

**RABBIT CREEK COMMUNITY COUNCIL  
DRAFT - Minutes of meeting of 8 November 2001**

Present were Sell, Miller, Van Flien, Ross, Mendenhall, Fries, Kutzer, Geuss, Gruenblatt.

**Treasurer's Report:** 15 new members for a total of 176; quorum for a general meeting is 35. Our bank account has \$751.82, including \$44 deposited since September.

**Trails Committee:** They applied for the TRAAK grant from the Alaska state Division of Parks. They requested a grant of \$29,600 and propose to match it with \$28,940 in volunteer labor and other things. Approved (Moved by Ross, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Mendenhall) to reimburse them \$120.21 for Xeroxing etc.

**Announcements**

- Moen Park: Bids for improvements in 2001 were too high, no contract drawn. They will try to combine it with other projects and solicit again in 2002.
- Canon Road easements and gate near 140th: Jack Frost still hasn't returned Fries' calls.
- Assembly hearing on putting Little League ball fields in Far North Bicentennial Park, on 20 November.
- P&Z hearing on Long Range Transportation Plan, December 10; considering addition of Knik Arm crossing. This plan is on the Web at [www.muni.org/transplan/index.cfm](http://www.muni.org/transplan/index.cfm).
- The Prominence Point rezone was approved by the Assembly. 7 acres will be rezoned at Bluebell, and it was added to the HWWMP; the other parcel was not rezoned or added to HWWMP. Stipulations included minimum lot size, no alteration of slopes greater than 25%, a 25-foot natural buffer, vegetative surveys, and replace at 3 to 1 of trees cut.
- Hearings on the Southern Intertie: 13 November at the Loussac Library, 7-9 pm.
- The Mayor's office has set up a speaker's forum; municipal employees can come and talk to your group.
- LRSA: The 4 fire hydrants have been installed on the Elmore water main; they should be functional by later this month. (At Elmore and DeArmoun, Elmore and Riverton, Manytell and Curvell, and Longbow and Rabbit Creek Rd.)

**Anchorage 2020:** Mendenhall heard Susan Fison speak last night (at the Anchorage Citizens' Coalition meeting) on stepdown plans. AWWU has money to revise the HWWMP, but the Muni has not yet funded the supposedly parallel Hillside District Plan. We need to be proactive on this—specify our priorities early in the game. The HDP is supposed to be a high priority because we have so much undeveloped land. Janice Shamberg said that the HDP will be finished before the HWWMP is revised.

We need RCCC committees for open space, density, transportation, water and sewer.

**RCCC boundary:** Weinig talked to Stu Hall, who may be able to do the boundary amendment in December.

**Coastal Trail** (Kirk Johnson): The Potter Marsh Homeowners Association met with the Muni and ADPDOTF. Alternative routes south of Rabbit Creek Road now include along the New and Old Seward Highways. It still isn't clear where a trail is planned along the latter road. Residents oppose it in their front or back yards, and they voted to support the New Seward Highway route. Besides their property concerns, an Old Seward Highway alignment could conflict with traffic and pedestrians at the Bird Treatment and Learning Center. Others pointed out that a New Seward Highway route would be less restful (close to traffic, trains).

The Old Seward Highway was last paved in 1988 and needs to be re-done.

Jim Childers of ADOTPF did not appear as scheduled to talk about the trail plans. Approximately half the audience came to hear him (12 people).

**Assembly report:** The mayor didn't veto any capital improvement projects in District 6. Funds are intact for Rabbit

Creek Greenbelt and other greenbelt acquisitions and for LRSA and drainage rehabilitation in 2002.

Several Assembly members are trying to find another site for new ball fields besides the Far North Bicentennial Park. If the Muni buys another tract it might have to be negotiated as a tax deferral, but the municipal attorney says extenuating circumstances would be necessary for this.

A member of the board complained that official cars fill up the City Hall lot, so no citizens can find space.

Fines and fees are being proposed to make up the Muni's funding shortfall. The proposals are on the Muni's web site. Holmes suggested a sales tax instead; but that falls under the tax cap, whereas fines and fees don't. Sell said the Muni could raise its income by collecting fines that are due now for land use violations, but instead the Muni doesn't respond to complaints. Mendenhall suggested a LRSA official might be deputized to issue tickets for right-of-way violations along LRSA roads.

It seems wasteful for so many emergency vehicles to answer each call.

We should have APD and the Muni's code enforcement come and talk to us about their response policies.

**Legislative report** (Patty Swenson, Bunde's staff): Asked people to sign petitions to keep the legislature in Anchorage. Bunde is on the finance committee and is responsible for the State Troopers and Fish and Game budgets. Shamberg asked why there is no income tax proposal? The committee is working on a plan now; Swenson said lots of people say they want it, but when it is proposed, the preponderance of mail and calls oppose it.

**Minutes** of October 11 were approved (moved Sell, 2<sup>nd</sup> Geuss).

**Assisted living:** Valerie Cooper has bought a house at 16750 Old Seward Highway and is preparing to run an assisted living home starting in April 2002. She is now making Muni applications and taking courses for her certification. She expects no extra traffic except for Muni minibuses. It will not be a nursing home (although the Muni classifies assisted living together with them). Clients might include respite day care and a couple with one Alzheimer's sufferer. The board thanked her for informing us ahead of time.