

Rabbit Creek Community Council Meeting Minutes for Thursday, October 12, 2017

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Location: Golden View Middle School Library

Board Roll Call - Present: Adam Lees Chair, Keith Guyer, David Sterling, Janie Dusel, Nancy Pease, Ky Holland, Joan Diamond, Alternate Mindy Willis

Excused: Bert Lewis, Pat Abney, Phil Fortner

Board Member Chair - Adam Lees - opened the meeting at 7:04 pm and declared a General Membership Meeting.

- **Motion Vivian Mendenhall & 2nd Ky Holland** – To add discussion of a Lot on Manytell issue to agenda, Approved
- **Motion Ky Holland & 2nd Keith Guyer** - To accept the September Minutes. Motion Passed.
- **Attendance** - Total 36 people in attendance tonight. More than 18 voting members in attendance, so General Membership Meeting.

Announcements & Legislative Reports:

- **Assembly Members** -
 - **Suzanne LaFrance** – Joshua Spring - Representing Suzanne LaFrance our assembly member for RCCC area - Assembly Rep 907-793-0087 email address: spring.joshua.a@gmail.com here tonight to listen and to let everyone list of questions sent this week. Side project about 15-day policy for roving camps around town. Ideas being thrown around. Various suggestions offered by the group. Suzanne LaFrance contact info: Phone: (907) 351-7199, Voicemail: (907) 343-4122, E-mail: LaFranceS@muni.org - Suzanne arrived late and offered comments on various issues during the meeting.
 - **John Weddleton** – Arrived late and offered comments on various issues. We have crime in Anchorage. Want the Muni to provide a clear definition of how one can defend themselves. SB91 is a complicated bill. What do we do? Chose to chuck SB91 or to fix it? SB54 very light on punishment. Decreasing police population allowed criminals to increase their activity. Ombudsman says 1,500 prisoners were let loose in the last year in Anchorage with no place to go. Assembly voted to recommend modifying SB91. 15-day camping for homeless folks should shrink to some smaller amount. Concerned about 1,000 ft. buffer from schools, business, church, etc. for homeless camping. 72-hour notice then, remove from that location. MOA faced with 30-day storage of homeless belongings after eviction.
- **State Representatives**
 - Cathy Giessel & Jennifer Johnston not present tonight.
- **Anchorage School Board**
 - Andy Holloman – not present.

People not on agenda wanting to make a statement

- Bear Valley Station 10 Fire Department – 3 fire men present - Change your batteries in smoke detector. Get new ones if older than 10 years. Make sure your address is identified clearly on structure. Adam Lees concerned about no Tanker at Station 10. Normally Tankers stationed at 8, 9, 10, and right now 9 is shut down.
- **Rabbit Creek Green Belt Volunteers** – Dianne Holmes – No one offered to provide a tool box, yet. Another project to make trail signs. Requesting volunteers. Joan Diamond's husband made some items for the trail committee.
- Ky Holland - New business ideas are on fire in Alaska with lots of activity, despite recession. Take advantage.
- Dr. Hurlburt – Concerned about quantity of fire hydrants in the area.

Presentations – None tonight.

