

Rabbit Creek Community Council Meeting Minutes for Thursday, September 10, 2020

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Location: Internet Zoom Meeting

Board Roll Call - Present: Ann Rappoport (Co-Chair), Ky Holland (Co-Chair), David Sterling (Secretary), Keith Guyer (Co-Treasurer), Judy Michael, Dianne Holmes, Mike Kenny, Bert Lewis, Jess Grunblatt

Absent: Joel Cladouhos, Paul Gionet

Board Member Co-Chair – Ann Rappoport and Ky Holland - Opened the meeting at 7:02 pm. 9 board members and over 14 members. Ky Holland had each person introduce themselves attending via Internet Zoom. Declared a General Meeting after enough members arrived online. Advised of recording the meeting. New vote taking method being tried out tonight.

- **Agenda** – September Agenda – Added Title 23 Building Code Issues and Approved as written by Ky Holland.
- **August Minutes** – **Motion to Approve Judy Michael & 2nd Jess Grunblatt** – To approve with spelling corrections. Dianne Holmes suggested including encumbrances information on treasurer's report, that will be done on future minutes.
 - Vote by Zoom method: Yes=13; No=0; Abstain=0. Motion passes.
- Attendance - Total with ±21 RCCC members and guests in attendance on internet via Zoom. Declared a General 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 – Present tonight. Also, she is a new Independent Candidate for State House 28 Representative. Alarmed by fiscal crisis. Believes in balanced budget. Great place to live and grow up. Website: voteforsuzanne.com.
 - **John Weddleton** – e-mail: WeddletonJ@muni.org – (907)-770-6875 – On line tonight. Building code updated in MOA every 6 years, or so. Brings in the new International Building Code (IBC). Document being presented shows the amendments to IBC. Biggest issue is a requirement for fire sprinklers in a new home, if built away from fire hydrant access. Would be a significant cost, \$20,000 to \$40,000 per new home. The document suggests a 40,000 gal water source, to allow 5,000 gal every five minutes for initial response. This would add to other constraints, one being the house needs two egresses. Gave an example at Potter Highlands where they had to install sprinklers because they went over a 30-home threshold without two egress roads. Concerned about costs. Scheduled for MOA Assembly action on 9/29/20. Delay is not desired by builders. Discussion about how one would accomplish water storage, pumps, and power that gets cut off in a fire. Members suggested a delay in approval. Ordinance document sent out by MOA is 237 pages. Suzanne LaFrance filled in for John who lost contact. Mike Kenny concerned about the new house requirement extending out to if someone sells their house having to upgrade with fire sprinkler system. Nancy Pease concerned about 1) Not really a LUT issue and should be assigned to a committee. 2) Wondered if Climate Action Plan Staff had looked at the ordinance. Storm Water Utility Advisory Commission - 9 members have been appointed, 10th member to be an attorney not yet selected. Two Hillside members are: Ann Brooks and Mike Dunns. Award to Stantec pending for study. Anchor Ride program delivering groceries from stores offering curbside pickup. Our area is premium and has costs. MOA Chambers will be reopened in September. Phone testimony will still be an option. Will relook at Public Hearings.
 - **Motion Ann Rappoport & 2nd Judy Michael** – Ann wrote this motion in chat box that reads: Send letter to MOA Assembly asking to delay the vote on the proposed Building Code ordinance due to the complexities and length of changes proposed. Particularly we are concerned about the requirement for internal fire sprinklers and have other questions, for example would existing homes have to be retrofitted? What is the date of this requirement?
 - **Comments:** Jess concerned about existing homes in RCCC area. Nancy Pease wants staff summary to review in regard to Climate Action Plan.
 - **Vote:** Yes= 13; No=0 ; Abstain=4. Motion passes. Ann to draft letter. No volunteers to review document.
- **State Representatives** – **Jenifer Johnston** - Not present tonight. **Senator Cathy Giessel** – Not present tonight.
- **Candidates for Offices -**
 - **Carl Johnson** - Democratic Candidate for State Senate for this District 10. Has videos and information on his website, carlforalaska.com. Meeting on policy discussions, education, health care, others.
 - **Care Clift**- Independent Candidate for State Senate District 10. Full PFD. Fair choice in election. Full rights for all people. Libertarian. Against government interference. Website: carecliftforalaska.com.
 - **James Kaufman**- Republican Candidate for State House. Has capacity at HALO and Firewise. Running because it is time for a change.
 - **ASD School Board Member** – Not present tonight
 - **ANC Fire Department Station 10** – Not present tonight.

