

# **Rabbit Creek Community Council Meeting Minutes for Thursday, June 11, 2020**

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Location: On Internet via Zoom

Board Roll Call - Present: Ann Rappoport (Co-Chair), David Sterling (Secretary), Keith Guyer (Co-Treasurer), Judy Michael, Dianne Holmes, Mike Kenny, Joel Cladouhos, Paul Gionet

Absent: Bert Lewis, Ky Holland, Jess Grunblatt

Board Member Co-Chair – Ann Rappoport - Opened the meeting at 7:02 pm. 8 board members and over 13 members. Declared an Informational Membership Meeting, since it is On-Line Internet via Zoom and not in person. Members introduced themselves online and stated where they live.

- **Agenda** – Approved as written. Added
- **Minutes** – May Minutes – Cannot approve on-line, some revisions on final version.
- Attendance - Total with ±25 RCCC members in attendance on internet via Zoom. Informational Meeting.

### **Announcements & Legislative Reports:**

- **Assembly Members for RCCC Area -**
  - Suzanne LaFrance – Contact info: Cell Phone: (907) 351-7199, Voicemail: (907) 343-4122, E-mail: [LaFranceS@muni.org](mailto:LaFranceS@muni.org) – Present tonight. Covid allocation \$156 mil, given out in stages. 80% committed intended to cover expenses related to numerous Covid-19 issues that were summarized in great detail. These funds cannot be used for MOA revenue replacement. MOA reviewing how these funds should be spent. Interested in hearing from community about possible ways to spend these funds. Alcohol tax that passed will generate between \$11 to \$13 million in revenue that must only be spent on three subjects. Debating what the money should be spent on. Needs feedback from residents. Wildfire mitigation discussion ongoing on how to spend \$120,000.
    - Dianne Holmes wants some money going to trails. This year there will not be the volunteer group that usually helps maintain the Rabbit Creek greenbelt/trail.
    - Nancy Pease – Also interested in money going towards trails. Concerned about schools re-opening because of Covid issues. MOA Assembly joint meeting with ASD tomorrow. Mask wearing issues have failed at Assembly. Mayor is the one in control for requirements of wearing masks as necessary.
  - John Weddleton – e-mail: [WeddletonJ@muni.org](mailto:WeddletonJ@muni.org) – (907)-770-6875 - Not present tonight. Attending another Community Council Meeting tonight.
- **State Representatives –**
  - Jenifer Johnston - Present tonight. Chaired finance committee yesterday to distribute Covid money. Issue about many businesses that received \$1,000 federal funds and now are not eligible for State funds, because of the rules. Working on meeting the public's needs. Dianne Holmes concerned about University of Alaska Systems lack of funding. Concerned about Covid issues, like on M/V Tustumena Ferry. With oil averaging \$40/barrel, that makes the current State budget a \$300 million deficit without the PFD in the formula. Running for reelection. Discussed her position in detail.
  - Senator Cathy Giessel – Present tonight. Agrees with Dianne about University of Alaska System funding problems. Working on Unemployment Insurance issues with constituents. Capital budget has not yet been passed. In the hands of the Senate. Working on when they will reconvene to finalize. There will be a revenue challenge. Cathy has seen support for statewide sales tax. Motor vehicle fuel tax raise from \$0.08 to \$0.16/gal, ran out of time at the end of the session. Will re-visit that. Nancy Pease brought up Windy Corner road project on Seward Hwy. Like that the formula for PFD's to be changed, since she feels the 1980 formula will not work. Tried hard to change the formula, but not enough agreement between legislators. Dianne Holmes concerned about legislators doing Covid travel and being on the floor without masks. Running for reelection. Discussed her position in detail. Wants to see the Permanent Fund grow up to \$100 billion range as then the earnings would be able to sustain state budget. Part of her reason to not support large PFD amount. Her relationship with the Governor's office is better because with Ben Stevens in the office there is direct communication. Ben Stevens is Governor's Chief of Staff.
  - **Adam Lees** – Running for House 28 as a Democrat. Has no Democrat challengers in primary. In seminary now. Things happened. Discussed his position in detail.
- **ASD School Board Member** – Not present tonight
- **ANC Fire Department Station 10** – Not present tonight.
- **Treasurers Report** – Savings from May = at \$316.29 + Checking at \$1,312.92 = \$1,629.29. Keith now has the check book. Paid an invoice with Hydro Axe.

### **New Business**

- **Capital Improvement Projects (CIP) 2021 Priority Review –**
  - **Ann Rappoport** - Reviewed chart that was prepared with final results. Reviewed a Zoom survey from May meeting. Google survey was put on internet screen for members to review. Added all votes together in 2021 total column. Due date is next Monday. Results are as follows:
    - Parks and Rec – Top 3 projects are: Chugach State Park Access Improvements, Identify, Survey, Plat Signage for existing but undeveloped pedestrian easements, Rabbit Gateway at Old Seward & Rabbit Creek Intersection, Section 36 Park Improvements.
    - AK State Projects: Top 3 projects are: Rabbit Creek Road Upgrade from Seward Hwy to Golden View DR, Old Seward Hwy Upgrade from Rabbit Creek Rd to Potter Valley Dr, Left Turn Pocket on Rabbit Creek Road to Old Seward Hwy.

