

**Rabbit Creek Community Council General Membership meeting – January 12, 2006**  
**Rabbit Creek Community Church and Snowshoe Lane**

The meeting was called to order by Ky Holland, President. Other board members present were, Dianne Holmes Charlie Barnwell, Donna VanFlein, Susanne Comellas, Mike Flister, Peter Johnson and Wayne Skidmore. The agenda was amended with no objection and “Reports” were moved to the end of the evening.

**Minutes** – Motion by Wayne with a 2<sup>nd</sup> by Mike to approve the December minutes. Motion carried with no objections.

**Treasurers Report** – The treasurer’s report was moved to the end of the meeting due to the nature of the elections and new members signing in.

**Legislative Report –**

Jeff Friedman, ASD Board Chair relayed that the budget has been developed and comments from the members. Janice Shamberg is out of state; Chris Birch spoke briefly during ballot counting about topics currently in front of the assembly. They included the Large Animal Ordinance that will guide primarily horse ownership and the operation of the businesses that arise from boarding etc., traffic hazards on the Seward Hwy, a collector road through the Forest Heights Subdivision, prohibition of particle acceleration and cyclotron businesses in residential areas, the eminent domain ordinance recently, sponsored by Chris, \$500k for wildfire mitigation on the hillside and his position supporting the repeal of the sunset clause of the sign ordinance, sponsored by Dan Sullivan. There was vocal lack of support of his position on the sign ordinance. There is also a work session on the Parks Plan including access issues to CSP. The public may attend but cannot comment. 1-4pm, 1/13 at the Hill Building.

**Announcements and Comments –**

Randy Eledge is owner of a 5.8 acre parcel adjacent to Prominence Pointe off Far North Pl. is requesting an amendment to the HWMP in order to extend sewer and water lines to build 4 condominiums. Bear Valley FD was present but had no immediate news for the council.

**Hillside and Rabbit Creek Area Development Issues –**

Guest speaker Art Eash with the Heritage Land Bank discussed mission of the HLB which originally consisted of 45,000 acres. Questions posed were about the appraisal of Forest Heights land purchase of 13 acres for 3 million dollars and will they use the 9 acres between Forest Heights and the Yoshimura land for the collector road to connect to Potter Valley. He was not familiar with these projects. The current proposed sale of lot #2-144 in the Potter Valley region was described and map was shown. Motion by Dianne, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Wayne to support the sale with the following suggestions/conditions. 1. Road easements should be platted with future access to CSP in mind. 2. A greenbelt trail to be designated from the neighborhood park area of the tract towards Potter Valley Greenbelt and with future connectivity to the south towards CSP. 3. Work with the Mental Health Land Trust to ensure the connectivity of roads and greenbelt trail through their adjacent land towards Chugach State Park. 4. To keep the zoning at R-10. Motion carried with no objections. Contact with the Heritage Land Bank is encouraged if there are more comments or questions at 343-4807.

**Parks and Recreation –**

Shawna Popavich announced the Tour of Anchorage trail and bridge has been repaired and opened largely with volunteer work. The Park Plan will be before the Assembly on Jan.31<sup>st</sup>. The Anchorage Park Foundation catalog is available and describes donation amounts for different park amenities. Challenge Grants are due March 1, 2006 and there will be a workshop at Huffman Elementary school on how to apply. Call 343-4492 for details. There are new adult classes for cross country skiing and avalanche safety.

**Election of Board Members-**

Elected for 2 year terms are, Dianne Holmes, Charlie Barnwell, Peter Johnson, and Dick Tremaine.

Elected for 1 year terms are, Peter Crimp, Gretchen Specht and John Isby. Mike Flister was voted as alternate board member. Thank you to all who ran and their dedication to the community.

**Bylaw Revision-**

The bylaw committee moved to repeal the old bylaws and adopt the new ones with proposed amendments (attached). Motion carried with 36 votes in favor, none opposed.

**Old Business –**

Forest Heights – appeal has been filed. Tom Dreyer of Lantech, 440 W. Benson Blvd. has asked that people interested contact him.

Sub Area Circulation Plan – this item has been moved to February's agenda.

**Reports –**

Cindi Stanton with APD gathered accident data for Rabbit Creek Rd and Goldenview. 13 accidents occurred there since 1998 with 3 in 2005. They have 2 suspects involved in vandalizing Hillside trails that will be arrested shortly and they continue to gather information about mail theft in the area.

**New Business –**

The pedestrian bridge at Kincaid Park is being replaced and a suggested use is to bridge Rabbit Creek either at Elmore or to cross the creek in the 140<sup>th</sup> / Buffalo area in park land.

Views of Prominence – Land clearing permit was pulled due to lack of planning with the Corp of Engineers.

Coastal Management Plan – comments are due before our next Council meeting. A motion was made in the form of reading a short letter proposed for submittal by the comment deadline which in summary said the Council recognizes the coastal resources are being threatened by the cumulative impact of new and poorly-managed construction practices and that that Council emphasizes the need for the CMP to address enforceable policies to protect these resources, access to them, hydrologic flow, retention of natural stream banks and habitat. . . Motion by Dianne to send the letter with a 2<sup>nd</sup> by Ted Pease. Motion carried with no opposition, one abstained. .

**Treasurers Report** – At the end of the meeting there were 76 paid members and \$268.77 in the checking account not including amounts collected for new membership.

Adjourn – 9: pm

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