

Rabbit Creek Community Council Meeting Minutes for Thursday, April 10, 2025
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Location: Goldenview Middle School closed for weather reasons, on Internet Zoom Meeting
Board Roll Call - Present: Tim Alderson (Chair), Mike Malvick (Vice-Chair), Matt Blakslee (Treasurer), David Sterling (Secretary), Judy Michael, Nancy Pease, Ann Rappoport, John Riley
Absent: Amanda Doughty, Justin Veit, Grace Johnston,

Board Member Chair Tim Alderson - Opened the meeting formally starting at 7:10 pm. Requested everyone to sign-in on Zoom. Determined 8 board members and over 23 attendees total on zoom and in person. Declared a Quorum and General Meeting. Tim Alderson described the Sign-In Method. RCCC follows Roberts' Rules of Order. The attendance list is attached. Zoom advised of recording the meeting. Described methods to vote on issues for this meeting. People calling in on telephone will need to vote in the chat. Described voting eligibility, attendance of one prior meeting in past 12 months. Described Zoom protocol and instructions. Land Acknowledgement – Meeting on unceded lands of the Dena'ina Athabascan. New format on agenda. Intended for AI minutes.

- **April Agenda** – Tim Alderson asked about additions. Approved.
 - **Motion Matt Blakeslee & 2nd Ann Rappoport** – Approved by voice vote.
- **March Minutes** – **Motion Ann Rappoport & 2nd Nancy Pease** – Approved by voice vote.
- **Treasurer Report** – February amounts: Savings \$xxx + Checking \$xxx = \$1,956.13 available.
- **Persons Not on the Agenda** – No requests.

Announcements & Legislative Reports:

- **Assembly Members for RCCC Area -**
 - **Randy Sulte** – (907) 343-4121 - Randy.Sulte@anchorageak.gov – Not present.
 - **Zac Johnson** - (907) 343-4122 - Zac.Johnson@anchorageak.gov – Horses on property issue has been postponed. Randy Sulte and Zac have cosponsored a series of AIMS putting RCCC comments into the record. Two ordinances regarding firearms have been postponed, \$4 mil approved for housing. Budget revisions on 4/22. Certify municipal election. Wood Lot opens May 1st free of charge. Port of Alaska terminals 1 being replaced. Terminal 2 construction in 2027. Funding for Performing Arts Center funding under review.
- **Representative Ky Holland** – Cell (907) 727-2735 – Duty calls, Not present.
- **Senator Cathy Giessel** – cell (907) 242-5450 – sen.cathy.giessel@akleg.gov – Described situation with HB69, 2-sentences about the SBA at \$1,000, nothing else. Not sure if it will pass or be accepted by the Governor. Tim Alderson asked if a letter in support would be acceptable and where to aim the letter. Lots of discussion.
- **Anchorage School District** – Carl Jacobson – Cell (907) – email = jacobson_carl@asdk-12.org – In Juneau in spirit all day watching proceedings. Appreciate Juneau \$1,000 BSA for vote tomorrow. Cell phone ban. Student nutrition issues.

Opening Comments & People Not on Agenda

- Tim Alderson – Two items regarding FCC – 1) Ad hoc Land Uses Committee between Community Councils. 2) Expanding ways to reach out to RCCC people. Storm Water Utilities issues. How does it fit with the tax cap? Concern about tax cap.

New Business and Old Business Requiring Action & Reports

- **AO 2025-33 Amending 050 Amending Title 21 Technical Corrections** – Already approved by LUC and Board. Michael Malvick – Based on errors in Title 21 Ordinance. MOA always in a hurry Ordinances.
 - **Motion Ann Rappoport & 2nd Matt Blakeslee** - To accept the items listed on screen.
 - Results: Yes = 12, No = 0, Abstain = 2 - Motion passes.
- **AO 2025-35 Tax Incentive for Housing** - Mike Malvick – Tax Incentive to Developers who build 4 or more units on a property. Document shown on screen, Tax abatement for multi housing meeting certain circumstances. Do not desire to subsidize short term rentals. Designed towards downtown, not RCCC area. 15 year to maximum of 25-year abatement on property taxes.
 - **Motion Ann Rappoport & 2nd Dianne Holmes** - To accept the proposal as written.
 - Results: Yes = 13 No = 0 Abstain = 1 - Motion passes.

