

Rabbit Creek Community Council Board meeting minutes
Snowshoe Lane and Rabbit Creek Church
September 8, 2005

The meeting was called to order by Ky Holland, president at 7pm. Other board members present were Charlie Barnwell, Thom Janidlo, Jess Grunblatt, Susanne Comellas Wayne Skidmore, Donna Van Flein, Dianne Holmes and Jerry Kreiter.

Treasurers Report- There is \$580.51 in the bank account and 115 members. Motion by Dianne, 2nd by Thom to pay church \$250. for allowing the council to use their building. Motion passed with no objections.

Minutes – motion by Wayne, 2nd by Charlie to accept minutes, passed unanimously.

Anchorage School Board – Jeff Friedman updated contract negotiations with teachers as being very slow.

Representatives – Con Bunde spoke of a special session, date to be determined, on the gas line project in negotiations. He is also on a task force looking at geographical differentials for school foundation formula.

Chris Birch – is now on AMATS and related that the priority list should be available soon. There will be Title 21 meetings in Girdwood. He also stated he was working to move funds from enhancements (trails) to roads.

Janice Shamberg – related the preliminary budget process is in motion and there is an ongoing review of code enforcement.

Announcements – Tony Hoffman of Landtech announced the Forest Heights Subdivision off Goldenview Dr. has been submitted for platting. It will appear on the agenda for October.

Bird TLC – By BY Birdie community gathering slated for Sept 17 at the old Rabbit Hutch location.

School Site Selection – Joann Contreras introduced 3 different sites for the location of a new elementary school. They include a 15 acre site N.E. of Goldenview Middle School, acreage at the end of Goldenview Dr. and land above Potter Valley on the old Buckwalter Homestead. There was a request to look at Chuck's Backhoe as a potential site. Discussions included questions about traffic impacts, pedestrian access, financial support of LRSA's and alternative size for schools. Janice indicated the Heritage Land Bank is looking for lands in anticipation of needs. The current school site selection is not in the 6 year CIP. School sites fall under AMC25.25.049.

Reports - Hillside District Plan – There will be a meeting on Sept 29th at O'Malley's on the Green to gather input and direction. Motion by Dianne, 2nd Susanne to donate \$25.00 for refreshments. Motion passed unanimously. At this point there was a request by board members that are assembly representatives read the boards comments on the "Coffey" amendments on Neighborhood plans. This is an ordinance that will be heard before the assembly in September.

Trails and access – Charlie indicated they were publishing the trails that have been identified and forwarding it to the Fire Department, APD, planning department and still requesting public input. Concerns were brought up that there are no playgrounds or pocket parks in the Rabbit Creek area and the need is great.

LRSA's – Ted Pease expressed concerns about the potential connection of Elmore Rd to DeArmoun as the hill on Rabbit Creek and the blind turn before it are dangerous. Another possible route would be to put Buffalo through. He also indicated there was some question as to who was responsible for driveway culverts.

APD – Cindi Stanten with the Anchorage Police Department fielded questions about the gang activity and discussed the data base currently being used to identify gang members. There may

be a traffic unit installed at the Dimond Center to increase police presence in the mall. Concerns over car break-ins at trail heads were expressed by the audience.

Old Business – The Sub area circulation plan is moving very slowly and there is no commitment that it will be enforced if completed.

Views at Prominence – 20 acres of a 100 acre parcel have been approved by platting. This is another example of why a plan is needed as piece meal development continues.

New Business – Long Range Transportation Plan. Dianne submitted a number of comments to the board to consider and they will be circulated via e-mail. Some of the points were that the current plan does not have context sensitive design/solutions, consider environmental impacts, and mention any improvement to the Old Seward hwy behind Potter Marsh or the ill advised connection of Elmore Rd to DeArmoun Rd. Motion by Dianne, 2nd by Jess to support a sub area circulation plan from South Goldenview to upper Potter Valley. Motion passed unanimously.

Rabbit Creek Community Council e-mail list – A request was made by the city to acquire our e-mail list. It will be made an option for people who sign in to decide whether or not they want their e-mail address passed to city and state agencies.

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