

Rabbit Creek Community Council Meeting Minutes for Thursday, October 13, 2022

Location: Internet Zoom Meeting

Board Roll Call - Present: Ann Rappoport (Co-Chair), David Sterling (Secretary), Dianne Holmes, Mike Kenny, John Riley, Amanda Doughty.

Absent: Michelle Turner, Carl Johnson, Keith Guyer, Judy Michael, Matthew Blakeslee

Board Member Co-Chair – Ann Rappoport - Opened the meeting formally at 7:04 pm. Asked people to put name in the chat. Determined 6 board members and a total of over 28 attendees, Declared a Quorum and General Meeting. The Google Sign-In Method was described. 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. Described voting eligibility, attendance of one prior meeting in past 12 months. Described Zoom protocol and instructions.

- **October Agenda – Motion to Approve by John Riley & 2nd Mike Kenny** – To approve the agenda as written. Two additions for Fire Chief of Station 9 to present and Suzanne LaFrance to present earlier due to conflicts. No objections. Approved.
- **September Meeting Minutes – Motion to Approve by John Riley & 2nd Mike Kenny** – To approve as written. No objections. 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 – Provided notes and was present towards the end. Homeless issues with various plans being voted on. Desire is for more, smaller facilities instead of one large facility. A number of places are being proposed as shelters. Stewart Trail lawsuit was decided in favor of public use but parking and other details need to be worked out with neighbors before the gate will be modified to allow hikers to use the trail. Canyon Road is being surveyed/studied to determine parking solutions there.

Randy Sulte – Not Present.

- **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 – Not a lot to report since not in session and campaign season. Call with questions.

- **Anchorage School District** – Andrew Holleman – On Trails to Schools Committee and working on bad spots around Anchorage. Taking longer to get bus service up to speed. Short ±40 drivers. Discussed budget issues. 44,000 plus students over the last few years, down by ±5,000 from a few years ago. Shortfall of funds by ±\$68 million for 2023-2024 school year. Requesting an automatic per student allocation adjustment every year. Looking at programs. Nancy Pease brought up new parking area at Potter Marsh that will be constructed next year and RCCC requested a school bus zone in that parking lot that needs to be promoted with the MOA Designers, since they offered a poor response.

- **JBER** – Joy Boston – High School program for Aim High Flight Academy next summer 2023 for High School students to learn about aviation. All free plus 15 hours flight instructions in Florida. No commitment to the military. Application open thru November. DOD has a program for Governments to apply for grants on projects that go towards helping military missions and increasing resilience on military installations. Port oAlaska awarded a \$5.3 mil grant to build a micro grid power energy resilience to serve the Port and JBER. Information in chat. JBER providing 6 school bus drivers.
- **Fire Station 9 on DeArmoun** – Captain Sean Fredenhagen – With change of seasons the dark means house numbers/addresses must be posted clearly. Defensible space tree clearing around homes. Many RCCC folks attended Resilience Meeting at UAA last Monday. Reported on discussions.

- **Election Candidates** –

- David Schaff - Running for State Representative. Concerned about road issues in area, No on Constitutional Convention; School funding, reinvestment, people leaving state due to no jobs.
- Roger Holland – Discussed extra school space with less students. Increase of BSA has not been dealt with. Yes on Constitutional Convention.
- Cathy Giessel – School funding far beyond BSA, actually the whole formula needs to be fixed. In the funding formula, by maximizing school spacing, the school district loses funding. Needs to be fixed. No on Constitutional Convention, the Yes folks want to take public school money and shift it to private schools.

