

Rabbit Creek Community Council Meeting Minutes for Thursday, January 11, 2018

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Location: Golden View Middle School Library

Board Roll Call - Present: Frank Pugh (Chair), Matt Cavanaugh (Vice-Chair), Paul Gionet (Treasurer/Membership Coordinator), David Sterling (Secretary), Ky Holland, Janie Dusel, Nancy Pease, Bert Lewis, Greg Wika, Dennis Miller, Larry Keil, Alternate Person: TBD

Excused: All Present

Board Member Chair – Frank Pugh - Opened the meeting at 7:02pm. Declared a General Membership meeting. Introduced current board.

- **Motion Ky Holland & 2nd Bert Lewis** - To approve tonight's agenda, approved with these items to add. Nancy Pease has an add to On Going business: For HLB 5 Year Planning. Jesse Grunblatt voiced concern about proposed rumble strips along the Seward Hwy as proposed by DOT&PF at the December meeting. Ric Davidge putting together community wide task force to meet focused on crime. Another Task force to look at non-taxable property in MOA. Estimated a large sum worth of property that is not taxed. All items passed to be discussed as time becomes available.
- **Motion Bert Lewis & 2nd Paul Gionet** – December Meeting Minutes motion to approve. Nancy Pease concerned about vote count for person on cell phone. Vote count did not get changed. Some edits were made and are in the final DRAFT version before the group tonight. Minutes were never approved as we ran out of time.
- Attendance - Total ±60 people in attendance. General Membership Meeting. Frank Pugh asked everyone to introduce themselves and state where they live.

Announcements & Legislative Reports:

- **Assembly Members -**
 - Suzanne LaFrance – our assembly member for RCCC area - Contact info: Phone: (907) 351-7199, Voicemail: (907) 343-4122, E-mail: LaFranceS@muni.org
Suzanne not here tonight, on vacation. Adam Lees is Suzanne's designated Representative. 6 bonds passed, \$48 mil. Lots of speed bumps in the bonds, but not in our area. School bond ±\$50 mil mainly for maintenance. Alcohol tax in limbo. Property tax exemption increase being considered. Ballots will be in your mailbox in April. Merger of ML&P and Chugach will take a long time. Rezone of parcel in our area approved by assembly. Bert can setup for MOA person for next meeting.
 - John Weddleton – Arrived late and participated in discussions.
- **State Representatives**
 - Cathy Giessel here tonight. Moving to Juneau on Saturday morning. 2018 legislature starts on Tuesday. Committees all start on Thursday. Chairman of Finance committee. How competitive are Alaska tax policies with the world is a question to be reviewed. King Cove road issue. Forestry is a forgotten issue but will be reviewed. Mining claims and BLM relations. Chair of Arctic committee. Quintillion report cable for internet along North Slope Villages. Communities shocked with speed of internet. Health Care costs. Alaska has highest state costs and USA highest cost in world, so we are the most expensive. Marijuana treatment bill for money going to education in some manner. Will start up with occasional updates to the 12 Community Councils in her district.
 - Jennifer Johnston not present tonight.
- **Anchorage School Board**
 - Andy Holloman – not present.
 - David Nees – Running for Anchorage School Board – School Board 3 seats open for this election. MOA sent our lots of post cards about mail in ballots.

People not on agenda wanting to make a statement

- Captain of Fire Station 10 – Fire Station is now funded for full staffing. Concerned about summer wildfires because of our dry conditions.

