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April 13, 2023 Rabbit Creek Community Council Meeting Summary
--Meeting conducted online via Zoom

Meeting called to order at 7:03 pm by co-chair Ann Rappoport. A quorum was present, and a general meeting was recorded.

Agenda was approved as presented.

March 9th minutes were not available, and will be presented for approval at the next RCCC meeting.

Treasurer's Report: \$316.85 in savings; \$1741.54 Total

New Business and Old Business requiring action – Time Critical

- Rabbit Creek Road Rehabilitation (ADOT): Steve Rzepka, P.E.

AMATS funded the project in the summer of 2022. The project is now in the data collection phase.

--Discussion from participants asked for clarification of “rehabilitation” vs. “reconstruction”. Steve’s response was that reconstruction takes what is existing, and then builds to current design standards. Rehabilitation takes existing conditions and makes improvements where it can, to cost effectively deliver more flexibility with less impact. No traffic impact analyses have yet been conducted.

--Comments from the audience included requests for solutions to accommodate left turns, rather than continuous center turn lane. It was mentioned that the curve at the top of the hill has been the site of one death.

--Pathways are needed on both sides, to accommodate bikers, skiers, etc.

--It was recommended that DOT look more closely at the Hillside District Plan.

--Other comments and questions included: how to determine a design speed correlation between speed and safety (85% rule); how to choose “safe” speed; geometric parameters also determine speed; cannot artificially lower speed, since road characteristics must match speed.

--DOT was asked to 1) not feel driven by the 85th percentile; 2) consider road crossings and narrowing; will there be new crossroads (which will affect slippage in winter).

--Steve said that there are no drastic changes planned for the Goldenview/Rabbit Creek Road intersection. He also said that DOT will submit formal comments when they are gathered; they will follow the context sensitive process.

- Mountainside Village Proposed Plat (S4)

--Craig Bennett: 9 lots zoned R10; R6 is 1 acre minimum, R10 means steep slopes.

--S4 is offering this opportunity for the community to ask questions

--Plat will likely submit to Planning in June or July

-- 60-ft ROW; did not know about whether a pathway is included

- Wildfire Egress: Jen Schmidt

--Jen provided updates about meetings, mapping efforts, and updates to the Community Wildfire Protection Plan

--It was suggested that Jen’s map be shared with Steve Rzepka for the Rabbit Creek Road project;

--John See said that the Firewise committee members will give regular updates.

--Next Resilience Cte meeting is April 24; Firewise event is May 6. Ky Holland has details.

- Safer Seward Hwy Project (Nancy P)
 - MP 118-98.5
 - 2016 Reconnaissance Study
 - Comments due April 20
 - Goal is safety for all users; roadway defects and deterioration need fixing
 - Congestion is a problem—62 mph speed
 - Nancy has presentation paperwork; LUTC to discuss in committee

- DeArmoun Road Rehabilitation (opportunities to improve intersection safety); John Knowles (ADOT)
 - 140th to Hillside Drive; Safety concerns expressed
 - Funding constraints (waiting)--not going to happen in 2023, will likely be 2024 waiting on BUYAMERICA and Utility Companies
 - AMATS: •Westwind to 140th, bike lane and separated pathway
 - AMATS: •Phase II follow-on project to extend to Hillside (cancelled)
 - Pavement rehab project: sections that are really bad; drainage degrading
 - No crosswalk because not enough “sight distance”
 - Signs needed: “Share the Road”
 - RCC work with AMATS to encourage funding. Unsafe to cross at 140th..so..where to cross?

- River Hills South
 - (Taras; S12671)
- Heritage Land Bank
- Community Council Boundaries—The Rabbit Creek Community Council is happy with the existing status of our boundaries, and recommends no changes.

- Updates from Officials, candidates and other representatives:
 - AFD: Recommends “Pulsepoint” app as the best way to see critical events in the neighborhood. The app is free. The Academy has new cadets. AFD is working on a Wildland interface.
 - Senator Cathy Giessel: Senate is working on SB88: Defined Benefit Program. Goes next to Senate Labor & Commerce Cte.. Changes to Ta on S Corporations; Operations budget not fully funded; Alyse Galvin has proposed an income tax; student allocation being discussed; PFD split discussion about 25/75 or 50/50.
 - Randy Sulte – working on budget; need to submit by the 25th. Kent Kohlhace is new city manager
 - Chugach Electric candidate Suzanne Fleek-Green introduced herself and asked for support at the Chugach Electric elections in May.

New Business, Old Business, & Committee Reports

- Rabbit Creek Gateway Sign – Joel Cladouhos will be meeting with interested participants who want to discuss this project.

- Land Use & Transportation Committee
 - Joel Cladouhos will be working on a neighborhood sign plan, along with some interested folks, who are trying to get this project started.
- Reminders: Resilience Committee Meeting April 24th.
- Land Use Committee Meeting May 3rd
- Firewise Event May 6, 11a.m. - 3 p.m.
- Next RCCC Meeting May 11 via Zoom—prepare to rank projects for Capital Improvement Program

Meeting was adjourned at 9:10 pm.