

Rabbit Creek Community Council Meeting Minutes for Thursday, November 12, 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 a little before 7:00 pm. 10 board members and a total of over 52 attendees, of which over 38 are RCCC members. Ann Rappoport had each person sign-in on the Zoom Chat for attendance. For some it worked and other not, depending on what device each person was using. The attendance list is attached. Declared a General Meeting. Advised of recording the meeting. Described methods to vote on issues for this meeting. People calling in on telephone will need to phone Nic Kinsman at 202-306-5736 for voting and to sign-in via text. Lots of coaching by Ky and Ann to accomplish sign-in. Will be performing an election tonight. Described voting eligibility: own property in the area and having attended one meeting in the last year.

- **Agenda** – November Agenda – Available on screen or via website, on Google enter Rabbit Creek Community Council, link on right hand side gets to the agenda. Other documents being presented will also be available at RCCC website. Polling question about attendance, details, and instructions provided. Agenda approved.
- **October Minutes – Motion to Approve Judy Michael & 2nd Bert Lewis** – To approve as written.
 - Vote by Zoom method: Yes=34; No=0; Abstain=7. Motion passes.
- Attendance - Total with ±62 RCCC members and guests in attendance on internet and phones via Zoom. Declared a General Meeting.
- Poll Question by Ky Holland requiring attendees to vote online – Board Member=8; RCCC member=38; RCCC Resident First Time Attending=4; Guest=4.

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 – Not Present tonight. Attending another Community Council Meeting.
- **John Weddleton** – e-mail: WeddletonJ@muni.org – (907)-770-6875 – On line tonight. Anchorage extended Emergency Mandates to Nov 30th. Will have a public hearing to extend beyond Nov 30th, on Oct 16th. Suzanne and John are working on how to do the Emergency in a normal way without giving the Mayor extended powers. Not a simple thing. Budget hearings underway, then vote next Tuesday, Nov 17th. Budget increase is less than 2%. Budget Cap grows with inflation, which is low and population, which is decreasing. Building codes for requiring fire sprinklers in new homes, an amendment to exempt for single family homes and townhouses. Which makes it a non-issue. Working on incentives if one includes sprinklers. Put money in bank from ML&P sale. Will act as sort of a Permanent Fund adding \$4 to \$6 million per year in revenue to budget. Mountain Air Drive is under discussion to get Federal Funding. RFP has been issued. Will be an AMATS project that starts from scratch, rather than starting where it was left off previously. John and Suzanne are doing a virtual Facebook Live Community Meeting Saturday, Nov 14th.
- **State Representatives – Jenifer Johnston** – Not present tonight. **Senator Cathy Giessel** – Present tonight. Covid virus: Governor recently extended portions of SB241 Disaster Declaration Legislation related to the Covid Virus Mandate since all aspects of virus are increasing. Concern to call an extended session. Rules are that only Legislature can extend Disaster Declaration Legislation. Concern is the Covid money appropriations and any possible lawsuits. Pfizer vaccine is a complicated vaccine that needs to be kept on extremely cold temperatures. Messenger RNA starts to erode as temperatures rise. Doses are packaged in 1,000 dose increments. Hard to handle for Bush situations. Sorting out bumps in the road. State does have a vaccine plan. There are dilemmas that need to be resolved.
- **Candidates for Offices and Ballot Measures -**
- **Carl Jenkins** – Candidate for School Board, introduced himself and added some information. Will return.

New Business

- **November Elections** – Ky Holland described offices available and a proposed slate of people that have shown interest to either continue to be on the board or will be new to the board. The Proposed Slate of those who are currently nominated include those listed below. Each person's bio information was provided in a handout and each person gave a verbal description online. Floor nominations offered online, but there were none.
 - **Current Board Members & their terms, who are interested in continuing to be on the Board and serve 2-year terms:**
 - Ann Rappoport – 2-year term
 - David Sterling – 2-year term
 - Judy Michaels – 1-year term
 - Dianne Holmes – 1-year term
 - **Additional Nominations for the Board, willing to serve in 1-year terms:**
 - Nowlin Withers – 1-year term

- Michelle Turner – 1-year term
- Carl Johnson – 1-year term
- **Motion Dianne Homes & 2nd Cindy Kinard** – To accept the Slate of 7 Candidates as proposed.
 - Vote by Zoom method: Yes=48; No=0; Abstain=4. Motion passes.
- Acknowledgement and Thanks to previous Board Members: Ky Holland, Bert Lewis, Joel Cladouhos; was made by Nancy Pease, Joan Diamond.
- Current Board Members who will continue their 2-yr terms: Paul Gionet, Jess Grunblatt, Keith Guyer, Mike Kenny.
- New Board will have a meeting soon to vote for available offices amongst the board.

