

## **Rabbit Creek Community Council Meeting Minutes for Thursday, April 10, 2014**

Location: Golden View Middle School Library

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

Excused: Joan Diamond, Jeff Vaughn

Board member Co-Chair Nancy Pease opened the meeting at 7:00 pm

- Minutes: March 13, 2014 minutes copy placed on line for review with copies handed out and reviewed on computer screen during meeting.
  - **Motion Pat Abney – 2<sup>nd</sup> Kieth Guyer**, March minutes approved unanimously.
- Treasurer's Report: Checking \$50.55 + Savings \$294.53= \$345.04.
- Approximately 24 paid members for the year 2014 so far.
- Attendance - Total 35 people in attendance tonight. Tonight classified general membership meeting.
- Legislature and MOA Assembly members always invited and encourage to attend.
  - Bill Evans, MOA Assembly elect is in attendance tonight. Final election count tomorrow.

### **Announcements:**

- 3 Fire Fighters attended from Bear Valley Fire Station 10. Engineer Nick Glorioso speaking – Spring is a dry time.
- **Free Dental Care at Denaina Center this week.**

### **DOWL/HKM Elmore and DeArmoun Flashing Light - Alex Kozach DOWL/HKM**

- Described the project of a flashing light at Elmore & DeArmoun intersection. 19 recorded accidents at that intersection, mostly fender benders. DOTPF Rep - Carlos ? The State plans to advertise the project this summer.

### **ONGOING Business**

#### **164<sup>th</sup> Drainage update by Nancy Pease**

- RCCC letter drafted at last months meeting went to Hawker. Project put on hold on March 17<sup>th</sup>.

#### **Moen Park update from Michelle & hubby Rogers**

- Challenge grant for 10 acres park on Golden View Drive
- Matching grant from Rasmusson Fdn, up to \$12,000 to spend. MOA requested \$5k for survey which was completed. Legislative funding requested, nothing from Senate, hoping for House of Representative appropriation. Youth group to do volunteer labor trail development soft play and playground equipment. Youth employment program \$25k of labor for trail development. All but \$6k has been sourced. Will work week of July 25<sup>th</sup>. Volunteer day after that. 100 volunteers showed up at last year's volunteer day. Benches and picnic table, bear proof garbage can being donated. Suggest trail designer to help with formal design so that trails last longer.

#### **Park Dedication Effort and HLB Work Plan –**

- RCCC group is working diligently get park land formally dedicated.
- April 22<sup>nd</sup> Assembly to dedicate a portion of Section 36, flip side is HLB will hold onto over 300 acres and they want to get funds to work on that land.
- Dianne Holmes suggestion to hold out 120 acres next to Storck Park for future trails.
- Ric Davidge – Criteria of wetland changed last year. Before assembly this year.
- **Motion Pat Abney - 2<sup>nd</sup> Dick Tremaine** - Motion to approach the MOA that the delineation of wetlands can be defined more clearly so that the 300 acres quantity can be lessened. Dick Tremaine to write something up, for presentation to Julie Sucker MOA legal. Wetlands information on line. Passed unanimously.
- 1999 HLB land on Old Seward south or east side up on top of bluff. HLB and Parks getting together to scoping meeting. Parks and Rec commission might need to be informed D Holmes went to meeting to tell them of our concern today.
  - Asked to form a committee with RCCC people. Superintendent Holly was not cooperative. Discussion about low income housing on the land. Next month informational meeting only so no public involvement.
  - Nancy Pease showed MOA Letter of April 6, 2014 –
  - Mike Kenny thought 5 lots were given to Coastal Wildlife, but determined not in discussion.
  - Nancy was hoping for a committee to be formed. **Motion Dick Tremaine – 2<sup>nd</sup> Pat Abney** – Request that Parks and Rec to form a committee. Passed unanimously.

**Bylaws** - Pat Hansen suggested group to dive into bylaws for review and suggestions. Committee of Pat Hansen, Diane Holmes, and Nancy Pease will review.

**Potter Marsh Visitor Access Project** - Fish and Game Representative wants to get his plans for various Potter Marsh projects in the works for construction. Pat and Nancy went to meeting. Suggestion to stub on end of existing boardwalk going eastward. Paving money for Potter Valley Mailbox & Parking Area in State CIP Budget. Suggestion for pullouts along the New Seward Highway, with goal of pullout there as deceleration lane. There will be public review when these and other ideas get to funding stage.