Old Business & Committee Reports

- **LUT Follow Up Items/Updates-**
 - **Windy Corner (Seward Hwy MP 105-107) Realignment** – Letter to ADOT (copy to ADNR) sent 8/14/20 per August meeting vote (see RCCC website).
 - **Request for Corrective Action on Village Scenic Parkway Violation** – Letter submitted to Muni, 8/4/20, with copies to landowners and others.
 - **Alaska Long Trail** – Letter still being studied and written.
 - **Request Trail Connectivity Planning** – No further advancement. Nancy Pease – HDP shows a connectivity corridor along 156th Ave Section Line from Golden View Drive, eastward up to Bear Valley area, the Bear Valley School and up to Section 36 Park. There has been recent subdivision activity along the corridor border. Doing research on how to

get adjacent neighbors and property owner involved, volunteers, scope the cost of the project, get Municipality buy-in, schedule, and sources of funding. A work in progress.

- **S4 River Hills Estate Platting Proposal** – Nothing has been submitted yet.
- **Old Seward Hwy Reduced Speed Limit**- Letter to be out soon and posted on website.
- **Solarize Anchorage** — 31 houses signed up in Solarize Rabbit Creek. 24 already installed. They have availability to install more this year.
- **Resilience Committee** – Ky Holland–John See thank you letter issued. Continue to keep the drum beat up at MOA.
- Neighborhood Gateway Committee – Pulled weeds on 8/29/20. Really need volunteers on a committee to develop and push thru details. Dianne Holmes advises that we need to get a goat to take care of the weeds. Want to be able to do more than just put up a sign. Volunteers put their names in chat.
- **HALO** – No report.
- **Potter Valley Neighborhood** – No Report.

New Business

- **Seward Hwy-Dimond to O'Malley Improvements** – Ky Holland – Rebuild the Dimond Scooter Road and O'Malley intersections. Ann advised that comments due Nov 3rd, the Scooter Academy roundabout. RCCC had previously recommended that this was a waste of money. Also, would be a major expense to MOA to handle 14,000 cars per day into a sleepy neighborhood. John Weddleton advised he was opposed to the Scooter Road underpass, but there was no stopping it. You win some, you lose some. State project and if they want to build the road, they can build the road.
- **HALO** – Candidates forum soon. Requesting funding. Will be Zoom meeting. Will rent a room and have all candidates in one room.
 - Motion Dianne Holmes & 2nd Mike Kenny – Donate \$25 to HALO for meeting. Vote Yes=12; No=0; Abstain=3. Motion passes.
 - Meeting to be at Bear Valley School to discuss Storck Park and Radio-Controlled Plane issues. Capitol Group discusses Water Park questions about setback vacations 50' setback because a stream that is not there this year. Glen Alps Rabbit Lake Trailhead issue.
- Vote for Board in November. Need to be at one meeting in past 12 months to be a RCCC voting member. October is last chance to attend and meet that membership requirement.
- **Treasurers Report** – Savings = \$316.33. Checking=\$1,313.10 Total = \$1,629.43. A little interest. \$400 encumbered for scanning RCCC documents for archives. Paul Gionet working on membership roster.

Next Meeting – Oct 8th. Proposed Zoom Meeting as fallback. Will wait to see what Covid situation is at the time before finalizing.

Action Items –

- Building Code Changes Letter
- Letter to ADOT requesting redacted speed and wildlife signage for Old Seward Hwy between Rabbit Ck & Potter Valley
- Invitation on Gateway Property volunteers.

Meeting adjournment – **Motion to Adjourn Ann Rappoport & 2nd Simon** - Meeting adjourned at 8:31 pm.