

Rabbit Creek Community Council Meeting May 13, 2004 – Minutes (draft)

Rabbit Creek Church and Snowshoe Lane

The meeting was called to order at 7:05 pm by Ky Holland, president. Other board members present were Wayne Skidmore, Charlie Barnwell, Donna Van Flein, Susanne Comellas, Carol Fries, Dan Case, Thom Janidlo, Jess Grunblatt and Dianne Holmes arrived during the meeting as she had to attend the Park Commission meeting.

Treasurer's Report:

There are now 80 members. Ky requested reimbursement of \$19.80 for copying charges. Motion by Susanne, 2nd by Dan to reimburse Ky, passed unanimously.

Announcements:

Ky has an official copy of the *Parks Plan*.

Memorial Day work party scheduled for the Greenbelt call Dianne @345-1514 to RSVP. Partiers will meet at Storck Park.

Anchorage Police have assigned Sergeant Tidler to the area and he may be reached @ 786-2697. If you have problems connecting with him contact Sergeant Bucher @ 786-8557

Jeff Friedman our school board rep. reminded us that spring break would be moved up a week.

The Rabbit Creek flowerbed on the overpass will be planted on June 4th around 3pm. Please call Susanne to help with watering, weeding or just show up to plant. 945-8171.

Legislative Report:

Con Bunde spoke to the audience attempting to explain many issues and why many issues died. Those that failed were Enhancing 911 systems, Tobacco taxes, POMV, spending cap and related fiscal issues required helping stabilize the state budget. The ASD shortfall was funded, 82 million being reinstated.

Janice Shamburg spoke of the work being done on the SITE-Condo ordinance, also changes were coming to the Animal Title specifically addressing barking dogs. Funding is coming for wildfire fighting equipment and a small 4-wheel drive pumper truck was added to the hillside.

Dick Tremaine addressed the failed bond propositions that add \$2 to the price of a ticket to the Sullivan arena and PAC. City leaders are looking toward a city fiscal plan in the absence of a state fiscal plan. The assembly members are calling on the community councils to petition the legislature to hold a special session. There is a statewide retirement system health care deficit reaching close to 5 billion dollars. The assembly is also working on the Horse Boarding ordinance.

Committee Reports:

MHT/Forest Heights – Donna indicated nothing is moving until traffic and hydraulic studies are completed maybe some time next month. Replat has been postponed indefinitely.

Hillside District Plan – A Memorandum of Understanding involving the Municipality and community councils working together on the HDP was discussed. A resolution was passed unanimously to support HALO organizing a community committee to start planning the HDP while working with the MOA.

Parks plan – Charlie and Jess have started collecting input from the public regarding trail location and desires. Maps dividing the RC area into 4 sub-areas have been placed on the website and a draft outline has been put there for review. Additional mapping is being requested from the MOA to help identify the potential placement of future trails.

Context Sensitive Design – Dan McQuarry spoke briefly and a motion was made by Dan, 2nd by Thom to support formal adoption of context sensitive designs for roadways within the municipality. Passed unanimously.

New Business:

Rabbit Creek Community Church – Mark Vincent, project manager and Arthur Whitmer spoke of the planned church expansion. Several people asked the same questions that were brought up at a special meeting with neighbors 2 weeks prior. There was no support for the project as proposed.. Carol moved to write a letter incorporating the points brought out by neighbors in the special meeting, include in the letter continuing dialog with neighbors to craft a solution to preserve 20-25 feet of vegetative buffer and request a

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Plan of how the facility will be used 2nd by Dan. Motion approved unanimously. Dianne and Susanne will write letter.

Potter Valley Development – Dave Grenier displayed a plat of the proposed area and explained the need for variances. Several of the neighbors oppose the development due to the hazardous road conditions and questioned the need for flag lots and cul-de-sac length that require variances and inadequate snow storage areas. Motion by Carol, 2nd by Dianne to write letter outlining the points above and include support for lift station. Motion passed unanimously. Jess will write letter.

CIP List – The Capital Improvement Projects list was circulated via e-mail for board review. The new list was approved unanimously. Motion by Dan, 2nd by Wayne.

Rabbit Creek Greenbelt – Dianne reported a favorable outcome with the Parks commission and flagging will be done this summer with continuing work on the trails into fall.

Firewise - A meeting was held at the church prior to the council meeting to inform the public of continuing work in the valley to remove beetle kill, programs to financially assist homeowners with tree removal and answer questions. Contact Sue Rodman or the Anchorage Fire Department.

Meeting adjourned at 9:45.