Dianne Holmes – RCCC has developed a repair since HLB has so much land in our area. Land Use Manager, Shelly, that RCCC has worked with was fired last Friday without notice. Other managers advised that the work plan will probably be postponed and modified. Concern about RCCC comments being responded. RCCC will request an explanation and reasoning for the firing. How HLB expects to deal with the work plan. Will there be a reissuance of the work plan, 30-day comment period and public comment period.
 - **Motion Dianne Holmes & 2nd Riki Lebman** – To write letter to MOA Administration and Assembly personnel stating concerns listed above. Letter will be drafted by Riki Lebman.
 - Vote by Zoom - Yes=11; No=4; Abstain=0. Motion passes.
 - **Resilience Committee** – Ky Holland – Meet 4th Monday of month. To be more resilience for any disaster items. Spring time awareness to improve wildfire issues and evacuations. Learn about fire wise issues. Think like an ember. Awareness about Ready-Set-Go Program. Concern about single access road areas on hillside. April 30th Community Wide Event at Hilltop Ski Area. Tab on RCCC website for Resilience. Applied for NFPA grant, \$500, for event. Wood lot opening soon.
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- **Motion Ky Holland & 2nd Judy Michael** – Requesting \$100 donation from RCCC for Fire Wise event. Carmela Warfield of Hillside Community Council as a Co-Host for the April 30th event, requesting volunteers for the event.
 - Vote by Zoom - Yes=14; No=0; Abstain=2. Motion passes.
- **Redistricting** – Nancy Pease – Asking about appeal possibilities in opposition to redistricting. Comments by Cathy Giessel that appeals will probably not happen and redistricting maps are a done deal. Some are not happy with results.
- **Motion Nancy Pease & 2nd Mary Cary** – To extend for 5 minutes. No objection. Motion passe

Committee Reports

- **FCC** – Title 21 presentation. Fairview and Mountain View areas with highway connections of Seward to Glenn Highways.
- **HALO** – No comments.
- **Social Media** – No report.
- **Committee Reports**
 - **Treasurer Report** – Same as last month. \$1,595 available. \$400 for future scanning.
- **Motion to Adjourn Nancy Pease & 2nd Mike Kenny** – No objection. Motion passes.

Action Items: Letters as mentioned above.

Next Meeting – May 12th. Expecting Zoom Meeting.

Meeting adjournment – Meeting adjourned at 9:02 pm.