RCCC Reports/Consent Agenda

- **Chair Report** – Frank Pugh - Went to Halo meeting. Went to Bear Valley CC they discussed crime, drones. Mailbox theft and destruction in their area. Someone advised that drones can be flown south of Tudor without a permit. HALO Requested that each CC to donate \$50 for HALO. Thanked all outgoing board members for their service. Published Committee Reorganization document emailed to the group.
 - **Motion Mike Kenny & 2nd Bert Lewis** - To pay \$50. Motion passed.
- **Membership & Outreach & Transportation & Land Use** - Nancy Pease - HLB 2017 only got a draft out. Several parcel owned by HLB along Old Seward Hwy, South Golden View, and other areas in RCCC. Non- motorized transportation plan by MOA. Rumble strips – Pavement from Weigh Station to Dimond re-surface work only, plan for rumble strips on shoulder and center lane. Existed in the past and made higher decibel of noise than normal traffic. Jess Grunblatt commented about quite loud in the past. Last time was 2010 when re-surface covered over those rumble strips. Have had 1 fatality in the area and DOT&PF considers them necessary and want 0 fatalities. They don't care about the noise. DOT&PF wants rumble strips to be placed on all roads over 45 mph. Members suggested alternatives like lower speed limit or just down the middle divider line and not on sides. DOT&PF is inviting comments. E-surface project starts summer 2019, so time for comments.
 - **Motion Nancy Pease & 2nd Bert Lewis** - RCCC write letter to DOT&PF to express concern about high decibel level noise from rumble strips proposed along Seward Hwy Re-Pave Project and request review for situation with alternative solutions and options, to bring down fatality situation. No objection motion passed.

- **Treasurer's Report:** Finance Paul Gionet bank statement= Savings \$315.61 & Checking \$364.55 = \$680.16. \$75 from FCC. By laws allow residents to donate up to \$250/year. Invite all to donate. Frank Pugh will donate \$100 and challenge any others to donate.
 - FCC Delegate Al Milspaugh in the audience tonight with a report. Advises \$75/year donation. Will do mass mailing 1 every other year. Check-in with Mark Butler FCC manager.
- **Outreach** - Janie Dusel – Survey results on Social Media for Facebook and Next Door is completed.
- **Communications** – David Sterling & Janie Dusel – No activity.
- **Correspondence** - Vivian Mendenhall – No report.
- **FCC** - No recent meeting.
- **HALO** – Mike Kenny – Described how and why HALO started. Do we need to be forced to join a Service Area? Worked until they decided we need police in our area instead of troopers. Have election forums.

Presentations –

- **Golden View Drive & Bluebell Drive Intersection – Todd Jacobsen PM at TBC and Erica Jensen CRW –** Golden View and Bluebell Drive intersection Upgrade. Handed out agenda and had a visual map showing proposed re-alignment design. 2008 study. 7 alternatives. 6 were unable to meet MOA design criteria. One exception was to lengthen Bluebell. History of severe accidents. Property owner to south would be cut out of a large section of property. Golden View is an ARTSA road and \$30 mil for upgrades is a bit steep for current road bonding abilities. Continued on project from RC to Ransom Ridge. No capitol project money available. Project postponed. Time went by and they met with SGVRS. Design engineers have determined the only alternative is to realign the road. Alternative to raise Golden View adversely affects many adjacent homeowners. Preferred alternative seemed to be best alternative. Re-alignment design meets road design requirements. MOA has been in contact with property owners who are supportive of their efforts. Money was re-appropriated. \$4.1 mil left in Golden View project. This re-alignment of Bluebell project would be ±\$2.6 mil. Want to do the work in 2018 or 2019. If they do not realign Bluebell, there is no other good alternative. Length of bottom landing would be about 40' at 4%. Currently at 8%. Typical road section cross slope is 2%. \$4.1 mil road work on Golden View around school would not do much. Storm drain system much must start at Little Rabbit Creek moving south. Want a resolution from RCCC board in support of the project. Dianne Holmes suggests RCCC postpone any decisions until we hear from the property owners. Re-alignment would take ±2 acres out 8 acres from one property and a little bit from two other properties. Todd Jacobsen stated that the timing for RCCC comments by next month would be OK. Land Use committee will invite land owners to February meeting. Todd invited them to this January meeting, but they were busy elsewhere.

Ongoing Business

- Frank Pugh suggested these items – Emergent Board & Committee Work Assignments Issued by the Chair:
 - Need an alternate person on RCCC Board. 3-way tie at November election between: Vivian Mendenhall, Oksana Pugh, Chris Reynolds. By laws say we can have multiple Alternates, so all are considered Alternates Board Members.
 - Plan to appoint Greg Wika to be FCC delegate. Frank Pugh and Matt Cavanaugh will be alternates. Anyone is invited to be an alternate. No objections, motion passed.
 - HALO Paul Gionet along with Mike Kenny will both work to be our representatives. No objection, appointment passed. Frank and Matt will be alternates.
 - Ky Holland voiced concern about appointing persons. Frank advised all are welcome to participate, they just need an appointed delegate to make sure the work gets done.