Old Business & Committee Reports

- **Land Use & Transportation Committee** – Meets first Thursday of each month. 4 letters went out from LUT over the past month.
 - **S4 – River Hills Estates Platting Proposal** – Dianne Holmes showed the current proposed plat. Previously had zoom meeting where they discussed various road issues. Owner appears to participate in road maintenance. Owner will include a north-south access trail easement along the eastern edge, to connect to an east-west platted easement. The north-south easement needs to go clear across the subdivision, across the creek up to 156th Ave easement. Asked for 20' to 30' wide easement. They mentioned only a 10' easement. Trails are not actually that wide but need to wiggle around rocks, trees, and things. Also requested lot purchasers allow wildlife access by not being allowed to completely fence in their property. LUT Comm has developed set of comments with these summarized points: 1) Repairs on Mountain Air Estates Road coordination. 2) Future homeowners contribute to road maintenance for access to Rabbit Creek Road. 3) Plats delineate slopes greater than 30% not be disturbed as required by Title 21. 4) Ensure public easements are shown on the plat including notes, including the north-south trail connection. 5) Public easements connect to other adjacent trails and easements. 6) Condition of easements are constructed consistent with other nearby easements. 7) Ensure the north south easement is platted all the way to Little Rabbit Creek and 156th Ave. Easements need to be listed on the plat. Nancy Pease suggested a new point that Pedestrian Easements need to be 20' to 30' wide to be consistent with nearby easements, and to allow for sustainable construction on nearby slopes and creek. Another new item regarding fencing to be minimized to minimize wildlife interactions, and add a Prader Trail head photo.
 - **Motion Ann Rappoport & 2nd Nancy Pease** – To approve the above comments.
 - Vote by Zoom method: Yes=34; No=2; Abstain=3. Motion passes.
 - **Villages Scenic Parkway Violations Update** – Ann Rappoport described the history to date on this issue. There are still outstanding questions, summarized. Title 21 Violations and Title 23 Violations. RCCC folks thought remediation was required. MOA is waiting for a request for permit change. Some permits requirements are under old Title 21 and some under new Title 21. Dates of non-compliance from back in July and September 2020, which is when MOA put a Stop Work Order on the project. Nancy Pease adds that violations go back to August of 2017 when revegetation was required. 30 days of fine. Which Title 21 is this project under? Landowner Greg Wika advised that the survey has been completed and they are working on drawings. Requested to be invited and involved when meeting with MOA occurs.
 - **Motion Nancy Pease & 2nd Nowlin Withers** – For RCCC Co-Chairs to take the concerns to MOA for continued discussion.
 - Discussions: Greg Wika asked question about authority of RCCC on this sort of issue. Ky and Ann responded that RCCC acts just like any citizen and the City takes any action necessary. Started off because of neighbors' concern. RCCC has no power or authority. Community Councils may carry more weight than one citizen, which is why we take and publish votes on issues. Community Councils are allowed more time at hearings to discuss issues. The RCCC has a reputation for heavy lifting on Land Use issues and our LUT Committee members have more knowledge than many MOA personnel regarding history and old plans and documents. We provide an interesting lens and some valuable documents and plans that may be overlooked by MOA folks. Susan Malay advised that neighbors have collectively advocated for low density in the Villages Scenic Pkwy area. This is not a single issue. Neighbors have a long history on issues. Neighbors have been appalled with the quantity of earth transportation up and down their roadway all summer long. It is only fair that all contractors follow the rules.
 - Vote by Zoom method: Yes=36; No=4; Abstain=2. Motion passes.
 - **Heritage Land Bank Work Plan (HLB)** – Plan is to re-submit RCCC comments from last year. Due date Dec 10th. Dianne Holmes described what HLB is and their activities. In the past, the plan included a helpful chart listing land disposals and other proposed uses of HLB parcels; recommend it be added to this plan and included each year.
 - **Motion Bert Lewis & 2nd Nancy Pease** - Send letter thanking HLB for adopting recommendations RCCC made last year, repeating comments that remain pertinent, and recommending inclusion of the parcels chart.
 - Vote by Zoom method: Yes=34; No=0; Abstain=2. Motion passes.
 - **Statewide Transportation Projects** – Nancy Pease – Comments on 1) Long Range Transportation Plan were submitted. Others can submit by Dec 10th. 2) 156th School Access Corridor no formal process to follow. DNR is manager of Section Lines. RCCC needs to ask MOA to be the applicant for non-objection of easements along 156th Ave. Need to research plats and deeds to make sure there is a continuous easement. Looking for knowledgeable volunteers. 3) Non-Motorized Transportation Plan is in agency review stage. Draft to be out in a couple months.

Most is about bicycle plan because the staff determined that pedestrian plans are complex. LUT decided to ask at this stage that this version of the plan supplements, but does not override, the existing trails plan of the Hillside District Plan, and ask for policies that support the kind of corridor we are asking for along 156th Ave, bicycle and pedestrian corridors away from the road system. Right now MOA does not have policies worked out for this type of request.

- **Motion Nancy Pease & 2nd Ann Rappoport** – Item 2 and 3 above. Ky Holland suggested this motion be tabled for further study at the December meeting. Bert Lewis suggests a summary document be developed. All agreed.

- **Old Seward Hwy – Reduced speed and wildlife signage** – No activity.
- **Alaska Long Trail** - No activity yet.
- **Solarize Anchorage** — Early bird discount will be offered again next year.
- **Windy Corner Road Renovation Proposition** – Someone from ADOT&PF will be at December RCCC meeting to provide information.
- **Request Trail Connectivity Planning** – No report.
- **Resilience Committee** – No report.
- **HALO** – No report.
- **Treasurer's Report** – Savings = \$316.33. Checking=\$1,313.10 Total = \$1,629.43. \$400 encumbered to scan/organize previous documents.

Next Meeting – December 10th. Proposed Zoom Meeting as fallback.

Meeting adjournment – Meeting adjourned at 9:05 pm.