

Rabbit Creek Community Council Meeting Minutes for Thursday, January 8, 2015

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Location: Golden View Middle School Library

Board Roll Call - Present: Nancy Pease as Co-Chair, Keith Guyer, David Sterling, Ron Devon, Paul Ard, Joan Diamond

Excused: Pat Abney, John Isby

Special Board Meeting at 6:30 pm

- Officers elected for 2015: Keith Guyer as Treasurer - David Sterling as Secretary - Nancy Pease as Co-Chair, leaving a vacant Co-chair spot
- Joan Diamond selected to be FCC Representative meeting 3rd Wednesday each month
- Vivian Mendenhall nominated and voted in as a board member.
- Ron Devon is considering the 2nd Co-Chair position.
- Sign duties for transferred from Keith Guyer to Paul Ard.
- Duty still to be delegated: confirming the monthly meeting venue and renewing the permit with ASD

Monthly Council meeting: Co-Chair Nancy Pease opened the meeting at 7:00 pm

- Minutes: December 11, 2014 minutes copy placed on line for review and copies passed around for all to read.
 - **Motion by Nancy Pease** - To approve December minutes. Motion passed without objection.
- Treasurer's Report: Should be the same as last month = Checking 155.55 + Savings 294.74 = \$450.29.
- Membership for 2015 at approximately 8 members that have filled out forms, some have donated. Several members filled out forms tonight.
- Attendance - Total 15 people in attendance tonight. Tonight classified as a general membership meeting.

Announcements:

- Legislators and MOA Assembly members always invited and encourage to attend. Co-chair's postscript: Sen. Geissel e-mailed that icy roads prevented her from coming.
 - Dan Coffey – Mayoral Candidate in attendance to listen and learn about RCCC.
 - Towards the end of the meeting Dan discussed his candidate platform: housing, revenue sources.
 - Assembly representative Jennifer Johnston (Assembly rep Evans left word that he is probably attending HALO tonight) –
 - Ordinances for access to Chugach State Park drafted by assembly members.
 - 2014-140(S) Johnston & Evans - Access to Park would be deliberated by platting board when land near park is subdivided. Johnston labels her version "developer friendly". It sets out factors for platting board to weigh.
 - 2014-147 Bill Starr - Brings in State's Natural Resource Commissioner to approve a municipal platting decision, which requires the State to participate. Also requires Assembly and Parks and Rec staff/commissions to approve these platting decisions. Requires advance funding for access improvements: this is a big obstacle.
 - MOA Planning and Zoning wants RCCC comments on the amendments.
 - **Motion Joan Diamond - 2nd Judy Michaels** - RCCC to support 2014-140(S) amendment as authored by Johnston & Evans, rather than Starrs' proposal which brings the State into local platting and access decisions. Starr version requires the City to put up money to design access even before it is approved. Request clarification about Johnston-Evans amendment on Item E.2 so that building a building constructed does not require easement or access, so that access is only required when a subdivision is being considered, not a structure. Johnson version also allows a clear appeal, and does not require advance funding. Motion passed. Nancy Pease and Ron Devon will draft.
 - Discussed PERS & TERS issues, a long & lengthy in-depth discussion about how local governments may get stuck with the burden for some of the retirement plan obligations.
 - Parks Dedication Plan – Johnston was asked for an update on the two-year-plus effort by RCCC to get municipal land dedicated as parks. Johnston said Parks department has expanded scope again to include more parks in some other parts of town. Parks Dept & Legal Dept taking time to have correct legal description and coordinates of property. Expects that language and work by Legal Department will be done within a month. RCCC may call Johnston and check on progress more frequently because pace is sooooo slow.
 - Health Department has issues with lack of staff to perform functions in a timely manner.
 - **Motion Dianne Holmes** - To have an audio conference with Rep Mike Hawker regarding a MOA Ordinance by Parks and Rec that allows all of Anchorage to vote to change conditions in

other areas. An Ordinance on a form of this subject was voted on last spring. The group was wondering what is happening with that Ordinance. **No follow up was assigned: co-chair** will discuss with Dianne Holmes.

ONGOING Business

- **Parks Dedication** – Discussed with Jenifer Johnson.
- **Chugach State Park Access Plan** -
- **South High Stadium passed P&Z last Monday** – Limitations made by P&Z were discussed. There were no substantive conditions to alleviate traffic. Stadium is still \$500,000 short on funding.
- **FCC website for RCCC** - Minutes will be posted there. Official letters will be posted. The Chair will need volunteers to keep the website current: **Follow up by co-chair and communications/tech committee**. Also, will ask FCC for an operators guide to managing the FCC website for RCCC.
- **Code enforcement** – For purported airstrip at south end of Villages Scenic Parkway there is a MOA land use permit for 30' x 100' of grading, however actual fill appears to be 40' x 600'. Code enforcement staff asked the owner are you building an airstrip, answer was no. Staff will inspect site when permit is closed out, probably mid-2015.
- **LRSA and Traffic Calming** – Response to speeding drivers in Elmore/Bufalo/Manytell/Longbow streets area – Nancy Pease went to LRSA member, Ed Bosco, permanent speed bumps installed in Southpark does damage to snow clearing equipment. Seasonal speed bumps would be encouraged. Suggestion for police to set speed trap. Questioned by members whether that is effective. **Follow up:** Nancy will talk with MOA folks about seasonal speed bumps. LRSA can not install traffic calming without authorization of PM&E, who has to perform study and specify what the LRSA can construct, per Mark Schimscheimer. Longbow Drive needs to be included as an affected street.

New Business

- **Ordinance amending MOA 21** – Basically a housekeeping measure to exempt governmental entities from posting a performance bond or warranty. No comments required.
- **Chester Creek Watershed Plan** – Nancy Pease checked with MOA watershed folks about the need to educate staff who will be applying and implementing watershed plans: MOA staff often aren't knowledgeable about the Hillside District Plan, in our experience. No other issues. Out of our area.
 - Dianne Holmes concerned about 50' setback in our area as compared to 25' setbacks in other areas.
- **ASD 6-Year CIP** - Nancy recommended no comment to P&Z. Thick document that is too lengthy for Council and P&Z overview, and the issue will later come up before Assembly, with public hearing.
- Dianne Holmes comment – **Follow up:** Nancy Pease will make request to FCC.
- Mark Schimscheimer – Local LRSA Member – The LRSA is fully funded with capital money. Open to performing required road work in the area. At February LRSA meeting the group is open for work scope suggestions.
- Mystery project on Rabbit Creek Road with Engineer Company wanting to get on RCCC agenda soon. (Co-chair's postscript: call came from Susan Taylor with W H Pacific Engineering about a road project.) Concern about Elmore & Rabbit Creek intersection upgrades or traffic light. Hillside District Plan has several special study areas, of which that intersection is one, which would mean abundant public participation.
- Hillside intersection study was finalized and is on the website. southanchorageintersections.com
- Keith Guyer concerned about building up RCCC membership. Suggests a notification mail out. Maybe a once in awhile mailing. Suggestion to put a notice of community council meetings on the back of the green property appraisal card. The principal is: representation to go with taxation. **Follow up:** Judy Michaels will check with MOA whether that can be done.

Reports

Reports - Neighborhood Associations – None.

- New Projects – None. Mark Schimscheimer said that South Golden View Road Service Area has funding for capital improvements and is taking requests. **Follow-up:** Spread the word to residents in that Road Service Area.
- FCC Report – None.
- HALO – None.

Wrap up assignments

- As stated above.

Motion to adjourn by Nancy Pease – 2nd Joan Diamond – Passed unanimously. Meeting adjourned at 8:50 pm.