

Rabbit Creek Community Council Meeting Minutes for Thursday, August 9, 2018

FINAL – Approved at General Meeting on 13-Sep-2018

Location: Rabbit Creek Community Church Basement

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

Excused: Larry Keil, Greg Wika, Dennis Miller, Nancy Pease

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. Described voting requirements.

- **Agenda** - Agenda provided will be followed to the best extent. Approved.
- **Minutes** – July Minutes - **Motion to approve by Ky Holland & 2nd David Michael** – Approved as written.
- Attendance - Total ± 26 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 not present. Adam Lees Assembly acting as Suzanne's aid here tonight. Aug 14th is next MOA Assembly meeting. MOA has finished counting special election for the most part, the highest person lady will be sworn in on 8/28/18. State of Alaska in need of poll workers. HALO meeting about bears was good. Bear proof trash cans now available. Bear violation ticket is \$310 per problem. Bird feeders are popular with bears. No bird feeders in the summer is best. HALO bear fliers available at desk. Bears come thru most places once or twice, but once they find a spot where there is consistent food, they return often.
 - John Weddleton – Next meeting has Stream setback. Described 50' and proposed 25' + 25' setback at main streams, with 25' setback at minor streams. Alternate proposed for Hillside area only includes, Main streams at 50' unless already platted lot. Other requirements in the alternate, so read the proposition for clear details. Property owners can place a 3' wide trail in the first 25' (streamside zone) to access the stream – no longitudinal trails connecting multiple properties along the stream. Grandfather issues apply. Grandfathered issues of non-conforming rights may not be passed during sale of property. Banning Plastic shopping bags. Dick Traini brings forth issue to ban plastic bags and bring forth paper. Plastic bags for \$0.10/bag. Life cycle of a plastic bag makes them environmental bags. A paper bag has issues also. A reusable bag is suggested. Bad part is when a plastic bag gets out into the world, which most do not. Thickness of the bag makes issues as to impact of the bag. Many large stores bag thickness is pretty thin. Spent 2 hours at Carrs Huffman talking to residents with differing comments. Many places don't provide bags.
- **State Representatives**
 - Cathy Giesel not present tonight.
 - Jennifer Johnson not present tonight.

Updates, Announcements, & Presentations

- Pat Hansen regarding Proposition 1. Advised that Fire Departments and emergency situations can get water out of stream, contrary to information provided at the last meeting.
- Amber Lee Running for State House introduced herself.
- Ky Holland – Working on project where Seniors that have opportunities on Capstone requirements.

RCCC Reports

- **Chair Report** – Frank Pugh – Last Monday (06-Aug-2018) went to Mark Begich South Anchorage Crime Town Hall. The Community Patrol (CP) was brought up. Patty Higgins helped form the Abbott Loop Community Patrol. The CP provides a way to get involved and contribute time each month in order to add more eyes and ears in the community. FCC did not have a July meeting.
 - ?? – discussed SB91, MOA send resolutions to State Legislature. Will MOA send resolution regarding crime.
 - Judy Michaels happy with APD working hard.
 - Various comments about crime issues and concerns in RCCC area.
- **Membership & Outreach & Transportation & Land Use** – No report
- **Treasurer's Report:** Finance Chair Paul Gionet – Savings \$315.75 + Checking \$454.55 = \$770.30.
- **Outreach** - Janie Dusel – No report.
- **Communications** – David Sterling – No report.
- **Correspondence** – Matt Cavanaugh – No report.
- **FCC** – No report.
- **HALO** – Next meeting in September.

Ongoing Business –

- Jesse Grunblatt - Rumble Strips – Continues to work with DOT on rumble strips.

New Business

- **HALO** – **Motion Keith Guyer & 2nd Paul Gionet** - Donate \$75 to HALO. Motion Passed.
 - HALO candidates forum meeting Oct 4th at 6pm.
- **Julie Ratliff Landscaping Issue** – Julie Ratliff lives on Snowflake Drive. Read & submitted a written statement in relation to landscaping work on their property and anonymous complaints that came from the RCCC. The Rabbit Creek Code Enforcement Officer (Richard Novy) went to her house on 26-Jul-2018, advising they had to investigate because

the complaints came from the RCCC. No violations were found and the file was closed out. Afterwards, Julie checked contacted Frank Pugh & Matt Cavanaugh on 26-Jul-2018 and found out that no one on the council had been authorized to file a complaint on behalf of the RCCC. Julie asks "What's going on?" Julie Ratliff's statement is attached to these minutes.

Frank Pugh (RCCC Chair) contacted Richard Novy, on 31-Jul-2018, to enquire as to what had occurred. Richard said there was no name associated with the complaints but did confirm that on the Code Enforcement call to the Ratliff's home he mentioned they often get complaints through the RCCC, but the facts were unclear as to exactly where the complaint originated and why he would mention the RCCC during the call. Frank is concerned that people are misrepresenting that they speak for the RCCC on anonymous complaints, however, he stated that the current RCCC Chair & Vice-Chair would absolutely provide their names while representing the RCCC in the filing of any complaints on behalf of the RCCC while individual members would remain anonymous. Additionally, he was concerned about unfounded complaints being made as a form of harassment against neighbors and others in the community.

- RCCC Member is concerned that people are not going through the proper channels where the RCCC is concerned as it relates to filing code violation complaints.
- Matt Cavanaugh – Read thru correspondence about Authorized Community Council Representation, intended to go to MOA Officials. Handout provided to all.
 - **Motion Matt Cavanaugh & 2nd Ky Holland** – To submit the letter as written. Agree=15 + Objection=0 abstentions=2. Motion passes.
 - Ann Rappaport – Other councils should also make the same request. She has no problem with the letter, just wants people to understand they can report when they see something that is not right, just do it under their own name, not the council.
 - Judy Michaels - Letter written on a specific issue. Agrees with letter.
 - Ky Holland – No objection to letter. No factual information about the fact that the issue existed and issue is unclear.

Open Forum

- Paul Gionet – FCC sent flier about AMATS in the RCCC area. Provided handout draft of the proposed letter.
 - **Motion Paul Gionet & 2nd Bert Lewis** - To send draft letter out. Agree=17 opposed =0 abstention=1. Motion passes.

Motion David Michaels & 2nd James Michaels - Motion to adjourn. Motion passed.

Meeting adjournment – Meeting adjourned at 8:25 pm.