

Rabbit Creek Community Council
Board meeting - August 12, 1999

Board members in attendance: Scott Sell, Greg Ross, Carol Fries, Barbara Weinig, Nancy Pease, Bruce Seppi, Jess Grunblatt.

MINUTES

1. **Discussion of general issues with APD officers.**

Dump trucks. The officers said they've responded to citizen complaints about speeding dump trucks, and have issued some tickets. Officer expressed frustration that traffic court is lenient and does not follow through with penalties after tickets are issued. Regarding enforcement of dump truck muffler requirements, there are 5 officers city-wide who inspect dump trucks for mufflers, safety equipment, etc.

High school drivers. The officers said they are aware of the tendency of some high school drivers to speed on Rabbit Creek Road. They monitor all main routes and try to vary their speed traps.

Illegal ATV and snowmachine use. The best way for citizens to help officers catch illegal ATV and snowmachine drivers is to learn the names and addresses of the drivers so officers can meet them at their residences.

Mailbox vandalism is a problem on South Golden View.

Drag racing is a problem on the newly paved part of Old Rabbit Creek Road. Officers said they'll keep an eye open there.

2. **Minutes from June meeting adopted.** Motion by Ross, second by Fries: unanimous.

3. **Treasurer's report.** Balance unchanged from July, at \$1,145.35.

4. **Short announcements/items of concern.**

Will there be landscaping on re-constructed stretches of Rabbit Creek Road?
Answer: apparently just what you see, plus topsoil and seeding.

Resident is noticing the noise from heavy equipment at Goldenview Gate subdivision at 6 a.m. and late at night and asked whether there are limits on hours of operation. (No answer given.)

Residents are concerned about the enforceability of the requirements to limit clearing in Goldenview Gate subdivision. How will Muni enforcement staff document what trees survived beetle epidemic, so that beetle-kill isn't an alibi for over-clearing? Examples of good and bad Muni enforcement were raised.
Response: Sell will invite a zoning enforcement official to come to next Community council meeting to discuss the procedures for enforcement and the track record (presumably the record in our council area) on future capability.

5. **New lead time for agenda items.** Submit any items for Rabbit Creek Community council agenda to the Council President, Scott Sell, 15 days before the next Council meeting..
6. **Assembly report from Dick Tremaine.**
Comprehensive plan. The public hearing on an ordinance to adopt goals and objectives was postponed until October 19. The Assembly held a workshop with the mayor and planning staff, and Mr. Tremaine says that gave him more confidence in the process for public involvement.

Liquor license at ice rink. Polar Ice Rink at O'Malley Road was cooperative in working out conditions for a liquor license to sell beer in the evenings.

Ordinance for full funding of road amenities. Pat Abney introduced an ordinance to require full funding of road amenities such as sidewalks on Muni projects. It was postponed until August 17. Contact Assembly members.

Tanglewood Golf Course dome. Assembly granted permission for a 70-foot high driving range next to the Seward Highway.

Ship Creek. Assembly overrode mayoral veto, so the tax break for re-development zone is in effect.

Coastal Trail funding. Will Assembly approve the funding for route analysis at August meeting. Abney and Tremaine said there hasn't been much discussion. Abney routinely gets lobbied by opponents. Scott Sell will forward RCCC's previous resolution which mentioned support for funding and for an analysis of alternatives.

Reduced bus service in South Anchorage. **Resolution** by Pease, second by Fries, passes 6-0 with 1 abstention. RCCC opposes the Muni's reduction of bus service in South Anchorage, especially to the Zoo and Service High School. We also advocate better coordination of connecting routes between the downtown and the Dimond transit centers.

7. **Legislative report.** Rep. Con Bunde's aide, Patty Swanson, is willing to answer voters' questions about the statewide budget advisory vote in September. Discussion ensued on the Legislature's intended use of the money if the "yes" vote prevails. Sen. Parnell's aide said he'd investigate rumors on returning the maintenance of state roads to the city.
8. **Rabbit Creek Road reconstruction.** DOTPF didn't follow blueprints for the construction project and there was no community involvement in changing the design. Examples: missing north turn lane onto Goldenview, lack of 6-0foot-wide shoulders. Other complaints include the tight turning radius onto South Goldenview; the guardrail across the gated road to muni parkland where the road crosses Rabbit Creek; a driveway permit issue and fernwood, and the lack of pedestrian crossing amenities at Rabbit Creek and Goldenview intersection.

9. **65 MPH speed limit issue on Seward Highway** and on Minnesota Blvd. Criticism for lack of agency/community coordination. People had diverse opinions on the speed limit. No vote taken.
10. **Announcements from the Chair.** Muni task Force on human services is being formed. Contact Scott Sell if you're interested. New directory on mental health and counseling resources is available from API. There's a woodchipper in south Anchorage, sponsored by AFD. The Muni's comp. Plan will have 5 citizen advisory groups of 15 citizens each, by invitation.
11. **Moen Park playground development.** Resolution (Fries, Weinig second; passed 7-0). RCCC supports development of a playground at Ruth Moen Park.
12. **High school site reconsideration.** (Fries, Wienig second; passed 7-0). RCCC advocates reconsideration of Elmore Road high school site due to numerous incompatibilities with the residential neighborhood and the major traffic impacts. We advocate evaluation of an alternative site near Klatt Road and C Street and Minnesota.
13. **Draft ordinance on lot dimensions for cluster housing.** Discussion was a bit muddled; issue was delegated to a committee.
14. **Upcoming council elections.** 7 seats will be up for election in January. Submit nominations to Greg Ross.
15. **Adjournment.** (Pease, Ross second.)