New Business and Old Business Requiring Action

- **Alaska Moves 2050** - Nancy Pease – DOT has a long-range transportation plan along with AMATS. Propose to send AMATS comments to DOT. Muni has adopted Vision Zero, a target of zero deaths, DOT has not adopted that target but should. We should suggest zero death target. Designing for safety is absent in their language. Maintenance and bridge repair Fix-it first. Resiliency – identify risks. Sustainability – No actions to get there. Echo greenhouse gas goals. Ask to avoid vehicle demands, where roads fill up with cars. Increase alternative modes for transportation. Data provides most up to date trends. Clean Transportation – Want to increase electric vehicle. Rail belt mentioned. Comments – Peter Johnson concerned about how Golden View Drive never received the bike paths. Suggest projects flexibility. Break down elements of a project so that high ranked elements can still be built. Question about why Rabbit Creek and Golden View was never upgraded as originally designed. Cathy Giessel advised the issue was a question about ownership of that intersection between MOA and State. Individual comments can be done by going to [Alaskamoves2050](https://www.alaskamoves2050.com) on the web.
 - **Motion by Nancy Pease & 2nd John Riley** – To approve the points described above. Shall RCCC submit comments to ADOT asking them to consider RCCC recommendations. Results: Yes=16; No=0; Abstain=0. Motion passes.
- **Noise Control on Noisy Exhaust** – Reviewed at prior meetings. APD needs more review. Current violation \$100, APD wants to raise to \$300. Suggestion to make the fine “Up to \$500.”
 - **Motion by Dianne Holmes & 2nd Vivian Mendenhall** – To raise the APD Noisy Vehicle Noise Control fine from \$100 to \$300. Results: Yes=17; No=0; Abstain=0. Motion passes.
- **FCC Website is Old Technology** – Requesting a \$24,000 grant be issued to upgrade and modernize the FCC website. The system still uses DOS. Dianne Holmes recommends not more than \$24k and needs a User Manual. Vivian advises Community Councils exists because of a State charter.
 - **Motion by Mike Kenny & 2nd John Riley** – To request required money funding and User Manual to upgrade the FCC website capabilities by MOA. Results: Yes=16; No=0; Abstain=0. Motion passes.
- **RCCC Board Elections** – Dianne Holmes will lead this committee. Elections are in November for seating in January. 1 and 2 year positions available. Requesting fresh blood be nominated. Contact Dianne Holmes with nominations.
- **REVIVE Alaska** – Prince Nwankudu presented on their community services for South Anchorage and food pantry. Been in state for 8 years. Non-profit. Described in great detail about this organization and their mission. Their passions include providing Housing, Food Pantry, Hot Meal Kitchen, childcare, veteran assistance. Proposing new facilities on O'Malley and other locations around Alaska. Fund raising gala on Nov 12th to benefit housing for veterans. Showed slide show; website in chat. For more info see: <https://www.revivealaska.org/>
- **Land Use & Transportation Committee Updates** – Nancy Pease reporting:
 - **ADU Housing (Accessory Dwelling Units)** – Suggested RCCC put our points in an Alternative Draft Ordinance letter. Main points: Requiring home ownership in one of the units. Request prohibition of short-term rentals less than 30 days. Height of ADU that can cast shadows on neighbors and density issues are concerns. Not sure on dates at MOA Assembly.
 - **Scooter Highway Underpass at New Seward Highway** – Desire to change design to pedestrian underpass only. AMATS to reconsider at December meeting.

- **Rabbit Creek Road Upgrades from Seward Highway to Golden View Drive** - DOT&PF underestimated this upgrade at \$12 million, actual cost \$35 million. Needs to be re-scored, by December. Slated for actual construction 2025 onwards, planning and land acquisition before.
- Land Use & Transportation Committee (LUTC) – Meets first Thursday of each month.
- **Schools on Trails** – Nancy Pease and Ann Rappoport presented to Golden View Middle School PTO and Bear Valley CC about our Schools on Trails initiative to connects schools, plus Section 36. Information on RCCC website. Some social trails are disappearing with developments so need dedicated platted trail.
- **Resilience Committee** – Ky Holland provided notes to Ann Rappoport. Fall weather brings windstorms and slick roads. Chugach Electric has information on their website. Oct 20th National Shakeout preparations about earthquakes.
- **South Potter Marsh Improvements** – MOA Assembly voted to use American Rescue Plan Act funds for upgrades proposed by RCCC for implementation by ADFG. \$771,000 appropriated for 2 toilets + 55 car parking + pedestrian crosswalks + 200' boardwalk. 2023 construction.

Committee Reports

- **FCC** – No Report.
- **HALO** – Candidate forum at Alaska Zoo in October.
- **Social Media** – Amanda Doughty – Our Social Media goal was to have 250 members and we have exceeded that on Facebook with 262 members; we have 220 on Next Door. Have come a long way.
- **Treasurer Report** – Savings \$315.55 + Checking \$1,279.33 = \$1,595.98 available. \$400 encumbered for future records scanning.

Next Meeting – November 10th. Meeting on Zoom.

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

Meeting adjournment – Meeting adjourned at 9:01 pm.

Submitted by David Sterling, Secretary.