

Rabbit Creek Community Council Meeting, Minutes for Thursday, September 12, 2013

RCCC met at Rabbit Creek Community Church in the downstairs assembly area.

Board Roll Call - Present: Nancy Pease as Chair, Pat Hansen, Keith Guyer, Mike Kenny, David Sterling, Jeff Vaughn, Joan Diamond, Dick Tremaine

Excused: Pat Abney, Gail Smith, John Isby

Board member Co-Chair Nancy Pease opened the meeting at 7:04 pm

Minutes: August 8, 2013 minutes copy placed on line for review with copies handed out and reviewed on computer screen.

Motion to approve by Keith Guyer 2nd Pat Hansen – Passed with no objections.

Treasurer's Report: Checking: \$275.55 + savings \$294.32 = \$569.87

Approximately 38 paid members in July for the year 2013.

Attendance - At least 12 members with a total 19 people in attendance tonight. The meeting qualified for a general membership meeting.

Announcements:

Fire Station 10 had 3 firefighters from tonight's shift in attendance and discussed questions from the floor:

- Captain Tom Austin and two fire fighters in attendance.
- Discussed fire wise conditions this summer. No major events on Hillside during dry spell.
- Pass the Boot - \$95,000 raised. Thanks!!
- Concern about peoples trees that have fallen over and home owners don't clean up.
- Fire convention in Anchorage in October.

Assembly and State Legislative members - None in attendance. Always invited.

On-Going Business:

Legacy Pointe Subdivision Update:

- Need for an extension in November 2013 went before Planning & Zoning.
- RCCC concerns were raised verbally in person.
- P&Z voted unanimously to deny the extension request. Hardly ever happens.
- Owner is probably working on their next move with the property.
- Discussed 164th & Betty situation.
- Interesting comments at P&Z Meeting: DOWL Engineer Tim Potter gave an incredible testimony. "... Let's let it die." Conni Yashimura, "... lets stick to the plan."
- Ric Davidge: We did not have the votes at the beginning of the P&Z meeting. The votes to deny the extension came about because of the testimony during the P&Z meeting. It is always worth concerned citizens attending the P&Z meeting and providing testimony.

Moen Park Update by Michelle Rogers:

- Work Party on Saturday Sept 14th, 10am to 3pm. Sent out written & posted notices.
- Expect lots of volunteers.
- Pre-work party last Wednesday doing preliminary clearing to see playground equipment from the road.
- Met with Senator Giesel and will meet with Rep Hawker to request funding.

Park Land Dedication Update

- List has been made by Diane Holmes and Pat Abney. Will meet soon with Assembly Rep Jennifer Johnson and John Rodda Head of Parks Dept.

CIP Budget List:

- List will be released on Oct 1st, after review by MOA.
- Eagle River Community Council draft ordinance for Community Council for CIP List. Need a process for Community Council's to comment on lists.

Street Lighting on Rural and Hillside Roads - Ric Davidge reporting:

- RCCC has discussed Golden View Drive and upper side of Potter Valley Road
- 3 agendas:
 - Federal rural lighting standards
 - Community councils setting up rural road lighting standard.
 - Design criteria manual on the table so community can review and discuss
- MOA staff is being obstinate about not installing continuous street lighting based on urban standards being applied to a rural situation.
- Part of argument is there is not a rural standard, so the MOA wants to meet urban standard.
- MOA staff is worried about not being able to light high risk areas.
- What is safe? What is safer?
- 3 definitions words wanted by MOA for locating street lights, that are mealy mouse words: 1. Safe 2. Reasonable 3. Appropriate
- MOA meeting next Monday on the subject:
 - Lighting expert to attend
 - Lighting standards that are nation wide do not exist.
- Stick with word "collector street" instead of "neighborhood street". Potter Valley Road was designated as a neighborhood collector, changed to just "collector" on MOA website after key meeting.
- **Motion by Dick Tremaine 2nd Pat Hansen** - Move to send letter tomorrow in support of 129F as drafted and not support comments made by MOA staff dated Sept 16th. Motion passed unanimously.
 - Whereas has been set since mid 80's.
 - Whereas communities across the USA set their own rural lighting standard.
 - Consistent with the HDP as written allows for appropriate lighting at intersections, cross walks, dangerous curves, schools.
 - Nancy Pease will draft and Pat Hansen to edit.

Rural Standards

- **Motion Dick Tremaine, 2nd Joan Diamond** – Motion: Strongly support the formation of a rural road task force for the purpose of preparing rural road standards. Motion passed unanimously.

Ptarmigan Subdivision

- 2' encroachment of entryway into 25' side yard, no comments by RCCC.

Huffman Business Park New Subdivision:

- Subdivision at north side of Carrs Grocery Store, by Falls Nursery.
- Huffman CC asked for sidewalks as pedestrian facility. Laurie Stanki
- **Motion by Nancy Pease 2nd Dick Tremaine** - Resolution to support pedestrian facilities in areas. Passed unanimously.

Public Hearing Task Force Committee:

- MOA Assembly Member Dick Traine - Every 10 years they need to review community council boundaries.
- Various appendix about community councils not shown in draft.
- Things kept in:
 - Voting age 16 or above.
 - Cannot charge a fee to be able to vote.
 - Set of bylaws with various items of interest:
 - CIP section goes directly to the assembly.
 - Political endorsements cannot be displayed. No change
 - Active and inactive members
 - Next meeting of this committee Sept 27th, Dick Tremaine to attend.
 - Expects to be presented to assembly after that meeting.

Citizen Task force Regarding Public Testimonies:

- Mike Kenny to attend meeting and advise facts.

Reports:

- Halo – Supported rural street lighting issue to minimize street lighting and make rural road standards for Hillside areas.
 - Survey about street lighting went to Hillside residents. Will review at next meeting.
- FCC – Rural roads discussed next Wednesday at FCC office off fireweed. Request Dianne Holmes to attend. Mike Kenny backup attendance.
- LRSA – no updates
- Intersection Golden View & Rabbit Creek – markers by DOT&PF Joan Diamond to make sure they are installed.
- AIA Airport master plan going thru meetings. Open house tonight.
- Anchorage Community Center 30th anniversary.

Motion Pat Hansen, 2nd Joan Diamond – Donate \$100 to Moen Park Upgrade Project. Passed unanimously.

Wrap-up assignments:

- Nancy Pease and Pat Hansen –
 - Letter about support of rural lighting standards
 - Task force thing to support resolution Lori Stanki
- Diane Holmes or Mike Kenny – Attend FCC Rural Road discussion.
- Dianne Holmes & Pat Abney – Attend Park Dedication meeting with MOA folks.
- Mike Kenny – Attend task force on Public Testimonies

Motion to adjourn Joan Diamond, 2nd Keith Guyer - Motion passed.
Meeting adjourned at 8:24 pm.