

Rabbit Creek Community Council Meeting Minutes for Thursday, May 10, 2018

Final-DRAFT for Membership Approval

Location: Golden View Middle School Library

Board Roll Call - Present: Frank Pugh (Chair), Matt Cavanaugh (Vice-Chair), David Sterling (Secretary), Ky Holland, Janie Dusel, Bert Lewis, Nancy Pease

Excused: Larry Keil, Greg Wika, Paul Gionet, Dennis Miller

Board Member Chair – Frank Pugh - Opened the meeting at 7:04pm. Declared a General Membership meeting. Current Board followed by new members all introduced themselves.

- **Motion Ky Holland & 2nd Matt Cavanaugh** - To approve tonight's agenda, approved no objections.
- **Motion Bert Lewis & 2nd Keith Guyer** – April Meeting Minutes motion to approve. Minutes approved.
- Attendance - Total ± 35 people in attendance. General Membership Meeting.

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 arrived later in meeting. Adam Lees acting as Suzanne's designated Representative, gave brief announcements, things are boring. Massive amount of liquor license protest. Half of Girdwood on Jack Sprat because of a parking ordinance. Stream setback is going to the assembly, but no idea when it will be there. Every Community Council is opposed. Dianne Holmes advised Stream Setback did pass at some Community Councils. Idea for Hillside to be exempted, legal maneuver by 50' setback with hard 25' & soft 25' setbacks. Council believed science. Commissioner asked for amendment to exempt Hillside area, and voted down 3 to 5. Suzanne arrived. Spending time on liquor license, stream setbacks.
- John Weddleton – Arrived. Approved HLB 5-year plan. Moved 1 project. 9 acres to long term instead of current disposal.

• **State Representatives**

- Cathy Giessel and Jennifer Johnson not present tonight, in Juneau.

Updates, Announcements, & Presentations

- **-Halo Chairman - Matt Burkholder at halohrdtsc@gmail.com** - Trying to get things organized better. Lots of LRSA and road districts and they want to find a way to make things better. Did a study with a HALO committee. Ann Brooks provided a presentation with numerous slides regarding Hillside Service Areas-Reconfiguration Initiative. Reviewed a detailed handout. Initiative is to get information out to folks. Why consolidate LRSA's? A lot of different entities. Showed a map. Issues include: 1) inefficient and inconsistent service. 2) Wide range of management capacity. 3) Lacks political influence competing for limited funds. 4) Low prioritization of hillside issues. 5) Property values are negatively impacted. What's in it for hillside? Consolidation offers: increased efficiency. Support property values. Reduce government footprint. Maintain our autonomy and control. Areas are challenged to: provide capital, resolve drainage issues. Cover trail maintenance.

Options advanced by HALO:

1. Status quo, leave things as they are. Pro issues: Homeowners are satisfied. No mill rate change. Maintain local control. Cons: inefficient and inconsistent service. MOA is proposing a MOA Storm Water Utility to assume authority for hillside and impose new and additional rate structure. LRSA and RRSA Board seats are difficult to fill with qualified candidates due to small population group.
 2. Rural Infrastructure Service Areas 4 – Cons - Consolidation of all public and independent entities. Pros -Reduce entities. Participate in bond financing. Authorized to construct and maintain infrastructure economies of scale. Board from larger population, resolve inconsistent service issues. Cap of rise.
 3. Single Service area – One entity professionally managed. Pros - Same as 2. Cons - Reduces contractor pool.
 4. General Timeline 2018 gather feedback, address stakeholder issues. 2019 report back. Then Vote.
 5. Need Community Council Feedback.
 - a. LRSA can't get funding. RRSA can get funding. Full authority
 - b. Survey - 64 received so far. Urge all to take the survey.
 - c. Adam Lees offered numerous comments.
 - d. Can't do a write-in on ballot for LRSA Seat, unless that person has registered for the seat before the election. Unfilled seat remains that way until next election.
 - e. Sept 6th HALO 7:00 pm - Meeting with those who created a model for LRSA. Who can offer. Annual meeting is June 7th. Oct 4th is Candidate Forum.
- **Monty Rogers (Commission Member) – MOA Historic Preservation Plan MOAHP** – Can be historic sites, Potters Marsh, Identify, protect historic and economic benefits. Diversify our economy. Social Benefits. Policy 51 of Anchorage 2020 which directs the Muni plan. Commission duties- Historic Preservation Officer Duties. Reviewed Current Program Efforts Draft MOAHP, Title 21, HP Fund 740, CC Summaries, MOAHP Ordinance, Historic Things, Reviewed who they work with. Reviewed things that they look at for historic things. Planning Process and meetings they have performed. Online Survey with 400 participants. What is in the Draft Plan? The Heart of the Draft MOAHP Themes, Vision, Goals, Policies, Action Items. Where do Proposed Action Items Come From? What are Proposed Actions? What Can You Do? Comment Period ended April 30th. Public Hearings in August. Compiling all Public Comments to update the draft plan.
 - David Michael described his situation with his homesteaded family. Described pioneer roads in our area. Will contribute notes to MOAHP. Talked about numerous locals who went into the government.

