

Rabbit Creek Community Council Meeting Minutes for Thursday, July 12, 2018

DRAFT for Approval by General Membership

Location: Rabbit Creek Community Church Basement

Board Roll Call - Present: Frank Pugh (Chair), Paul Gionet (Treasurer), David Sterling (Secretary), Nancy Pease, Janie Dusel, Ky Holland

Excused: Matt Cavanaugh (Vice-Chair), Larry Keil, Greg Wika, Dennis Miller, Bert Lewis,

Board Member Chair – Frank Pugh - Opened the meeting at 7:09 pm. Declared a General Membership meeting. Current Board followed by new members all introduced themselves.

- **Agenda** - Agenda provided will be followed to the best extent. Added several items to discuss.
- **Minutes** – May and June Meeting Minutes - **Motion to approve by Keith Guyer & 2nd Nancy Pease** - Approve with one edit. June meeting minutes approved as presented.
- 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 out of town, not present.
 - John Weddleton – Recent meeting to replace Assembly member Tim Steele. Voted on issue recently with results at 5 to 5, two separate votes, which is why they need the 11th assembly Member. Need a tie-breaker. Dick Trainee pushing the “Ban the Plastic Bag” campaign. Discussed signs, specifically Notice of Public Hearing signs. Thought they give the wrong impression. He is proposing different signs that give a little more information. Presented five samples. Requested good and bad point comments by RCCC members tonight. Different colors. Bears-met with City Manager and SWS Manager. Bear proof trash cans are one of solutions. Got in large quantity of bear proof trash cans. HALO to have discussion at the next meeting.
- **State Representatives**
 - Cathy Giessel present tonight. Lives off Huffman Road, born and raised in Fairbanks. Described district boundaries. Also a nurse practitioner at Begich Middle School. Tuesday she chairs and oil and gas group. House and senate resource committee to discuss LNG project. ASAP completed Environmental Review, but does not pencil out. How would the state fund the project. China would provide 75% or \$34 billion, then they get 75% of gas. Need \$12 billion more to fund the entire project. Three possible sources for the \$12 Billion 1) Private investors 2) State investment. 3) PFD investment. Oil at \$80/barrel, equivalent energy amount for Natural Gas at \$8 per barrel. State audit completed. Record number of deficiencies. Audit is 6 months late. Anchorage Opioid Task Force making sure folks with addiction have resources in state. Mayor has task force on bears. ADF&G being offered money from hunting groups to handle the problems. Regarding Fire Department getting water from streams and water bodies where they can get water. Ballot measure 1 would prevent if water from being pulled from water bodies. Ky Holland and some audience members disagreed with that interpretation of ballot measure 1. Health Care costs issues discussed.
 - Jennifer Johnson not present tonight.
- **Casey Johnson (Senior Captain) & Heather (Firefighter) - Fire Station 10 Firefighters** – Adults are as curious about fire station as kids. Station 10 has 4 people 3 engines, 24 hours per day, 365 days per year. 4,000 gal of water at top of the hill for fire prevention, which will last 10 to 15 minutes. 3,000 gal tender plus 1,000 gal on fire truck. 3 shifts, working 24 hour days. OK to stop by anytime. Discussed a burn matrix. Approved burn day. Approved methods for fires 1) 25' from hours 2) Commercial fire place. Answered various questions. Residents concerned about brush on their land. No ambulance at station 10. All members are EMT and/or paramedics. They carry most medical requirements on their trucks. Discussed how they obtain water for fires. Exit routes discussed from question. Access to houses discussed. Burn permits were stopped last year.

Updates, Announcements, & Presentations

- See above.

RCCC Reports

- **Chair Report** – Frank Pugh – FCC meeting: Ric Davidge presented an Alaska Homeless Vets project. Building 75 cabins and mess halls. Planned to be on JBER property near Eagle River. Ric Davidge can be contacted for further information. Matt Burkholder was elected new FCC Chair, replacing Kyle Stevens at the May 16th meeting. No FCC Meeting scheduled for June but there are plans for a picnic at Valley of the Moon Park.
- **Membership & Outreach & Transportation & Land Use** – No report
- **Treasurer's Report:** Finance Paul Gionet – Savings \$315.75 + Checking \$434.55 = \$750.30.
 - **Motion Mike Kenny & 2nd Ky Holland** - to buy a portable PA System \$150 from Costco. Might be more for wireless microphone. Motion passed.
- **Outreach** - Janie Dusel – No report.
- **Communications** – David Sterling – No report.
- **Correspondence** – Matt Cavanaugh – Not present.
- **FCC** – Reported by the Chair who was in attendance at the FCC meeting.
- **HALO** – Next meeting in August.

Ongoing Business –

- Jesse Grunblatt - Rumble Strips – Nancy Pease questions shoulder and center strips issues. Jerry George had comments about DOT stopped doing noise studies on rumble strips.
- **Bears –**
 - Lady that lives by Evergreen had 2 bear sightings in her yard. Spoke with Alaska waste ADF&G. Concerned about what we can do. Next Door Rabbit Creek has many folks writing hostile comments. Frank suggested establishing a committee to develop an action plan to present to the Municipality & the ADF&G on behalf of the Community Council.
 - Gentlemen – ADF&G does not count bears. Bear population has increased substantially recently. Concerned about how bears are taking over. Wants ADF&G to do something about the bear population. Feels that ADF&G wants the bears here. Wants to follow a legal way of reducing bear population. Problem is not garbage, it is the moose numbers.
 - Bill Peterson does not see moose and bears in his yard as a problem. If you have a problem with bears, maybe living next to Bear Valley should not be your neighborhood.
 - Lady that grew up on DeArmoun. More bears than when she was growing up. Suggests a culling needs to happen.
 - Trash day morning of or night before. Tape ammonia soak sponge to your trash can will prevent problems.
- **Rabbit Creek Rifle Range Noise** – Discussed wind blowing the right way increases noise levels. Suggestions to discuss the situation at the range with the Range Managers. Gina Marie, range employee, offered to come discuss things available at the range.
- **Alaska Railroad Noisy Horns** - Jerry George – Wants a quiet zone in south anchorage by Alaska Railroad. Feels that ARR is not concerned about the residents. Grandmother not seeing her grandchildren because of the railroad noise. Spending money on house improvements to prevent ARR noise issues. Going all out on an effort to get ARR to not make noise. Solution is a smaller decibel horn than the 120 decibel train horn. Our area is the only place in Anchorage that still allows train horns.
 - Concerned about crime. Been robbed numerous times. Police are not doing anything.

New Business

- **MOA Historic Preservation Plan** - No report.
- **HALO** - No Report as HALO does not meet until September.
- **Emergent Board** – no report

Open Forum

- None

Motion Keith Guyer & 2nd Ky Holland- Motion to extend meeting 10 minutes. Motion passed.

Motion Paul Gionet & 2nd Judy David - Motion to adjourn. Motion passed.

Meeting adjournment – Meeting adjourned at 9:08 pm.