New Business – Items as May Arise from the Floor

- **Nancy Pease HLB** Passed around a HLB Draft Document for review. Parcel were to be managed for conservation for Potter Marsh. Robin Ward advises unlikely that any parcels will be passed over to MOA Parks and Rec since there is no money to manage. HLB offered to make those parcels conservation watershed parcels. Motion that RCCC support watershed conservation. 2 parcels in Bear Valley, 1 by Blueberry, some in Snowbear area that can provide access to Chugach State Park. Been looked at as trailheads. Worded in draft as land exchange with state park to use parcels. Asking for a range of solutions for State Park access. Deadline is a hearing in early February. One more parcel on South Golden View Drive at 9 acres surrounded by private land. HLB wants to sell. Has ecological value. And was to be school site.
 - HLB Draft Document prepared by Nancy and reviewed at this meeting has these notes:
 - Regarding Parcels 2-128 thru 2-136 Located along Old Seward Hwy bluff by Potter Marsh - Work with HLB to include management intent language in the Work Plan that these lands will be conserved and preserved for long term public conservation values, watershed and recharge of Potter Marsh, and natural hydrology and wildlife habitat contiguous with the adjoining Alaska Coastal Wildlife Refuge. This will create opportunities for long-term watershed protection through means such as conservation grant moneys or conservation easements in public partnership.
 - Regarding Parcels 2-152 and 2-139 Located adjoining Chugach State Park in Bear Valley - Allow a range of solutions for access to Chugach State Park, such as a municipal-state partnership. HLBV has worded their work plan to require a land exchange with Chugach State Park, and thus it forecloses interagency use agreements or easements for trails. A land exchange is probably prohibitively expensive and complex.

- Regarding Parcel 2-156 Located on south end of Golden View Drive along west side of road - Retain Parcel 2-156 until surrounding development is known. MOA Wetlands Prioritization Map shows that Parcel 2-156 is surrounded by private lands with many tributary streams. Delay disposal of this parcel until it can be developed jointly with private lands to encourage clustered development and shared access, with conservation of stream corridors. Parcel 2-156 contains some acreage with Level 2 Relative Ecological Value.
- **Motion Bert Lewis & 2nd Vivian Mendenhall** - To go with Nancy Pease proposal. People concerned with discussion for areas not in RCCC. Janie - Not uncommon to participate on issues outside our area. By show of hands motion passed. Nancy Pease will prepare letter.
- **Motion Bert Lewis & 2nd Vivian Mendenhall** - To write letter about opposing rumble strips to DOT&PF. Already covered by prior words. Dennis Miller described situation about rumble strips removed from Minnesota years ago at the request of the neighborhoods due to excessive noise. Ky Holland likes rumble strips and suggest to table the motion. All agreed that tabling this motion is OK. Does rumble strips affect the wildlife in the marsh. Vivian Mendenhall to investigate.
- **Video and teleconferences at RCCC Meetings –**
 - **Motion Bert Lewis & 2nd Jesse Grunblatt** – To oppose teleconference participation at RCCC. Feels people need to be present. Vivian Mendenhall talked about Roberts Rules of Order that allows teleconferences with several conditions. Friendly Amendment – by Mindy Willis that teleconferencing would be approved for Board members only with permission by the chair, following Roberts Rules of Order. Suggestion that only Boards members could teleconference at any meeting, either General or Board Meeting. Matt Cavanaugh opposes the motion and is in favor of teleconferencing. Handed out a 2 page Opinion on his reasoning.
 - **Motion Paul Gionet 2nd Keith Guyer** - to extend 10 minutes to discuss Teleconferencing. Voice and hand count was not able to solve a time extension. All parties agreed to Table this motion until next meeting. Motion to Table was approved since the meeting was past the 9:00 pm deadline.

Wrap up assignments

- As stated above.

Meeting adjournment – Meeting adjourned at ±9:04 pm.