

Rabbit Creek Community Council Annual Meeting, Minutes (Draft), Nov 12, 2015
Goldenvue Middle School, Library

Co-Chair, Nancy Pease, opened the meeting at 7:05 pm. Other Board members present were : Pat Abney, John Isby, Paul Ard, Keith Guyer, Vivian Mendenhall, Ron Devon, and Adam Lees. Excused: Joan Diamond, David Sterling. Approximately 15 members were in attendance including the Board. Seventeen people signed in.

Approval of October, 2015 minutes: Mendenhall asked for a correction in the paragraph discussing the Bylaws' amendments relating to 'voting members.' Correction: "A member becomes a voting member at the second meeting he/she attends with the prior 12 months". Passed as amended without objection.

Treasurer's Report: Checking account _____ & Savings account _____ totaling: \$548.50.

Announcements/Persons to be heard, not on the agenda:

Shirley Coté introduced herself. She is running for our State House District 28 seat. Her background includes Anchorage Police Dep't, Soldotna Police Chief, and Alcohol Beverage Control Board.

Fire Station 10 (Rabbit Cr) captain Jim Veach spoke on the upcoming summer Firewise program where they will, upon invitation, visit a residence to advise on clearing for defensible (wildfire) space. It was also mentioned by a member that many subdivision roads are not cleared nor built to minimum standards for fire trucks (20 ft wide and 8 ft high). The Station 10 crew periodically drives our backroads to verify passability.

Mindy Willis has been working on the RCCC website and welcomes comments on what should be on it. Several comments were given: post the minutes and agenda in a format that can be printed out.

Legislative Reports: None of our elected reps attended. Sen. Giesel sent her newsletter regarding oil and gas and pipeline issues.

Old Business:

Parks Issues & Dedication of Park Lands: Question—has HLB turned over parcel 2-129 (10 acres) to the Parks Dept according to the direction of the Potter Valley Land Use Study? Holmes gave an update on continuing efforts to dedicate parks across the city. But nothing has been scheduled for Assembly action. Assemblywoman Johnston emailed that she would support an ordinance that dedicates parks only in SE Anchorage. Holmes stated there are still many other parks in the city that need dedication.

142nd Rd update: Lees stated residents have met with PM&E regarding the East 142nd road upgrade & re-design. The ditches have been catching cars since icy conditions began. The Traffic Committee—Phil Fortner, Paul Ard, Julie Drake— still working on Elmore Rd/Buffalo/Manytell speeding. The city didn't putting speed counters in the correct locations and thus inaccurate data are being collected. Data hasn't been released: Traffic Dep't apparently in no hurry to produce results. Fortner would like help from the mayor's chief of staff (Suzanne Fleek-Green) & will attempt to contact her. Ard will continue to work with this committee.

Bylaws Amendments: introduced last month but were not submitted with required public notice time to members to vote today (Will attempt a vote at next meeting). Amendments refer to: 1) need to define membership--suggests 24 months; 2) use sign-in sheet in place of membership contact form (and accept mailed-in forms); 3) re-setting quorum from 20% of members to 13 'voting' members (those who have attended at least one Council meeting within past 12 months). Pease invited people to send in comments/changes by Nov 25th.

LUPM (Land Use Plan Map) update: the Planner dealing with this project (pre-cursor to area-wide rezoning) states that our area covered by the recent Hillside District Plan will not see a change in density.

AWWU/Davidson Park replat: Dec 2nd is the Platting Bd hearing for this replat. RCCC requested the park access easement to be placed closer to RC Rd & for the AWWU acreage to be less than 1.25 acres because surrounding lots are as small as 9,000 sq ft. Also requested was a gate at the AWWU facility to keep out inappropriate activities—although a replat may not deal with this request.

New Business:

Potter Valley Rd speeding complaint: Isby gave an update on a resident's complaint to the city about speeders on the road due in part to new development & the extension of the road uphill. The resident asked for speed humps and stop signs to control speeds but was told it was a collector road and that they were not permitted, but other measures, such as more signage were possible. Resident was apparently satisfied with MOA's stated intent to install additional speed limit signs (after break up in 2016). A radar sign is also a possibility.

VetVillageAK Project: Ric Davidge was to present this project but he did not appear. He has a model resolution: we can vote to endorse it next month if he does not present it.

Board Elections: Pease gave an introduction: every year, seven vacancies need to be filled for the 11 member board, with four two-year terms and three one-year terms coming up for election. Mindy Willis asked for board members to state how many hours a month they devote to council matters. Answers ranged from 20 hours outside of Council meetings, to no additional time. Pease said that Board members should be open to taking on some of the routine tasks, such as placing the roadside signs; as well as the intermittent jobs of reading draft plans and attending occasional meetings. (Some non-Board members of the Council habitually volunteer many hours, Dianne Holmes being the leader in that area). Holmes said that it was frustrating for the Chair not to get the board to reply to emails and requests to edit council letters; it would be helpful if all board members signed up for the Planning Dept's Alerts" so they are aware of land-use cases coming up for review.

Pease noted the five incumbents who offered to serve again: these Board members each gave a brief introduction. Nominations from the floor were called for, and Holmes nominated Phil Fortner for a two-year term as well as others for the open one-year term. Janie Dusel offered to run for that seat with Mindy Willis offering to be the alternate for a future vacancy. Paul Ard chose not to run for another term: the Chair thanked him for serving.

Motion: by Judith Michael with 2nd by Pat Abney to accept the slate of candidates. Two-year terms: Phil Fortner, Keith Guyer, Vivian Mendenhall, Adam Lees. One-year terms: Pat Abney, Joan Diamond, Janie Dusel. Accepted without objection.

RCCC Board for 2016 (Term of office extends until December 2016 or 2017)

Abney, Pat	1 yr 12/2016
Diamond, Joan	1 yr 12/2016
Dusel, Janie	1 yr 12/2016
Fortner, Phil	2 yrs 12/2017
Guyer, Keith	2 yrs 12/2017
Vivian Mendenhall	2 yrs 12/2017
Adam Lees	2 yrs 12/2017
Isby, John	2 yrs 12/2016
Sterling, David	2 yrs 12/2016
Devon, Ron	2 yrs 12/2016
Pease, Nancy	2 yrs 12/2016
Alternate: Mindy Willis	

Reports:

HALO update: Kenny reported that the organization is looking for a replacement to head up their Candidate Forum since John Weddleton resigned. Two board members will help. South High Stadium fence is not popular: sections of this fence between South High School & private property continues to be vandalized allowing students to trespass. The School District wants to put in a gate. The resident disagrees.

Have you heard of Yardicopia? It's a community program that pairs gardeners with landowners not able or interested in cultivating gardens. It is sponsored by AK Housing Finance.

Next month there will be several presentations on Bird TLC's plans for their building; an update on the Goldenview Dr design, and potentially one from the Rasmuson Foundation on AK's economic issues.

An added announcement was from the Oceanview Council who has been involved in the AK R/R ROW issue. RCCC is being asked to review the R/R proposal again, as it may come up during the Legislative Session.

Adjournment: 8:30 pm