- **AO 2025-40 Establishing Details for Rezones Initiated by Administration** - Ann Rappoport – Streamlining the process for rezones and gives the Planning Director a lot of power by excluding the planning and zoning commission and community meetings on some rezones. Described and reviewed the proposal and the letter by Land Use Transportation Committee letter that was on screen and has been sent to MOA. MOA postponed all ordinances to 4/22/25. Since the letter has already been submitted as written. LUTC to keep tabs on the letter.
 - **Motion Matt Blakeslee 2nd Cindy Wray** – To accept the letter as submitted.
 - Results: Yes = 13 No = 1 Abstain = 1 - Motion passes.
- **Town Square and Solar Access Rights** – Dianne Holmes – Described downtown solar access for the park which has been in place since 1985 with height limits for buildings three blocks south of the park from the Penny's garage to City Hall. However, 2 years ago the Assembly with a late-night amendment to the downtown revitalization ordinance and after the public hearing was closed, removed those height limits, thus now allowing 200' buildings. Randy Sulte has an ordinance drafted that would reestablish the lower building heights, except for a compromise on part of the Penny's garage in case the tall hotel—that prompted the change—is ever built. There is already a deed restriction for 26' on the 6th Ave Outfitters building that was sold in 1992 at half its value just to retain solar access to the park. Reviewed graphics of shadowing with 200' buildings. This issue will be on MOA Assembly in later April. Voters just approved \$2.9 million for Town Square Park improvements that would be diminished if adjacent taller buildings are allowed.
- **Email Distribution List Distribution** – Contact information needs to go thru FCC, We can't distribute ourselves. Precedent on Rogers Park for increasing our engagement. Needs some management from outside agency to regulate. Is there a will to go forward with this? FCC has an email database. Tim will sponsor. FCC is starting to roll out a new website in mid-April. Start after this.
 - **Motion Matt Blakeslee 2nd Ann Rappoport** – To move forward with the email list.
 - Results: Yes = 13 No = 0 Abstain = 0 - Motion passes.
- **Staton 9 AFD** – Ben Schultz online for wildfire training. Had rehabilitation after a fall. Defined benefits plan for retired members. Wildfire and new supervisor preparation and interaction. Snow fall today good for fire prevention. Expecting high ground fire issues this summer.
- **Education Committee and Bill** – Rachel Blakeslee – Wrote letter on support of School legislature issues and revising by RCCC members. Advocating for \$1,000 BSA increase. Long Term Sustainable Educational issues. No PFD should be larger than amount in BSA increase. Need to act swiftly. Teachers are leaving state because of uncertainty. Cathy says to shorten and bold the letter.
 - **Motion Ann Rappoport 2nd Nancy Pease** – To move forward with this wording letter to legislature.
 - Results: Yes = 13; No = 2[Abstain = 0 - Motion passes.
 - **Motion Ann Rappoport 2nd Matt Blakeslee** – To extend the meeting by 10 minutes.
 - Approved by voice vote.

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- **Land Use Committee** – Nancy Pease – Transportation Fair April 15th at Alaska Airline Stadium.
- **Education Committee** – Rachel Blakeslee – Meeting 4th Thursday of every month.
- **Resilience Committee** – Meets 4th Monday of each month. April 28th. Wildfire Fair in May. Clearing at Utility Easements on going at locations.
- **FCC** – Report in chat.
- **HALO** – No report.
- **Schools on Trails** – No report.
- **Social Media** – No report.
- **Next Meeting** – May 8, 2025. Zoom meeting and GV School in person.
- **Meeting adjournment** – **Motion Cindy Wray & 2nd Ann Rappoport** - Adjourned at 9:08 pm.