

Rabbit Creek Community Council Meeting Minutes for Thursday, May 12, 2022

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Location: Internet Zoom Meeting

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

Absent: Ann Rappoport, David Sterling, Keith Guyer, John Riley, Matthew Blakeslee, Amanda Doughty

Board Member Co-Chair – Michelle Turner - Opened the meeting formally at 7:02 pm. After review of requirements and determining five board members and a total of over 20 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.

- **May Meeting Agenda-** Agenda discussed.
- **March Meeting Minutes –** March minutes not discussed.
- **April Meeting Minutes –** April minutes not discussed.

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 – Kurt Parkan on Suzanne's behalf. Discussed various issues.
- **Randy Sulte** – Recently sworn in MOA Assembly. Special election district 1 for 12th Assembly member. ARFA funds available. Purchasing rules changes. How to remove an elected official. Navigation center land purchase ongoing.
- **State Representatives –**
 - **Representative James Kaufman** – rep.elect.james.kaufman@akleg.gov – 907-538-5262 – Not present.
 - **Senator Roger Holland** – sen.elect.roger.holland@akleg.gov – cell 907-351-8277 – Present, not a lot of predictable going on in last days of legislative session in Juneau. Lots of scheming going on in the background. House passed a big PFD this week. Budget was passed. First look was Monday at 0900. Alaska Reads Act still hard to get passed.
- **Anchorage School District** – Kelly Lessons – Will be our Rep for a while longer. Dr Bryant starts July 1st as superintendent. Monitoring Juneau activities and funding sources. Pre-enrollment underway. August 18th 1st day of school. Let some know if you see vandalism.
- **JBER** – Joy Boston – Boniface visitor center has re-opened. Richardson Visitor Center closed for renovations. Memorial for Veterans May 25th. Memorial Day on May 30th and Park Strip. Also, on base at 12 pm. Info in chat. Arctic Valley Run in July. Aerial demonstration in July with Thunderbirds.

New Business and Old Business Requiring Action

- **Capital Improvement Program** – Forms need to be submitted via internet. Forms on the website. Responses due by May 29th. Nancy Pease – People should consider projects on personal feelings. Many projects have been ranked high by RCCC members over the past few years. Golden View West side connections there are other ways to connect to Old Seward Hwy than going thru watershed areas. Riki Lebman concerned about development of 156th Ave and 162nd being the only access for that area. Dianne Holmes advises that Mountain Air will be available in future years for access of that area.

- **Potential Changes to Accessory Dwelling Units (ADU)** – Daniel McKenna-Foster MOA – Provided on screen information. ADU update calls for 1,000 small units by 2040. Recent survey showed not much progress. MOA wants to push for ADU. Costs are a factor and MOA can't affect that. Zoning is something MOA can affect. Reviewed current written proposal. 900 sf or 40% of principal is maximum size. Enforcement by MOA to meet codes. Different MOA Departments look at ADUs based on the specific discipline. Most interested in getting more ADUs via correct fashion. Need to meet well and septic code requirements situations. Nancy Pease considers an ADU doubles occupancies. Only 1 ADU per lot. Concern by many about occupancy not allowed to have short term rentals. quantities. Firewise considerations. Concern about density increase on water well capacity. Suggestion for ADUs to be Owner occupied. Goal is to comments to Assembly in September.
- **Equestrian Heights Subdivision** – Lucinda Kinard - Property ownership transferred from father who recently passed, to son. Monitor wells have been drilled in area around Pekett and 144th. Concern about water wells under minimum flows, <1/2 gal per minute. Cluster development on 40-acre parcel from plat approved in 1980's that do not meet current code. Was to be a community water and septic system that has not been constructed. Wetlands in the area. Concern about limited or no contact with Mr. Skylar, the current owner.
- **Constitutional Convention** – Cathy Giessel – Shall there be a Constitutional Convention? Offered written message. Will be asked on the November ballot. Required every 10 years by Alaska constitution. Defend Our Constitution Coalition is an organization that there should not be a Constitutional Convention. Three reasons: 1) It is not necessary. 2) It is expensive. 3) It is dangerous. Urging a No vote. Alaska Constitution is brief and broad. Constitutional Convention has been offered 5 times and been voted as No each time. Amendments have to be passed by both houses by two-thirds, then go to the voters. There is another way to make changes to the Constitution. Cost is estimated at \$17 million. Opens Pandora's box as every subject is open to be discussed. Website: defendakconstitution.com.
- **Land Use & Transportation Committee (LUTC)** – Meets first Thursday of each month.
 - **HLB Annual 2022 Annual Work Plan** – Has been rescinded due to staff changes, Dianne Holmes – Plan to change RCCC letter. Concern about recent firing of the most knowledgeable member of the staff.
 - **Resilience Committee** – Ky Holland – No report.
 - **Schools on Trails – Nancy Pease** – Being upheld by MOA staff. Plan on walking potential trails. Sponsorship of National Park Service with 320 hours of staff assistance

Committee Reports

- **FCC** – Optional school lottery out on July 28th. Title 21 presentation. Fairview and Mountain View areas with highway connections of Seward to Glenn Highways.
- **HALO** – Same information as from Sulte. Zoom meeting June 14th 7:00 pm. Developing method to check algorithm MOA use for determining property taxes.
- **Social Media** – No report.
- **Committee Reports**
 - **Treasurer Report** – Probably same as last month. \$1,595 available. \$400 for future scanning.

Next Meeting – June 9th. Expecting Meeting at Moen Park and on Zoom.

Motion to Adjourn Nancy Pease and 2nd Mike Kenny. No objections. Approved.

Meeting adjournment – Meeting adjourned at 9:00 pm.