- Nancy Pease – Provided a handout entitled Proposed Changes to the Draft MOA Historic Preservation Plan, with several items requiring action, as follows:
 - Delete the bulleted item that says: Encourage increased development and density in the Lower Hillside, especially in the BLM Lots, near existing infrastructure. And Insert the adopted HDP Policy 1-A Encourage a greater proportion of future Hillside growth to occur in the lower Hillside, in areas located closer to existing services.
 - Revise the bulleted item regarding drainage and streams by adding intent to protect water supply. "Protect drainage corridors streams and aquifers to protect the water supply and natural hydrology and to provide open space for recreation and views (HDP). Add the underlined wording.
 - Delete the bulleted item that says: Extend municipal road services. This could be interpreted to advocate extension ARDSA. The intent of the HDP is to establish Hillside roads, trails, and drainage district.
 - **Motion Nancy Pease & 2nd Ky Holland** - BLM Lots west of DeArmoun Road - HDP looked into taking them off of implementation list. Protect Water Supply. Extend MOA Road Service should not support. Implementation Plan. As described above. In Favor 20 and 0 opposed. Motion passes.

RCCC Reports

- **Chair Report** – Frank Pugh – FCC meeting 4/18. John Rodda at FCC with comments about homeless issues. Assembly Reorg chair and vice chair. Vote by mail. 36.1% turnout for vote. Twice as expensive as the thought. Meeting organized by Rogers Park CC, concerned about homeless issues. Trying to look for a way to open up the park and folks feel comfortable being in the park. Moved 6 tons trash hauled off. No area is exempt with homeless. Once someone moves in it is arduous process to move them out.
- **Membership & Outreach & Transportation & Land Use** – No report
- **Treasurer's Report**: Finance Frank Pugh – Savings \$315.68 + Checking \$634.55 = \$950.23.
- **Outreach** - Janie Dusel – No report.
- **Communications** – David Sterling – No report.
- **Correspondence** – Matt Cavanaugh - Don't want to retract letters. When letter goes out they want to make sure it matches desires of the entire council. Letter writing and approval process is being refined. Website should be up to date for recent correspondence.
- **Membership** - Lots of new members joining.
- **FCC** – No report.
- **HALO** –

Old Business –

- **Seward Hwy Rumble Strip Revised Letter and HLB letter** – Jess Grundblatt - 2019 installation on Seward Highway along Potters Marsh in to happen 2019. Properly installed Rumble Strip should not be heard frequently. Will look at turning areas and make accommodations. Recent DOT&PF response letter is basically an overall positive response.
- **Vote by Mail RCCC Member Experience** - Different experience. Able to evaluate better. For those that travel frequently, worked great for that. 36% is good turnout, but not a record. Our area normally has 25% to 30%. Missed visiting the school to vote. Overall good for the community.

New Business

- **RCCC Capital Improvement Program Ranking – Ky Holland** – Reviewed the MOA Parks & Rec, SOA, and MOA Lists of Capital Projects. People got 3 green and 1 Red dots to vote for projects. Basic vote results included:
 - **State of Alaska:**
 - Golden View and Rabbit Creek Rd Intersection Improvement = 11 Green & 0 Red (Net +11)
 - **NEW:** Rabbit Creek Road Center Groove Repair = 9 Green & 0 red (Net +9)
 - Old Seward Hwy Rut Repair - Potter Valley Rd to Rabbit Creek Rd = 4 Green & 1 red (Net +3)
 - Rabbit Creek Rd Upgrade - Seward Hwy to Golden View Drive = 2 Green & 0 red (Net +2)
 - **NEW:** Left Turn Lane from Rabbit Creek to Old Seward Highway = 2 Green & 0 red (Net +2)
 - De Armoun Rd Upgrade Ph II - 140th Ave to Hillside Dr = 1 Green & 0 red (Net +1)
 - Elmore Rd at Rabbit Creek Rd Intersection Safety Improvements = 0 Green & 0 red (Net +0)
 - Old Seward Hwy Upgrade - Rabbit Creek Rd to Potter Valley Rd = 0 Green & 2 red (**Net -2**)
 - **MOA Project Management and Engineering:**
 - Chugach State Park Access Improvements = 13 Green & 2 Red (Net +11)
 - **NEW:** Hillside Plan & Projects for Fire Prevention & Mitigation = 8 Green & 0 Red (Net +8)
 - Golden View Drive Intersection and Safety Upgrades – Rabbit Creek to Romania = 7 Green & 0 red (Net +7)
 - Potter Valley Rd Surface Rehab - Old Seward Hwy to Greece Dr = 3 Green & 0 Red (Net +3)
 - Golden View Dr/Bufalo St/Elmore Rd/145th Ave Area Chip Seal Surfacing = 0 Green & 0 red (Net +0)
 - 164th Ave Upgrade - Golden View Dr to Betty St = 0 Green & 0 red (Net +0)
 - Little Rabbit Creek Flooding and Glaciation Improvements = 0 Green & 0 red (Net +0)
 - Mountain Air Drive Extension = 0 Green & 0 red (Net +0)
 - Golden View Dr Connection (West) - Romania Dr to Potter Valley Rd = 2 Green & 5 red (**Net -3**)
 - **MOA Parks & Rec:**
 - Section 36 Park Improvements = 4 Green & 0 Red
 - Forest Health and Park Safety = 0 Green & 0 Red
 - Wayfinding = 0 Green & 0 Red
 - TAP-Transportation Alternatives = 2 Green & 3 Red (**Net is -1**)

- **Community / Neighborhood Crime Prevention & Safety Discussion** - Lots of problems in Bear Valley, not too bad in potter valley. People hanging around at Moen Park. End of GV lots of trash by state park sign. Look around for issues. Call 311 with problems. Area by Bear Valley School 3 cars broken into. Sierra Way issues. 162nd & Elizabeth 15 minutes after package delivered was stolen.
- **Committee Reorganization** – Not reviewed tonight.

Motion Ward Hurlburt & 2nd Mike Kenny - Extend meeting for 10 minutes – Passed.

Motion Ky Holland & 2nd Judy Michaels - Motion to adjourn. Motion passed.

Meeting adjournment – Meeting adjourned at 9:06 pm.