- MOA Projects – Top 3 Projects are: Hillside Fire Prevention and Mitigation, New Hillside Fire Evacuation Route Developments, Golden View Drive Pedestrian/Bicycle Pathway, Chugach State Park Access Improvements.

## **Old Business –**

- **LUT Follow Up Items/Updates-** No meeting occurred in June. Nancy Pease wants to gear up for signage and speed limit of Old Seward Hwy on East side of Potter Marsh between Rabbit Creek Road and Potter Valley Drive. Currently posted at 45 mph. Should be lowered, to a yet to be determined safe speed.
- **Solarize Anchorage** – Joel Cladouhos – Alaska Solar is contractor for Rabbit Creek. 1 of 4 Anchorage neighborhoods participating. 26% federal tax credit this year, that will sunset soon. Sign-up deadline is August 28<sup>th</sup>. No cost site visit. RCCC website has all information via links. June 16<sup>th</sup> is next web chat meeting. Still have 25 contracts committed in Rabbit Creek area, installed 4 systems so far this year.
- **Resilience Committee** – At Ky's home they did some assessment last week. Backlog of 150 home inspections from last year. No 2020 sign-ups available.
- **HALO** – Had discussion about subdivision and platting along Canyon Road. Issue goes before the platting board in June. Homeless discussion and support of Assembly.

## **New Business - Not time critical**

- **Voting rules for teleconference meetings** - Judy Michael working the issues. Intend to clarify the Open Meetings Law and how it will be incorporated into RCCC Bylaws. Trying to make it legal to use a teleconference meeting and voting to legally bind issues. Should have her study completed soon to present to the RCCC Board.
- **New Development Impact on Existing Roads**- New subdivision going in and concern about road maintenance. And they are not signed up. Dianne Holmes is working this subject and does not have answers right now.
- **Request to Assembly - RCCC comment on closed hearing when new or incorrect/wrong information is added to the record.** – Canyon View Plat is where this occurred. Dianne Holmes described the issue. John Weddleton has been working on the issue. Platting board follows Roberts Rules of Order, which does not allow verbal or written inputs at later dates. Suzanne LaFrance and John Weddleton are looking into this issue.
- **Moen Park Update – Grace Johnston**– Update on renovations proposed at Moen Park. Grant from Anchorage Park Foundation was obtained. Need a contractor to do the install. Volunteer hours help provide required match. Showed the proposed exercise equipment chosen for the park. Judy Michaels suggests cameras for security. To date, there has been no vandalism at Moen Park. Trimming bushes has helped keep vagrants and pot smokers away from the park.
- **Anchor Gardens Program**- Link on RCCC website regarding gardening help, tools, etc. Google Anchor Gardens Anchorage to find the website.
- **HALO**- Mike Kenny – Short meeting recently to talk about Canyon View Subdivision. Next meeting is August.
- **Potter Valley**- Recent bear visits. Be cautious.
- **Rabbit Creek Trail**- Dianne Holmes - Looking for design of a tool shed to be located at Fire Station 10 for tools to be used for trail maintenance. Need someone to sharpen and maintain tools. Invasive pea vetch along the road needs to be removed and need volunteers to remove it and other invasives. Normally kids from McLaughlin Youth Center do some trail work. Need volunteer to scan older RCCC information and papers, including from the Moen Family.
  - **Motion Dianne Holmes & 2nd Mike Kenny** – For \$400 To hire someone to organize, sort, and scan documents from RCCC. Discussion - Could be a big job. Voting Results via Zoom Method = 11 Yes, 1=No, 0= Abstain. Motion passed. Concern was raised about voting at an Informational Meeting not counting.

## **RCCC Organizational Reports -**

**Next Meeting** – Location to be determined for July. Perhaps outdoors at Moen Park or Storck Park. Storck Park costs \$95 and meeting must be completed by 8:00 pm.

### **Action Items –**

- Suzanne LaFrance asked that folks send her and John ideas on how to use the COVID funds received by the Muni.
- Ann will enter RCCC CIP priorities into the Muni 2021 Survey database by the 6/15 due date and will send those to RCCC area elected leaders (State Senate and House, Anchorage Assembly).
- LUT Comm will address effectively requesting that the Muni designate a lower speed limit on Old Seward Highway south of Rabbit Creek.
- Judy will draft a proposal about voting during teleconference/video meetings.
- Suzanne and John will look into issues raised around new developments impacting existing subdivision roads and the developer's responsibility for impacts/improvements; and allowing public input when new or false information is presented at hearings.
- Add request for trails assistance to RCCC website/Nextdoor/Facebook.

**Meeting adjournment**– Meeting adjourned at 8:53 pm.