

Rabbit Creek Community Council - minutes December 8, 2005
Rabbit Creek Community Church and Snowshoe Lane

The meeting was called to order by President, Ky Holland at 7pm. Other board members present were Wayne Skidmore, Dianne Holmes, Peter Johnson, Susanne Comellas, Donna Van Flein, Mike Flister, Jess Grunblatt and Jerry Kreiter.

Treasurers Report – 126 members and \$336.00 in the checking account.

Minutes – motion by Mike to approve minutes from October, 2nd by Jess, passed unanimously. Notes from November's meeting were circulated and accepted into the record. There was no quorum at November's meeting.

Announcements – Parks Plan is scheduled to be heard on 12/13/05.

Comments from the Floor – The members present and the board expressed strong concerns that our Assembly man, Chris Birch does not attend community council meetings. His representative, Ann Balow stated Chris Birch does not see community councils as being representative of the area and suggested he may be contacted via telephone or e-mail. Mike asked her to relay the comments.

Reports

HALO – There was discussion regarding the Hillside District Plan and concern that the scope of work is being formulated without input from the community or community councils. With \$300,000, budgeted towards the project the community feels strongly that there should be public consideration. AWWU is developing a master plan for the hillside with virtually no public comment incorporated.

AMATS – The funding for the HDP is under the 244 work plan, roads and drainage. Discussion explored the opportunity to request matching funds from the state for HDP. Motion by Dianne to write state legislators requesting funding, 2nd by Mike, passed unanimously.

Trails and Access – Jess met with Chris Birch to discuss finding links to Chugach State Park, wanted to look at uses along the Coastal Refuge and trail networks in undeveloped areas. Jerry indicated during the discussion that he felt we may be able to find support on the Assembly for historical trails and he will bring it up with Dan Coffey.

School District – Jeff Friedman told the council that fuel and utility costs for the school district have risen considerably due to the recent price spikes and utility rate increases. They are looking at ways to reduce these costs.

Legislative Report –

Janice Shamberg discussed ways to approach the senate and legislature for HDP funding. Jess will provide her with copies of the trails maps. Section 36 will be dedicated in January if all goes well, the sales tax is being looked at and worked on and there are pending amendments to the sign ordinance by Dan Sullivan, mainly to “grandfather in” all of the signs that are out of compliance and to remove the 10 year sunset clause. Chris Birch, Con Bunde and Mike Hawker were not present.

Old Business

Forest Heights had not been appealed however an appeal is expected.

Rabbit Creek Community Church – Ky will contact Terry Hill.

Parks Plan – request folks to testify. Motion by Susanne for the council to support the Parks Plan as written, 2nd by Jess, passed 7 for 1 against.

Sub area circulation plan – Planning and Zoning is looking to Assembly members to support 1st and 2nd plans.

New Business

The council acknowledged the passing of Con Bundes' wife, Angeline and moved to send a card and donation of \$50, in her memory, to Christ Our Savior Lutheran Church. Ky will see to it.

Nomination Committee – Wayne Skidmore is chair, Peter Johnson, Jerry Kreiter and Peter Crimp will assist.

Land Clearing Ordinance – The assembly is amending the land clearing ordinance that Janice had fought for to finally make it tougher as Eagle River has experienced a 10 acre loop hole that has opened the eyes of assembly opposition. Dianne moved to support the amendment to the ordinance with a 2nd by Mike, passed unanimously. Peter will write the letter and Janice will forward a copy of the ordinance.

S-11424-1 – The Villages subdivision 40' vacation of screening easement. The vacation was approved although there was some discussion of appealing that decision.

2005-144 – Fencing placed in Elmore Creek setback and landowner requested vacation of stream setback, in entirety. The packet was unavailable and the council would not take action without more information.

APD – Cindi Stanton urged caution in parking areas as smash and grab crimes heighten during the holiday season. There is also a rise in counterfeit money being passed.

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Terry Albrecht, Capitol Coordinator from the Mayors office attended the meeting. We can contact her through the engineering department at 343-8142 or cell 301-1531 or e-mail

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Adjourn at 9:10pm