

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

DRAFT for Approval by General Membership

Location: Golden View Middle School Library

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

Excused: Larry Keil, Paul Gionet,

Board Member Chair – Frank Pugh - Opened the meeting at 7:10 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 without objections.
 - **Chair Motion** - To approve adding information about running for the board. Satellite voting discussion. Agenda approved with these changes.
- **Minutes** – September Minutes – No objections. Approved as written. One amendment- Buying bags at the store is \$0.10/bag, not \$0.50/bag.
- Attendance - Total ± 39 people in attendance. General Membership Meeting. Voting members raised hands.

Announcements & Legislative Reports:

- **Assembly Members** -
 - Suzanne LaFrance – our assembly member for RCCC area - Contact info: Cell Phone: (907) 351-7199, Voicemail: (907) 343-4122, E-mail: LaFranceS@muni.org - Suzanne arrived late. Adam Lees Assembly acting as Suzanne's aid here tonight. Stream setback passed. On radar: fund balance went to deficit due to clerical error. Do not know how much money they have. Need to maintain \$15 mil for bonding reasons. Last April sell ML&P to Chugach. Public hearings start on November 7th. Assembly formed new Health Committee issues with Suzanne and Fred Dyson. Working on language for that. Immunization is an issue, 351 cases last year. On item is that child care workers do not need to be immunized. Structuring ordinance to require immunizations. Nancy Pease advised that 10 RCCC members attended stream setback meetings and wants to acknowledge that our Assembly members did a lot of work on the issue.
 - John Weddleton – Running for Assembly again next April. Busy well attended Assembly meeting on Tuesday. Stream setbacks. Ended up close to Hillside District Plan named streams have 50' set back, unnamed streams have 25' undisturbed a 25" that can have some activity setback. For properties at 50,000 sf or less, at 50' setback and to existing non-conforming shed or shack can pretend you have 25' + 25' setback. The Assembly will put the rules down in written format because they are somewhat confusing. Assembly vote approval at 11-0. List has named streams as of a certain date. Unnamed streams are smaller tributaries that flow into a named stream that would need to go through a process to be designated as a named stream. Remainder of Anchorage is now at 25' + 25'. Streamside zone is first 25' and riparian areas is second 25' setback. Generous grandfathering of existing situations is being allowed. Difficult process to get a stream named. Discussions about what you can and can't do in setbacks continued. John advised that all wait for the wording. Went out to tour new Ernie Turner Center Building at Eklutna which is a drug treatment center. Looks beautiful. Costs \$20,000 per month per person, typically a person spends 6 months there for a \$120,000 total. The structure holds 16 clients. Sobering to go there and see what they have to offer. Complicated Funding equation provided by Medicare, Tribal, and other entities.
- **State Representatives**
 - Cathy Giesel not present tonight.
 - Jennifer Johnson not present tonight.

Updates, Announcements, & Presentations

- Amber Lee running for state house. Lives in Bear Valley. Has two boys. Owns a consulting firm. Feel free to talk with her.
- Ward Hurlburt lives in Keno Hills. Illicit activities going on in Moen Park. APD was notified. Suggestion to cut brush between parking area and Golden View Drive. John Weddleton says if you wait for government to clear the brush it will take a long time and cost a lot of money. Nancy Pease says the brush cutting requirement requires a \$150k performance bond if you want to volunteer to cut brush for the city. Hand tools only. Dianne Holmes suggests following Homer's method of cutting brush. Gentleman thought it was one suspicious vehicle and wondered if there was really a problem at the Moen Park.

RCCC Reports

- **Chair Report** – Frank Pugh
 - Larry Kanuit attended an ADF&G advisory committee recently and they had suggestions about bear removal. ADF&G can offer information.
 - Legislative Crime Summit & discussion of SB 91 being held on Saturday 13-Oct-2018 at the Anchorage Legislative Information Office (LIO building) from noon to 4:00 pm.
 - Community Patrols – One person inquired about information. Information is available. Group of people can put a patrol together if they are interested.
 - Attended 9/6/2018 HALO Board meeting that held a CBERRRSA Roundtable Discussion with Debbie Osslander, Fred Dyson, Maury Robinson, & Tony Vita to answer questions about rural road service area and how to structure works. Additionally, John Weddleton reviewed the work done on Stream Setbacks.
 - Participated in the HALO Candidate Forum on Oct. 6th together with John Weddleton in sorting audience questions for the candidates. Ballot Measure 1 was reviewed, in addition to participation by State House and Senate candidates.
- **Membership & Outreach & Transportation & Land Use** – No report
- **Treasurer's Report:** Finance Paul Gionet – Membership 150 voting members. Savings \$315.83 + Checking \$478.84 = \$794.67 total.

- **Outreach** - Janie Dusel – Nothing to report.
- **Communications** – David Sterling – Nothing to report.
- **Correspondence** – Matt Cavanaugh – Nothing to report.
- **FCC** – 9/19/18 meeting. Assembly Chair Forest Dunbar provided Assembly activity updates.
- **HALO** – Next meeting in November.
- **Land Committee** - Bert Lewis wanted to know about the Case 2018-0099. Wanted to know about content. Was a notification in last month's agenda and no one questioned or discussed the issue. The Chair stated that it was on the September agenda and that no one made any comments. Bert looked it up and the issue is about Rezone on DeArmoun property about appeal and no communication about the issue. The Chair said that Mr. Lewis is out of line and he wants to move on. Nancy Pease someone on the council should be knowledgeable about the re-zone issue. The Chair suggested that Board Members Lewis & Pease were being disruptive and attempting to inflate the issue. Joel Gaines mentioned that it was not on the current agenda. Frank advised that Board Members have 1-month between meetings to request agenda items and that there was an opportunity at the start of this meeting, but no one requested that it be added. The Chair's decision was to move on with the approved agenda. Issue will be postponed until Nov 8th.

