

Rabbit Creek Community Council Meeting Minutes for Thursday, March 13, 2025
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Location: Goldenview Middle School Library and Internet Zoom Meeting

Board Roll Call - Present: Tim Alderson (Chair), Mike Malvick (Vice-Chair), Matt Blakeslee (Treasurer), David Sterling (Secretary), Judy Michael, Nancy Pease, Ann Rappoport, Grace Johnston, John Riley

Absent: Amanda Doughty, Justin Veit

Board Member Chair Tim Alderson - Opened the meeting formally starting at 7:05 pm. Requested everyone to sign-in on Zoom or on paper at GV. Determined 9 board members and over 42 attendees total on zoom and in person. Declared a Quorum and General Meeting. Tim Alderson described the Sign-In Method. RCCC follows Roberts' Rules of Order. The attendance list is attached. Zoom advised of recording the meeting. Described methods to vote on issues for this meeting. People calling in on telephone will need to vote in the chat. Described voting eligibility, attendance of one prior meeting in past 12 months. Described Zoom protocol and instructions. Land Acknowledgement – Meeting on the unceded lands of the Dena'ina Athabascan.

- **March Agenda** – Tim Alderson asked about additions. Approved.
- **February Minutes** – **Motion Grace Johnston & 2nd Matt Blakslee** - To Approve. Approved.
- **Treasurer Report** – February amounts: Savings \$xxx + Checking \$xxx = \$1,956.13 available.
- **Persons Not on the Agenda** – No requests.

Announcements & Legislative Reports:

- **Assembly Members for RCCC Area -**
 - **Randy Sulte** – (907) 343-4121 - Randy.Sulte@anchorageak.gov – Not present.
 - **Zac Johnson** - (907) 343-4122 - Zac.Johnson@anchorageak.gov – Resolution for P&Z making district plan advisories. Ordinance for P&Z about various standards. Water wells ordinance. Girdwood comprehensive plan is coming forward. Sales Tax to be decided soon for going on ballot. ASD budget soon. Bid for Terminal 1 to come out soon. Volcanic eruption preparations.
- **Representative Ky Holland** – Cell (907) 727-2735 – Education Bill 69 passed last week. LNG issue has quieted down. Bill 89 red flag law for people at risk to themselves. Governor is the person who needs to agree to some of these bills.
- **Senator Cathy Giessel** – cell (907) 242-5450 – sen.cathy.giessel@akleg.gov – Thanks for attending Town Hall. Budget deficit of \$600 mil. Oil will not pay all the bills. Looking at new revenue sources. Tax on S and LLC Corporations could bring \$186 mil. Amazon pays no tax in AK, \$10 mil. Tax Credit to oil companies \$230 mil. PFD last year. Should constrain to \$1,000, totaling \$650 mil. Last month's presentation was getting good traction in legislature.
- **Anchorage School District** – Carl Jacobson – Cell (907) – email = jacobson_carl@asdk-12.org – Described ASD issues. Approved cell phone ban, with some discretion. Approved right sizing plan and schools buddying up. Closed schools are all rented out. Bond Prop \$63 mil described in detail. Rilke Schule School needs space next year. More right sizing by the school board may help open more unneeded school buildings availability next year.

New Business and Old Business Requiring Action & Reports

- **2050 Metropolitan Transportation Plan Amendment 1 to Remove Safer Seward Highway (SSH) Northern Section** – Nancy Pease – Amendment 1 - Seward Highway Improvements from Bird Mile 98.5 to Rabbit Creek Road Mile 118. RCCC in the stakeholder group. The cost estimate ballooned from \$654 mil to \$1.8 Billion. AMATS then decided not to spend that much money because of other commitments. DOT agreed and said they would stop the project at McHugh Creek mile 112. DOT decided to move forward on the southern portion. RCCC has raised safety issues in section of road dropped from SSH project: Potter Valley Road turn lane needed. Old Seward Hwy on east side of Potter Marsh is crumbling away, need separated turning for pullouts at Potter Marsh pullouts. ADOT planning to implement 'Safety Express Projects' in 2025: larger signs, curve warnings, pullout notifications, trailhead and milepost distance markers, repair speed feedback signs. Overall project to be done in phases. Probably take 4 years to get to Potter Marsh. It would start with Windy Corner since they have been designing that already.

- **Motion Matt Blakeslee & 2nd Ann Rappoport** - To accept the items above in a letter to DOT.
 - Results: Yes = 25, No = 0, Abstain = 2 - Motion passes.
- **Amendment 2** - ADOT&PF Amendment 2 – AMATS has taken Safer Seward Highway out of their spending plan. Land Use Transportation Committee proposes that AMATS discuss with DOT the interim safety program.
 - **Motion Ann Rappoport & 2nd Grace Johnston** - To accept the Transportation Plan Amendment 1 proposed by LUT.
 - Results: Yes = 24 No = 0 Abstain = 1 - Motion passes.
- **Amendment 3** - ADOT&PF 2023 Transportation Improvement Program - Spending money plan. Propose to support these projects: 1) \$750,000 to design Rabbit Creek Road from Old Seward up to Golden View Drive 2) Seward Highway signs to change the speed limit based on road conditions. 3) Two new projects. One at Northern Lights, one at Gambell. 4) Freeway interchange at 36th Ave to cost \$123 mil. 5) Ask to add in targeted safety projects under Amendment 2. 6) Add in the Pedestrian Overpass to Rabbit Creek School.
 - **Motion Nancy Pease & 2nd Keith Guyer** - To write a letter with the issues mentioned above.
 - Results: Yes = 26 No = 0 Abstain = 0 - Motion passes.
- Wildfire/Firewise Updates and Discussion – Rep Ky Holland – Met with AFD to go over projects that have been accelerated. John Glover offered the following – Discussed water supply, lack of aerial fighting resources and how to overcome. Working to have firefighters for training refresher. Messaging on social media. Campbell Airstrip Road mitigation project to start this year. Relying on citizens to perform Firewise things at their property and help their neighbors. Wood Lot opens May 1st thru September and will be free. Information in the chat. Preparing for Mt Spurr eruption.
- Bond Issues Presentation – Links in the chat.
 - AFD Captain Fredenhagen discussed fire engines and ambulances.
 - Parks & Rec – Beth Nordlund – Park Bond covers several locations around town.
 - APD - Lt Burns – Upgrade building maintenance at several buildings around town. Replace police vehicles.
 - ASD – Carl Jacobs – School Bond \$63 mil described in detail.

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- **Land Use Committee** –
- **Education Committee** – Rachel Blakeslee – HB53 Operating budget comments due tomorrow. Google link put together to get information about advocacy news.
- **Resilience Committee** – Meets 4th Monday of each month.
- **FCC** – Report in chat.
- **HALO** – No report.
- **Schools on Trails** – No report.
- **Social Media** – No report.
- **Next Meeting** – April 10, 2025. Hybrid – at Goldenview and via.
- **Meeting adjournment** – **Motion Nancy Pease & 2nd Grace Johnston** - Adjourned at 9:00 pm.