

**Rabbit Creek Community Council Meeting Minutes for Thursday, September 8, 2022**  
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Location: Internet Zoom Meeting

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

Absent: Amanda Doughty, Ann Rappoport, Michelle Turner, Carl Johnson.

Board Member Acting-Chair – Dianne Holmes - Opened the meeting formally at 7:01 pm. Asked people to put name in the chat and speak up if they had something to offer and were not on agenda. Determined 7 board members and a total of over 30 attendees, Declared a Quorum and General Meeting. Dianne Holmes described the Google Sign-In Method. 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.

- **September Agenda** – **Motion to Approve by Cindy Kinard & 2<sup>nd</sup> Keith Guyer** – To approve the agenda as written. No objections.
- **August Meeting Minutes** – **Motion to Approve by Nancy Pease & 2<sup>nd</sup> Matthew Blakeslee** – To approve as written. No objections. Approved.
- **Treasurer Report** – Savings \$315.55 + Checking \$1,279.33 = \$1,595.98 available. \$400 encumbered for future records scanning.

**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.
  - **Randy Sulte** – Present. No comments.
- **State Representatives** –
  - **Representative James Kaufman** – [rep.elect.james.kaufman@akleg.gov](mailto:rep.elect.james.kaufman@akleg.gov) – 907-538-5262 – Stopping by to say hello. Re-districting means he will not be in our district. Described audit on Cares Act money.
  - **Senator Roger Holland** – [sen.elect.roger.holland@akleg.gov](mailto:sen.elect.roger.holland@akleg.gov) – cell 907-351-8277 – Nikki Rose reporting for Senator Holland. Feel free to call or stop by LIO office on Minnesota & Benson. Described various bills in draft form that they are working on. Discussion about Hillside District Plan and language clarification.
- **Anchorage School District** – Andrew Holleman – Discussed budget issues. 44,000 plus students over last few years, down by ±5,000 from a few years ago. Shortfall of funds \$60 to \$100 million for 2023-2024 school year. Looking at programs. School Bus Driver issue ongoing. Stories about materials used in Health Ed. Things have not happened the way they were described. Added traffic at schools like on Goldenvue, how can MOA planning help alleviate traffic jams?
- **JBER** – Joy Boston – Not present.
- **Election Candidates** – David Schaff running for State Representative

**New Business and Old Business Requiring Action**

- **Draft Plats for Burlwood (Jaamly) and Shangri-La East Subdivisions** – Last month Tony Hoffman of Boutet Company – Reviewed plat map for Shangri-La Subdivision on internet at meeting a month ago. Putting 6 lots on Mountain Air north of last plat on east side of road. Road is already built up to temporary turnaround. Lots are all more than 40,000 sf. Wetlands on west side. Not encroaching. Environmental studies underway. Connection to Mountain Air after bridge is built. Waiting for that work for future platting. Lot 6 has stream thru it. Nancy Pease requests: 1) Schools on Trails could use the subdivision's northern boundary subdivision. As a condition of approval request survey along that boundary and keep the permanent survey marks in-place. At the edge of a section line that is used for non-motorized access. 2) North-south road on east side of lots is a permanent cul-de-sac and Section 36 boundary easement is adjacent to the north. Request Pedestrian trail along that east side boundary line for safe walk to Bear Valley School. 3) Wetlands, stream, and Little Rabbit Creek setbacks need to be marked pre-construction. How will setbacks be installed and maintained during construction. Ky Holland agreed. Described various

other subdivision that did not follow these recommendations that caused problems. Mike Kenny – Described Little Rabbit Creek watershed issues in 1980's.

