

Rabbit Creek Community Council Meeting Summary for Thursday, Sept 12, 2024 JM DRAFT

Location: Internet Zoom Meeting, facilitated by Co-Chair Ann Rappoport. Meeting opened at 7:10 pm. It was determined that 10 Board members were present, with the quorum of members present online signed in. It was duly noted that RCCC follows Robert Rules of Order. Zoom advised that the meeting was being recorded. Protocol and instructions were provided for procedures for voting and participating; requirements for voting eligibility were provided. Land acknowledgement was made regarding meeting on unceded lands of the Dena'ina Athabascan.

Minutes from July 11th were approved and seconded and filed on record.

New Business and Old Business requiring action

Sgt Noll, APD Supervisor for the Traffic Unit, Major Collision Investigations and he works closely with State Highway Safety unit. He acknowledged issues he's heard from our area about speeding, especially from motorcycles, noisy vehicles, and being affected by road closures on Seward Highway. He wondered what we thought of some of their grant funded projects like on speeding and DUI. Where do we want them to focus/how can they help us?

Some RCCC members brought up the issues surrounding motorcycles, including using bikes that are excessively loud, especially after dark, and defy speed limits. The same problems occur with ATV's and other recreational vehicles. It was suggested that perhaps overnight safety patrols could be used. Nancy Pease pointed out that southbound cars, when traffic backs up, experience more than just inconvenience--- because the people can't safely get to their homes.

Assembly member Randy Sulte spoke to RCCC about the Anchorage Economic Development Corporation's proposed Project Anchorage to lower property taxes with funds from 2/3 of a 3% sales tax. The other third would go to projects recommended by Anchorage residents and then selected and promoted by Project Anchorage. He noted that several of the ideas with Project Anchorage have come from some successes with the same type of program in Oklahoma City.

Randy supports Project Anchorage as a means to foster ideas for making Anchorage an even better place to live using funds from the proposed 3% sales tax. Ideas suggested by RCCC members included:

- Using schools as Community Schools after hours
- Use Schools as (pre-K) child care centers as well as before/after school care
- Solarize ASD to decrease energy costs and uses
- Refurbish/modernize Muni swimming pools

RCCC will submit these ideas to Project Anchorage and encourages members to also submit these and other ideas.

Resolution for 10-year review of Community Council boundaries has had prior discussion at RCCC; at this time, the general consensus is that no changes to our boundaries are necessary. RCCC will again submit that conclusion.

HALO representatives said that distribution and uses for money appropriated for neighborhood Limited Road Service Areas is being discussed among Hillside councils. More to follow.

Campground Proposal: Brandy Pennington

A question/answer discussion offered opportunity for exchange of ideas. Plans for her 160-ac parcel are still in early stages; Brandy said that her vision for the project would involve a lot more time and discussion with residents and neighbors, but nevertheless, she envisions a recreational area where friends and families can safely enjoy our beautiful hillside outdoors.

HALO will be hosting a candidate forum on October 3 from 7 – 9 at the community room at the Alaska Zoo.

Next regular RCCC general meeting will be on October 10, at Goldenview Middle School. Zoom participation will be available, as well as meeting in person at the Goldenview IMC (Library)

Meeting was adjourned at 8:55 pm
Respectfully submitted,
Judith Michael