Ongoing Business –

- Jesse Grunblatt - Rumble Strips – No new news.

New Business

- **Huffman O'Malley Community Council Case S12436 Plat 92-44** - David Jansen described that location is not in the RCCC area. Someone changed information in a submitted Plat Note #2 – He wants to Modify or Removal of a Plat Note on the document. Someone changed a 4 to a 3, which intended to describe the house as a 4 bedroom, not a 3 bedroom, for rating of septic system. He needs to go through a process to correct that document change. Will present the situation at Huffman/O'Malley Community Council on Thursday next week. Trying to correct an error that was made. Has been paying taxes for a 4 bedroom house since 1992. Nov 21st Platting Commission. The Chair requested that it be noted in the minutes that RCCC has no objections to this correction. Ky Holland wanted to know why such a matter is making such a big deal at the City. Engineers report says system is rated for a 4 bedroom house.
- **Keno Hills Subdivision Block 3, Lot 1** – Owner wants to Vacate a 60' building setback. Nancy Pease if we are putting items up at the RCCC meeting someone needs to bring forward all the information about an issue. Bert and the Chair discussed the issue. Nancy put in a request to MOA yesterday, and did not hear back. Triangular lot with a section line on one side. Not sure what the setback is for. Looks like there is a structure across the section line. Nancy wanted to know the date of the necessary decision. No one had an answer. Bert had a suggestion ?? Chair stated that the owner of the property is going to bring this forward to the Keno Hills Subdivision at their next meeting.
 - The Chair is concerned about notices that come into RCCC with little time to evaluate. Sometimes they come in and there is not enough time to put together the information properly for an RCCC meeting. Votes are not required, just bringing up the information for discussion. The community can look up the issue on line and offer independent comments.
 - Mike Kenney objected to reference of a back room committee.
 - Dianne Holmes advised it looks like there is a structure in the section line.
 - The Chair suggested to bring these issues to the Land Use Committee & they need to report back to members.
 - Nancy Pease asked about the date of any action at the MOA level. Not known.
 - Bert Lewis suggestion that Lands Committee takes up this issue and the 2018-0099 issue for the next meeting. The Chair advised that is the proper way to bring up an issue.
 - The Chair advised that these items have been discussed this meeting & will now go to the Land Use Committee for additional work which will be reviewed at the November RCCC Meeting.
- **HALO Roads, Drainage, & Trails Service Area** – HALO President Matt Burkholder presentation. Came here last spring and talked about the issue. HALO wanted a road service area on the hillside. Several member went thru a study and came back with a report. HALO made a committee that studied the situation, discussed with and came up with 3 options: 1) Do nothing. 2) Four-Area Service Area on the Hillside. 3) Do something like Chugiak/Eagle River that has a LRSA Model and have one service area for the whole area. At last HALO meeting Fred Dyson and others who helped put ER service area together. Talk about Property Tax mil rating 2.1 that is shared between Capital Improvements and Maintenance and the various scopes of work they have had done in the area. Mark Schimsheimer is on RRSA and went thru a detailed description of the current situation and what HALO wants to do in the new system. Hillside has 19 service areas. 40% of hillside has no service area and use the "Pass the hat" method to pay for maintenance and upgrades. The proposal on the table has to go through a public vote. Each voter will have a say in this issue. Vote probably in April 2020, not 2019. Mil rates in every area are all different. With 19 contracts extremely inefficient. City takes a large cut to manage the system, around 25%. Bigger area means less contractors that make the system more efficient. Lowering the costs and increasing the efficiencies will allow more work to be performed. Invitation to take the survey at www.anchoragehalo.org and information about this proposal. LRSA can't do a capital project. The idea is not to become an ARTSA which is huge and allows money from the Hillside to be spent in other areas of Anchorage. South Golden View RRSA is largest, has bonding, and responds to items quickly. Ky Holland asked about how Substandard Roads will be dealt with. It is up to the board. Final statement-MOA suggesting separate storm water utility. Separate utility with a rate to pay for storm water discharge. Fear that it would take our money to solve problems in other areas than RCCC. Above info is shortened notes from detailed discussion by Matt and Mark with audience participation.

Open Forum

- RCCC Board Elections will happen next month. Anyone that wants to be nominated, email one of the board members. Seats available include: 4 each 2 year term seats and 3 each 1 year term seat are open in this election.
- Remote voting – Ky Holland described the issue. Nancy Pease quoted bylaws about members need to be present to vote. The definition of present is not described. Call-in voting is an issue that needs to be defined. Bert Lewis

concerned about call-in. The Chair's opinion is that video presence should be reserved for Board Meetings but may be too complex to manage in a general meeting.

- Bert Lewis will be traveling next month. Bert requested to be nominated for board. Also nominated Peter Crimp.

Motion Bert Lewis & 2nd xxx - Motion to adjourn. Motion passed.

Meeting adjournment – Meeting adjourned at 8:59 pm.