

Rabbit Creek Community Council
Rabbit Creek Church, Snowshoe Lane and Rabbit Creek Road
Minutes – 8/11/05

The meeting was called to order by RCCC President, Ky Holland. Other board members present were Dianne Holmes, Donna Van Flein, Wayne Skidmore, Jerry Kreiter, Charlie Barnwell, Mike Flister, Susanne Comellas, and Peter Johnson. Introductions were made and 2 changes in the agenda approved. Bird TLC and Potter Development moved to earlier spots.

Treasurer's Report - There is \$589.70 in the RCCC checking account.

June minutes were approved with minor deletion of, "additional members signed in". This information is available from sign in sheets.

Legislative Report – Rep. Mike Hawker stated that there was a feeding frenzy in Juneau and no talk of budgeting. He stated he was embarrassed by it. A project funded in our area is, a security facility at Glen Alps. No funding for a hillside district plan.

Con Bunde – requested people keep an open mind to Gov. Murkowski's Gas line plan, even if they hate him...

Jeff Friedman, school board rep. was hopeful that Elaine Andrews would be able to effectively settle the ASD – teacher contract negotiations.

Bird TLC – Rachael-----, the new Executive Director of the Bird TLC announced their plan to have a community gathering on Sept 17, between 1-4pm on their property on the Old Seward Hwy where the old Rabbit Hutch used to be. We can contact her at execdirect@birdtlc.net.

Reports – Sue Rodman from Fire wise and the local AFD from Bear Valley were here to answer questions. Tree cutting continues in Old Rabbit Creek Park to mitigate wild fire danger. There is objection to taking all of the standing dead as it creates weakness in the forest for wind breaks and removes bird habitat.

Hillside District Plan – There is 100k available. Joann Contreras is planner.

Neighborhood Plans, a new design tool was discussed. Motion by Dianne, 2nd by Wayne to add comments on proposed plan. See attached. Motion passes unanimously.

Trails and Access – 2nd draft for trails plan. Motion by Dianne, 2nd by Charlie to write a letter urging the adoption of Chugach SP access inventory study, Show Natural Resources lands, both public and private, update maps, complete dedication of existing park land, create a specific strategy for acquiring missing pieces and other land acquisitions, add steps to annual project update which include natural resource areas and access in CIP, dedicate trail easements identified in the 1997 trails plan. Passed unanimously, Charlie and Dianne to write letter.

Potter Marsh – Joe Meehan of ADF&G spoke of the plans to improve access, wild life viewing and parking lot safety to the Potter Marsh viewing area. Conoco Phillips is donating money for these improvements. Motion by Peter to write letter in support of project. 2nd by Dianne, letter to be written by Ky.

Elementary School site selection – 2 sites located, one on South Goldenview, old HLB area, the other west of Goldenview Middle School

Cindi Stanton APD liaison spoke of the signage at Davidson Park to deter paint ball activity and the ticketing of trash dumpers at the end of Goldenview Dr.

Tim Wilkes -96 acre Potter Highlands and the 160 acre Buckwalter Homestead showed the council preliminary designs of these proposed subdivisions. The impacts to the Rabbit creek area, roads and schools will be huge.

Title 21 – Committee formed to comment on this draft, Dianne, Susanne, Mike, Megan and Donna.

Janice Shamburg – The Coastal trail has been resurrected to be less than coastal. The route will be 60% on the coast 40% inland. She also asked about the proposal of a 3% sales tax and the majority of those present approved.

Meeting adjourned at 10 pm.