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## Rabbit Creek Community Council Meeting Minutes January 13, 2000

- Meeting was called to order by Scott Sell, President.
- Board members present included: Jess Grunblatt, Carol Fries, Barbara Weinig, Art Geuss, Nancy Pease, Vivian Mendenhall, Greg Ross, Bob Miller, Scott Sell.
- Minutes for the December 9, 1999 meeting were approved as written.
- Motion: Bob Miller, Second by Barbara Weinig. Approved.
- Treasurer's Report, Greg Ross: No change from the December 1999 balance of \$1,145.35, 183 members, 36 members are required for a quorum as of Dec. 1999.

## Announcements:

- Pease noted that the Upcoming Parks and Open Space plan prepared by MOA will have a target completion date of midsummer. We should take the initiative to give early input.
- MOA project is underway to improve public involvement in transportation planning (AMATS) Details to follow.
- Weinig announced availability of Anchorage Trails Plan map. RCCC did a commendable job of identifying trails of importance to our neighborhood.
- Weinig raised the issue of traffic safety on Mountain Air Drive to Planning and Zoning Commission.
- Assembly Report
  - Dick Tremaine indicated that it has been relatively quiet. There are no burning issues. Mayor is essentially a lame duck so there isn't quite as much administrative action.
  - A ruling on the legality of the budget is expected soon.
  - There is a new ordinance requiring an IM sticker on vehicles as an aid to legal enforcement of IM programs, Should address compliance of out - of - town commuters.
  - Tremaine met with Bob Christal regarding the omission of a pool from the future South Anchorage High School Site. Christal has agreed to identify a physical site for the pool and provide for future utility connections.
  - Pat Abney, Tremaine and Connie Yoshimura will meet Monday 1/17 to discuss purchase by ASD of a direct access (driveway) to the new South Anchorage High School from DeArmoun. There is supposed to be a 40' wide buffer on the school site but some erosion of the buffer has occurred by AWWU.
  - Public meetings and review for the MOA Comp Plan should occur at several meetings in March. Final Comp Plan is due to the Assembly in May 2000.

## Proposed Trail System in Section 36; Diane Holms

Recently Diane researched history of Anchorage's dedicated trail system for a documentary. She presented the Council with a map showing the accessibility to

these dedicated trails, using a radius based on a 10-minute driving time. Most of Anchorage is within a 10-minute drive, an amazingly good level of accessibility.

However, Rabbit Creek, Goldenvicw, and Potter are outside of the 10-minute driving range of the nearest trail system (Hillside). Trails are so heavily used in winter that the snow gets worn out, and there have been no new dedicated trail systems since the early 1980's.

Section 36 is currently managed by the Heritage Land Bank (HLB). A large part of it is slated for dedication as NOA parkland.

In November/December 1999 Diane spoke to Bear Valley Community Council (BVCC). Most of Section 36 is in their council area. BVCC approved a resolution for a dedicated trail system in Section 36.

Barbara Weinig pointed out that Anchorage Area-wide Trails Plan shows a trail across the tract from Storck Park over the ridge to Rabbit Creek.

Motion by Diane Holm; second Art Weiner, that Rabbit Creek Community Council supports a dedicated trail system within Section 36. Amendment proposed by Mendenhall, Second by Ross to include the following language " for Cross Country skiing in winter and compatible summer uses." Motion supporting the amendment passed 12 in favor, 6 opposed. Amended Motion passed 16 to 0.

" Rabbit Creek Community Council supports a dedicated trail system within Section 36 for cross country skiing in winter and compatible summer uses."

Pat Abney reminded the CC that we still need an answer to the legality of HI.B's desire to re-zone and develop the 70 or so acres within Section 36. It was suggested that the area tax themselves in order to acquire these lands as parkland as well.

Scott Sell announced sign-up sheets for Council committees.

Nominations for Board Members for 2000.

- Barbara Weinig, Nancy Pease, Greg Ross, and Scott Sell were elected to 2year terms.
- Bob Miller, Zedik, and Brad Kuntzer were elected to 1-year terms.

Presentation by Tim Potter, DOWL Engineers representing Potter Creek LLC (Connie Yoshimura, Bob Peterson and John Hagemeier)

Potter Creek LLC is seeking rezoning of 160 acres of Buckwalter property on upper Potter Valley Road. Currently it is in the AWWU Master Plan and zoned