

Rabbit Creek Community Council Meeting, Minutes for Thursday, February 13, 2014

RCCC met at Rabbit Creek Community Church Basement Area

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

Excused: Joan Diamond, John Isby, Pat Hansen

Board member Co-Chair Nancy Pease opened the meeting at 7:08 pm

Minutes: January 9, 2014 minutes copy placed on line for review with copies handed out and reviewed on computer screen during meeting.

Treasurer's Report: Checking 232.55 + Savings 254.46. Will pay \$192 for Post Office Box rent soon. Approximately 23 paid members for the year 2014 so far.

Attendance - 7 board members, total 16 people in attendance tonight. Tonight classified as a general meeting.

Legislature and MOA Assembly members always invited and encourage to attend.

Announcements:

Bruce Dougherty for Assembly

- Told his quick life story and the reasons he is running for the assembly seat.
- Plans to attend RCCC meetings monthly.

Senator Cathy Giessel on teleconference call speakerphone:

- Question about testimony by her husband on Governor's constitutional amendment on the voucher program for money going private schools. Had not seen his testimony. She will send a link about the voucher program.
 - Student based allocations up to current requirements: Proposal that the governor made are reasonable \$3bil to bring down teachers retirement benefit money, education spending, alter high school grad exams.
- Is there transportation money for our area?
 - Golden View Road Project has request for funding.
 - Kevin Meyer has proposed \$10 to \$12 mil going to every legislative area for transportation, which is a typical amount. Cathy advised that they have never had that much offered and she will have to talk to him about that.
- CAPSIS - Would need to check items on CAPSIS list submitted from citizens list issues for money. Public Safety and Transportation are always priority. List not available to anyone except committee members. RCCC would like to see the list. Cathy says to send in a request. Her district is large and many have many requests.
- Things she is working on:
 - Gas line to Nikiski, all 3 major producers at the table. Taking lots of her time.

Senator Mike Hawker on teleconference call:

- Question: CAPSIS List – acronym for electronic data system, mostly municipalities that list projects for funding. Once it is in the system it is not available to anyone to look at. 2 people that have access to the CAPSIS list include Rep Kevin Meyer and Rep Bill Stolz.
 - Mike Kenny – thanks for 164th street straightening things out.
 - MOA wish list has request for more money on 164th Ave project. Can we participate? Yes. How much money existing project, on priority list?
 - Other projects: Girdwood corridor, Golden View Road uphill and downhill.
 - Mountain Air – Rep Hawker was livid about money removed. He worked hard to get that money for the project. Funding will not be put back into budget.
 - \$10 to \$12 mil in each district question - He does not expect that much money – Desires that all money possible go into road projects across south Anchorage, including: Pedestrian corridor down to Girdwood, Paving project in Girdwood to community center. Parking lot at

- base of Potter Valley Road & Old/New Seward Highway, Golden View Road & Rabbit Creek Road intersection, Bluebell Drive and Golden View Road intersection.
- Student based allocation funding bill – Rep Hawker will support that bill. Does he support Inflation proofing student funding? No. Does not believe in auto inflation adjustment. Need to discuss every year. Does support increasing student funding levels.
- Concerned with these items:
 - Against Dept of Public Safety attempt to disband the Bureau of Highway Patrol a Division within the Troopers. Would lower trooper populations by 19.
 - Governor's proposal on gas pipeline, will dominate their time.
- **Motion by Dianne Holmes - 2nd Nancy Pease** - To request everything on CAPSIS list from Rep Hawker and Senator Giessel's Districts. Passed unanimously.
- **Motion by Pat Abney - 2nd Dick Tremaine** - RCCC favors to support funding to retain the Bureau of Highway Patrol Division within State Troopers on Seward Highway corridor. Pat Abney to write letter. Passed unanimously.

Golden View Drive Project - Update by Bill Johnson, CRW Engineering

- Finished design report. Started on 65%. Project design got shut down when street lighting situation changed last fall. Construction cost expected to go up \$2 mil due to sag visual curves required to flatten out the road. Other construction costs have gone up.
 - Possible continuous street lighting in front of the school. At intersections only at remainder of road distance.
 - Complicated design due existing conditions.
 - CRW is waiting for direction from MOA to continue design process.
 - Design speed to be 45 mph. RCCC still wants 35 mph speed limit.
- RCCC is concerned about keeping water in the watershed water goes into Potter Marsh. HDP says to keep drainage in same areas.
 - Water in road prism goes to treatment structure then into Little Rabbit Creek.
 - 100% water in road + 5 year event water will go to Little RC. Water filtering thru the road will continue to filter thru the road.
 - **Motion Mike Kenny 2nd Dick Tremaine** - Mike Kenny to write letter about keeping drainage water within existing watershed areas for Golden View Drive design. Passed, unanimously.
- RCCC members do not agree that street lighting issue will raise construction costs as high as Mr Johnson said. Feeling that CRW is using that statement as a way to include continuous street lighting along Golden View Road. RCCC opposed to continuous street lighting.

Moen Park

- No update

Heritage Land Bank (HLB) met with MOA Parks Dept on Jan 28th

- Parks was told to write a request about section 36 and HLB will review at their March meeting
- Nothing south of Clarks Road 400 acres to be transferred over.
- Master plan about north & south of Clarks Road
- 70 to 80 acres above Potter Marsh discussed.
- Remnant parcel on GV for AWWU 12 acres - Receptive to issues on trading land. Nancy Pease to help with language on what to do.

New Business

Amendment to Title 21 for Severe-Alcohol Dependent Housing

- Proposal to rename supportive housing and take out restrictions to be in any residential district for up to 6 residents, 7 to 20 people requires permit. Similar to assistive living regulations.
- **Motion Dick Tremaine - 2nd xxx** - RCCC is in opposition to by-right permitted use. Explicitly disruptive activity in a community, needs to include public input. Motion passed unanimously. Dick Tremaine to write letter.

Southhill sudivision on Old Rabbit Creek Road

- 2 each 1 acres lots into 2.1 acre lot. Nancy Pease will send email stating no objection.

2014-0309 Variance Request for single family house located on Old Rabbit Creek Road 750' north of intersection with Rabbit Creek Road on west side

- Steep site requesting variance from minimum 50' front setback to position house closer to road.
- Owner: Gallo Residence
- Steep slope area. Illegally filled with soil, concrete chunks, organics, and logs. Dianne Holmes called code enforcement after witnessing activity. Project received a Stop Work order by MOA.
- **Motion Dianne Holmes - 2nd Mike Kenny** - Oppose this request for variance because of inappropriate fill having been placed by the owner, the steepness of the lot is an issue. Not sufficient documentation to support the necessity of a variance. Passed unanimously. Dianne Holmes and Nancy Pease to write letter.

Ship Creek Framework Master Plan

- Flood plain and subsurface geology in area is questionable to support major building.
- RCCC supports responsible development of the Ship Creek and Downtown areas. Nancy Pease to send in general letter.

Reports

- Neighborhood Associations – None.
- FCC Report – Dick Tremaine reminds us that Assembly is changing codes for Community Councils.
 - Mailing List – Funding level allows mailing only once every 4 years.
 - Nancy Pease met with Mark ?
- HALO – **Motion Dianne Holmes - 2nd Mike Kenny** – Donate \$25 to HALO for refreshments at upcoming candidate forum meeting. Passed unanimously.
 - Commodore Drive issue drive-through, HALO letter was rescinded.
 - South High football stadium discussions.

Wrap-up Assignments

- Not discussed, see above.

Next meeting March 13th

Motion to Adjourn Keith Guyer - 2nd Nancy Pease

Meeting adjourned at 9:00 pm