- **Motion by Nancy Pease & 2<sup>nd</sup> Ky Holland** – To approve the three points described above. Results: Yes=17; No=0; Abstain=0. Motion passes.
- **Shangri-La East Phase 2** – Adjoining parcel to west of Burlwood Subdivision – Will review at future meeting once plat is prepared.
- **Natural Cemetery on South Golden View Drive** – Rachel Bernhardt – Going before Heritage Land Bank at October Meeting with this proposal - Introduced this proposal at previous RCCC meeting. Located on Golden View Drive across from Moen Park on 9-acre parcel that was designated as AWWU water tank area which was deleted as not required. AWWU will retain 13 acres. Updated proposal with ideas from prior RCCC meeting. Requesting written approval from RCCC. Instead of Land Use Committee review, the RCCC group as a whole reviewed the proposal. Comments: Nancy Pease provided comment items with shared parking across the road at Moen Park, eventual conservation of the area, watershed conservation of the area for Potter Marsh. Is there high bedrock in the area? Some shallow areas, others more than 15' to bedrock. More study required. Described that normal cemetery is high density ~1,500 people per acre with concrete vaults, Natural Cemetery is low density at ~300 per acre, unembalmed bodies with natural fiber vaults. Will be part of a natural land trust. Limits on grave markers.
  - **Motion by Ky Holland & 2<sup>nd</sup> Becky Judd** – To provide a letter of support for the Natural Burial Cemetery on Golden View Drive. Results: Yes=15; No=2; Abstain=0. Motion passes.
- Liquor Store at Huffman Business Park – Still concerns about too many liquor stores.
- Moose Mamas was denied by Zoning Appeals Board by vote of 5 to 3.
- **South Potter Marsh Improvements** – MOA Assembly voted to fund upgrades with American Rescue Plan Act: 2 toilets, parking, pedestrian crosswalks, 200' boardwalk. 2023 construction.
- **Rabbit Creek Road Upgrades from Seward Highway to Golden View Drive** - DOT&PF underestimated this upgrade at \$11 million, actual cost \$35 million. Slated for actual construction 2025 onwards, planning and land acquisition before that. AMATS accepted. Two homes to be removed. Will be non-motorized facilities the whole length of project.
- **ADU Housing** - P&Z on Sept 19. Biggest concern is removing the requirement for home ownership. Concern about people making ADUs into short term rental. Need to keep homeowner requirement of one of the units.
- **Glen Alps Road Service Area** – Money being released for rebuilding Upper Canyon Road.
- **Schools on Trails** – Moving ahead. City will be mapping undeveloped easements.
- **Pickle Ball Court at Goldenview School Ice Hockey Rink** – This is a go. Principal on board.
- **Resilience Committee** – Two Issues – 1) Ky Holland requested Thank You Letter to AFD for their work coordinating firework ban around the city; previously approved, he sent letter under RCCC Letterhead. 2) Resolution about Communication Within MOA – Document on website describing request for better communications within the MOA to get messages out about emergency situations. Department of Emergency Management and AFD to practice getting messages out to the public. Fire Department needs a Public Information Officer.
  - **Motion by Ky Holland & 2<sup>nd</sup> Nancy Pease** – To provide a letter of support for the Public Information Officer. Results: Yes=16; No=0; Abstain=0. Motion passes.
  - Study of Egress and Road Issues has started by UAA and others.
- **Motorcycles Noise/Safety & Racing Up/Down RCCC Area Roads** – Speaker person not available tonight, so will forward to next month.
- **Good things accomplished by RCCC** - Long ago when the Old RC Rd overpass was constructed the RCCC asked for landscaping, not asphalt. DOT put in sustainable vegetation and watered it for 2 years. Now that trees and foliage have grown up, looks fantastic. RCCC success!
- **Land Use & Transportation Committee (LUTC)** – Meets first Thursday of each month.

## **Committee Reports**

- **FCC** – No Report.
- **HALO** – Preparing for candidate forum at Alaska Zoo in October.
- **Social Media** – Nothing to report.

**Next Meeting** – October 13<sup>th</sup>. Meeting on Zoom.

**Motion to Adjourn Linda Janidlo; 2<sup>nd</sup> Ky Holland** - No objections. Approved. Adjourned 8:47 pm.