

Rabbit Creek Community Council

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Letter from the Chair

Happy New Year.

The Rabbit Creek Community Council is looking forward to a busy year. There are many issues surrounding the development of the Rabbit Creek area and we are committed to trying to work with the city and the residents to develop a community that is healthy and maintain the quality of life so many of us moved out here to enjoy. The board members and I wish to welcome your attendance to the meetings and ask for your assistance in defining the future of Rabbit Creek.

At each meeting there are usually representatives from the Assembly, Anchorage School District, Anchorage Fire Department, and Anchorage Police Department. This month we will also have Parks and Rec representatives speaking on trail issues in the area.

One of our goals is to increase participation in the council. To that end we would like to ask each of you who receive this newsletter to ask a friend or neighbor in the area to add their name to our e-mail list. We hope by distributing newsletters to a greater number of residents we will be able to better serve the interests of the area. Please contact Wayne Skidmore at 345-3268 or wayneskid@msn.com to add your name to our mailing list.

Title 21 Committee Meetings Scheduled

Title 21 is the municipal code which regulates land use and development. After 35 years of building in the Anchorage bowl, this code is overdue for an update that keeps matches the Municipal Comprehensive Plan.

A number of meetings are scheduled for community input on the draft Title 21. Go to the website at: http://www.muni.org/planning/prj_Title21_Schedule.cfm for an overview of the process and a current schedule of upcoming meetings.

PLANNING & ZONING

1st/2nd Mon, 6 PM Loussac Library

2/13 Coastal Management Plan, #2005-067

3/13 Transportation Improvement Projects, comments due
Mar 3, #2006-037,

Zoning Bd Exam & Appeals

3/9 Iliamna Acres, Variance for minimum lot size, Buffalo/
142nd, #2006-028

ANCHORAGE ASSEMBLY Tuesdays, 6 PM Loussac Library

2/28 Forest Hts rezone 120 acres PLI to R7, S. Goldenview, #2005-139

Agenda Topics for Feb. 9, 2006 Community Council Meeting

7:00 pm Call to order, please sign in

Introductions

Agenda Approval

Minutes from January meeting

Treasurer's report

Legislative Report

Announcements & Comments

Sign ordinance amendments

Flowers 2006

Candidates Forum

Old Business:

Previous plats (Forest Heights, Views at Prominence)

Land Use Map

Title 21 Committee

Sign ordinance amendments

New Business:

*Hillside & Rabbit Creek area development~ Randy
Eledge with Ptarmigan Estates, Shawna Popavici &
Monique Anderson with Parks & Rec, Dee High with
Shangri-La East*

Committee Reports:

Hillside District Plan ~ Sub area circulation plan

Trails and Access

Neighborhood Association reports

LRSA reports

Community Policing Report

9:00 pm Adjourn

*Meetings are held at Rabbit Creek Community Church
(Rabbit Creek and Snowshoe Lane), the second Thursday
of each month, from 7:00 to 9:00 p.m. If enough registered
members attend to make the required quorum, the meeting
will be a General Meeting. Otherwise, a Board Meeting is
called. A quorum is 20% of membership.*

PLATTING

3/1 Shangi La East, 37 lots & a 40 ac tract, S-11452,

3/1 Views at Prominence, Request to amend conditions for
drainage & vegetation, S-11359

2006 Membership Form

Return to: Rabbit Creek Community Council, PO Box 112354, Anchorage, AK 99511

Dues (check one): ☐ \$3 /person or ☐ \$5 couple

Name(s) _____

Date _____

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2005 BOARD

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Mike Flister, Alternate

Coffee and Tea Donations Needed

Have you noticed your favorite tea is missing during Community Council meetings? Do you have strong opinions about Fair Trade coffee? Unfortunately we don’t have a budget line for refreshments, so we depend entirely on donations to supply our beverage cart, including sugar, cream, and stir sticks. Please consider getting two of your favorite hot beverage items on your next shopping trip, and bring one to share at Thursday’s meeting. Thanks from all!

Views at Prominence Request to Amend Plat Conditions

The owners of Views at Prominence have requested that some of their plat conditions be amended. Their request will be heard before the Platting Board Mar 1st and includes a reduction in the amount of vegetation that must be left undisturbed on the steep sloped subdivision and modifying drainage plans. Currently there is a stop work order in place for the subdivision.

New Board Members and Officers Elected

On January 12, more than 80 area residents in attendance at the annual General Membership meeting elected a new Board to serve for 2006. Elected to fill 2-year board seats were Charlie Barnwell, Peter Johnson, Dianne Holmes, and Dick Tremaine. Elected to fill 1-year seats were Peter Crimp, John Isby, and Gretchen Specht. Mike Flister will serve as Board Alternate. The new board would like to thank outgoing board member Thom Janidlo, who participated during the past year, and extend a special thanks to Jess Grunblatt who has generously contributed his time to serve on the board for several years, and who will no doubt continue to participate as a valued voice in the community. Thank you both for your for your time and dedication.

A special meeting of the newly elected board was held on January 14 to elect officers and discuss Council priorities for the new year. By unanimous vote the following slate of officers was elected to serve for 2006. Chair – Susanne Comellas, Vice-chair – Wayne Skidmore, Secretary – Charlie Barnwell, Treasurer – Donna Van Flein.

Flowers 2006

Think Spring. The municipal greenhouse will be providing flowers for the Rabbit Creek overpass garden for the 16th consecutive year. We will be looking for volunteers to help with planting, scheduled tentatively for Friday June 2, in the evening. There will be sign up sheets for weeding and watering or contact Susanne at 345-8171 or badger1@acsalaska.net.

Public Sewer/Water Extension?

On February 9th, the Council will discuss a request to amend the Hillside Wastewater Management Plan to extend public utilities from Prominence Pointe to an adjacent six-acre parcel in Ptarmigan Roost Subdivision where the owner would like to build 4 to 5 condos.

Shangri La East to Expand

An 80-acre parcel will come before the Platting Board March 1st to develop 37 lots on 40-acres with on-site utilities. The developer’s representative will present the plan before the Council on Feb. 9th.

Links and Contacts

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