**Golden View Drive Design & Construction - Update by Bill Johnson & Erica Jensen & Todd Jacobsen of CRW Engineer Focus on Street Lighting tonight.**

- Nancy went over what RCCC has asked for and reviewed history of the project.
- CRW has continued design:
  - Recommending continuous street light from Rabbit Creek southwards down to Middle School driveway, then at intersections only from that point southwards.
  - Described design of vertical and sag curves with or without continuous lighting. Without street lighting, headlights become the lighting. Curve construction costs are slightly more without street lighting.
  - At Bluebell Drive, Ransom Ridge Road, and Romania Road, intent is for only intersection street lighting. People's eye at lighted intersection slightly dilated. Just what we have been living with for years without problems.
  - Showed 3 alternatives, plans A, B, C, detailing number of street light poles and lumination effect.
  - Use of trail lighting only between intersections was considered, but disregarded.
  - City & CRW want to move forward with Plan B. Plan A = 71 light poles, maximum lumens. Plan B = transition lighting, follows ordinance, 46 lights poles, difference from A is half as bright at intersection lights. Intersection Light fixtures have 16 bars or rows of LED lights. Transition Light fixtures have only 4 bars at areas between intersections. Plan C – 46 poles. Options B is bare minimum in eyes of MOA and CRW. MOA is concerned with litigious reasoning. With public dollars being spent on upgraded road, the MOA feels the need to meet certain standards. The State does not have the same concerns.
  - No rural lighting standards exist. Using National Lighting Standards.
  - Fire Station has similar lights poles as proposed. 100<sup>th</sup> Street west of Victor is similar situation.
  - Pathway is detached by curb, ditch, then 8' wide path, along the entire west side only of Golden View.
  - Ditch will be heat traced entire length at potential winter glaciation areas.
  - Lighting brightness and quantities designed for most inclement weather times. Discussed reflectivity of period when snow is around, versus September no-snow or low reflectivity darker periods.
  - 27 recorded accidents along Golden View Drive from 1999 onwards, includes GC & RC intersection. Most of the accidents have nothing to do with lighting at all. Many still wonder why so much street lighting. Over kill!
  - Water drainage goes into Little Survival Creek or other normal locations, except in storm event when it will go thru a buried culvert pipe into Little Rabbit Creek.
  - The rough engineers estimate is for \$2 mil more for non-continuous lighting.
  - \$8 mil funding requested this year. \$5.5 mil funded so far. Need more than \$10 mil before they will move ahead on any construction.
  - D8 engineering built the existing roads.
  - Todd Jacobsen - Plan is to concentrate on RC to Ransom Ridge with current design.
  - 3 more light poles than what is in Plan B, for continuous lighting from RC to Ransom Ridge.
  - **Motion by Nancy Pease - 2<sup>nd</sup> not made -** Suggestion for continuous street lighting from RC to Ransom Ridge on 65 % design phase. Minimum amount of lighting to provide a school safe walking route along RC from Ransom Ridge. Intersections only south of that. Transition type light fixtures at areas other than intersections. Engineers to suggest light fixtures that directs light directly downwards only and not onto adjacent land or houses. Suggest a safe intersection crossing at Little Rabbit Creek Corridor Walking Trail. West sidewalk need to be snow plowed and maintained thru the winter at same time as road. Continuing concern for the design speed and traffic calming. RCCC continues to desire the existing 35 mph speed limit.
  - CRW advised that the intent is for speed limit to be designed at 45 mph, posted at 40 mph. Suggestions for traffic calming by RCCC.

**New Business**

**CIP Plan**

- Will discuss at next meeting.

**Potter Creek Greenbelt**

- Missing segments for parks.

**Old Rabbit Creek Road** - Group in attendance tonight wanting to discuss for CIP, will discuss next meeting.

**Reports**

- Neighborhood Associations – None.
- FCC Report – None
- HALO – None
- New Projects – None

**Wrap-up Assignments** - Nothing mentioned.

Next meeting May 8, 2014 at Golden View Middle School Library.

**Motion to Adjourn Dick Tremaine – 2<sup>nd</sup> Keith Guyer** – Passed unanimously. Meeting adjourned at 8:58 pm