

Rabbit Creek Community Council

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Comments from the Chair:

It's that time of year most notable for many of us by the lengthening of days; imperceptible at first, to be sure, but bringing with it a bit of hope and even eagerness for the glory days of summer.

Under the reflection of this last year's blue moon, it seems appropriate to take stock of the events in 2009 and to set course for this tenth year of the twenty-first century.

Some of the Rabbit Creek Community Council actions in 2009 included extensive comments/testimony/surveys on:

- Hillside District Plan_ Public Review Draft & Public Hearing Draft
- AMATS_Anchorage Bicycle Plan- Public Review Draft
- Parks & Recreation_ Strategic Planning
- Chugach State Park _Trail Management Plan
- Heritage Land Bank_ 2010-2014 Five year Management Plan
- Capital Projects Needs List_2010
- Section 36_Park Master Plan
- Title 21 Rewrite

We were also involved in over a dozen planning & zoning and platting issues occurring within our area. The most recent being our objection to an 8,000 sq.ft. Quonset horse barn built smack dab in the view shed of their neighbors in an area of Rabbit Creek far more rural than developed.

Additionally, in our town, a new Administration took office in the midst of a global recession that has played havoc with our investment returns. We do not know how long recovery will take or if we are in the "eye of the storm".

This is the hand that has been dealt as we head into 2010.

Examining our comments for a wide range of mostly municipal entities over the past years and then comparing the results, that is, what actually got priority or funded, could lead to a feeling of futility for citizens living in our area.

Perhaps 2010 is the right year for us to deal a hand. Yes, funding will be problematic but if we are prepared with a plan widely supported throughout the Rabbit Creek Community it won't be impossible the next time opportunity knocks.

Starting with Potter Marsh as the hub and the Eagle River Nature Center as a template, we can put together a comprehensive list of ideas aimed at emphasizing the values of conservation, outdoor recreation and nature observation. Conserve a major watershed (Legacy Point & HLB lands) nourishing Potter Marsh, build a trail from tidewater to headwater, redesign the Old Seward Highway behind Potter Marsh and add recreation trails & paths. Let's roll our sleeves up.

For generations our Rabbit Creek community has been home to very active, committed citizens working towards the common good in quality of life issues. The Alaskan tradition of leaving the "cabins" we use in our journeys in as good or better condition for those who will come along later, is a tradition worth continuing.

Happy New Year!

Be Well, Mike Kenny, Chair, RCCC

**Draft Agenda for Thursday, Jan. 14, 2009
Community Council Meeting
Goldenview Middle School
15800 Goldenview Drive**

- ❖ Call to order, introduction – Please sign in and indicate if you would like to receive e-mails from the Federation of Community Councils
- ❖ Approval of previous minutes
- ❖ Treasurer's Report
- ❖ Announcements & Comments from the floor

Legislative Reports: None Scheduled at This Time

- ❖ State Legislators
- ❖ Assembly members

Guest Speakers - None Scheduled at This Time

Ongoing Business (there may be no new information)

- ❖ Legacy Pointe
 - » Progress Report on formation of organization to conserve/develop the property
- ❖ Hillside District Plan – updates
 - » Forward to the Assembly in January; passed PZ 12/07
- ❖ Title 21 – status of zoning code changes
 - » Title 21 Rewrite Follow-Up Sections #1; Assembly 01/10

New Business

- ❖ Discussion- developing comprehensive list of actions with Potter Marsh as hub; such as:
 - » Nature Center modeled after Eagle River's
 - » Old Seward Highway improvements behind Potter Marsh
 - » Tidewater to Headwater trail from Potter/Moen Trail branching off to CSP
 - » Conserving swath of land between Old Seward & Goldenview, to include HLB & Legacy Point Parcels & Tracts
 - » Bring your proactive ideas

Reports

- ❖ Neighborhood Association reports
- ❖ Federation of Community Council (FCC) report
- ❖ Limited road Service Area (LRSA) reports

9:00 pm Adjourn

Meetings are held on 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.

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