Reports/Consent Agenda

- **Chair's Report** – Adam Lees – Reported on activities. Mayor's office on railroad silencer issue who has made a formal request for silence in RCCC area. Suzanne actively why no staff has been here from Mayors Office. Adam testified on LUP Map. Note on map did not get passed, except a reference to check Hillside District Plan. Successful. Will not be here next month. Election in November. 6 seats up for election, 3 each 1 year + 3 each 2-year seats.
- **Treasurer's Report:** - Keith Guyer - For September - \$315.53 savings + \$254.55 checking = \$570.08 total.
- **Communications** – David Sterling & Mindy Willis – No activity.
- **Correspondence** – Vivian Mendenhall and Bert Lewis – No report.
- **Transportation and Land Committee** – Nancy Pease - LUP Map school site on S GV was 15 acres and 6 acres taken out for AWWU. Will keep an eye on that parcel. HLB numerous parcels in land bank 2017 plan was shelved in favor of 2018 work plan. Asked about Stewart Homestead Road. Defined what HLB is all about. MOA land bank administrator.
- **Outreach** – Jane Dusel – No report.
- **FCC Report** – Mindy Willis – Dianne Holmes attended meeting but no real activity. FCC is mother ship for all Community Councils. There is a way on their web site to sign up for email activity.
- **HALO** – Mike Kenny – Items discussed at HALO: Septic system ordinances, epoxy/fiberglass tanks versus metal septic tanks, leach fields on edge of elevated slopes. Storm water issue that Matt is leading. HDP suggest all hillside road agencies come together united on storm water issues. There are 21 LRSA on hillside, which makes for potential disunion. Lots of people that don't pay their share on taxes. Matt Burkholder praised that RCCC puts out good letters and comments, better than other Community Councils. Defined what HALO does. Perhaps RCCC can lead the other community councils with advice.

Ongoing Business

- **Appointments of Election and Nominations Committee** - Ky Holland and Mike Kenny are the selected committee. Adam described the board responsibilities. Described eligibility requirements. Bylaws on web at communitycouncils.org
- **PZC2017-0095: Accessory Dwelling Units Ordinance** – Dianne Holmes concerned about some definitions on how to measure density. Accessory Dwelling Unit defined as a 750 s.f. or less structure, separate or attached. Suggestion to not offer any comments.

New Business & Items as May Arise from the Floor

- **S12370 - Short Plat South Park Lot Subdivision Request** - Intends to take a 4-acre lot & subdivide as follows: 1 acre not in wetlands to build a house, the other 3 acres become a separate lot that is in the wetland area set aside for no development for posterity. Will have a hearing by Platting Board by 10/13/17.
 - **Motion Nancy Pease & 2nd Joan Diamond** – To write a letter of support that this idea meets the desires of RCCC and HDP. Motion passed. Joan Diamond will write.
- **Proposed Onsite well and septic changes** – AWWU wanted to make some changes to septic system rules. Good news all the discussion on changes were axed. Something about tank coating. Suggested 24" diameter opening in tanks. Red flag for some: permit/encourage on-site high-tech systems on slopes higher than 25%. Already allowed. People with 2 drain fields and switching between the two fields is rare. Concern about the switch valve not working when required. No comments necessary by RCCC. Public comments on 10/24/17, plan to move to 11/7/17. Concern about using steel tanks that aren't up to current standards. Fiberglass tanks last 50 years. MOA Department recommendation is to use better tanks. This standard is for new systems.
 - **Motion Nancy Pease & 2nd Joan Diamond** - Move to support the department's recommendation for better tanks to protect the aquifer. 1 abstention. Motion passed. Ky Holland will write letter.
- **Wetlands Protection – Vivian Mendenhall** – Concerned about a house being built by the owner at 4335 Manytell Ave., East of Elmore. Provided a 10-page handout and reviewed the document in depth with the audience, refer to that detailed handout for notes. Elmore Creek goes through the lot. Corps of Engineers allows 25' set back from creek. MOA requires 50' setback. Resident removed all vegetation and filled the area with gravel/soil almost all the way to the creek, about 6' away. MOA Planning folks incorrectly advised that the Corps of Engineers rules govern.
 - **Motion Nancy Pease & 2nd Vivian Mendenhall** - Write a letter to the planning department and all staff that RCCC would like the 50' setback be enforced and the area be revegetated and that HDP and Title 21 be enforced and followed at this lot. Three points to be described: 1) Setback has not been enforced by MOA. 2) Better education of MOA building permit and planning staff so they understand issues and enforceability of MOA rules. RCCC wants Title 21 enforced in this and all circumstances. 3) Building permit application requires that wetland information be printed on the permit itself. Hand vote results: 14 in favor, 6 opposed. Motion adopted. Vivian and Nancy will write with Bert and Phil to review.

Wrap up assignments

- As stated above.

Per Council rules, automatic adjournment at the required 9:00 pm deadline.