

# Rabbit Creek Community Council

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### Comments from the Chair:

Hi All,

While February is relatively short on days, it does not lack for activity:

- Hillside District Plan-Assembly Hearing in February or March
  - o <http://www.hillsidedistrictplan.com/publications.htm>
- Heritage Land Bank 2010 Work Plan-Comments due January 25; Hearing February 11.
  - o <http://www.muni.org/departments/hlb>
- Chugach State Park\_ Chugach Access Plan-Comments due May 3.
  - o <http://dnr.alaska.gov/parks/units/chugach/planning.htm>
  - o OR: Hard copy or CD available upon request
- Title 21 Follow up provisions #2 –Assembly Committee Public Hearing February 8.
  - o <http://www.muni.org/Departments/Planning/Projects/t21/Pages/CurrentWork.asp>
- Official Streets&Highways Plan-Public Involvement Process-April 2010 completion
  - o Delete Country Lane classifications & other proposals

Additionally, efforts continue towards a “Rabbit Creek Nature Center” with Potter Marsh as a hub and the Old Seward Highway as a recreation, observation and conservation corridor; with a northern anchor at Rabbit Creek and a southern anchor at the Moen Trail/ Potter terminus. A “Tidewater to Headwater” trail following the Moen Trail to approximately Legacy Point and proceeding into the Chugach State Park is included in this concept.

This concept has the conservation of the Legacy Point Tract A embedded within it. This tract and the adjacent acreage provide the water for a great portion of Potter Marsh. More than an artery, it is the watery, subterranean heart pumping sustenance into Potter Marsh.

Potter Marsh is now the number one tourist attraction in the Anchorage bowl. It has surpassed Earthquake Park and has well over 100,000 visits logged in 2009 and this in a lousy year for tourists from Outside. That equates to heavy usage by Alaskans.

Your Rabbit Creek Community Council has long fought for preserving an Alaskan quality of life for our area while allowing for reasonable development. We feel that conserving the swath of land feeding Potter Marsh is in keeping with our mission; not only for our neighborhoods but for the community, the region, and beyond. Not only for our current residents but for generations to come.

This is a very worthwhile endeavor and well worth our efforts.

Be Well,  
Mike Kenny

Chair, Rabbit Creek Community Council  
Be Well, Mike Kenny, Chair, RCCC

### ***Draft Agenda for Thursday, Feb. 11, 2010 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

- ❖ State Legislators
- ❖ Assembly members

#### Guest Speakers

- ❖ Knik Arm Crossing – Mary Ann Pease KABATA
- ❖ Knik Arm Crossing – Dianne Holmes ACC

#### Ongoing Business

- ❖ Legacy Pointe – Potter Marsh Watershed Conservancy update
- ❖ Hillside District Plan, RCCC Assembly Hearing
- ❖ Title 21 – status of zoning code changes
- ❖ Quonset Barn – update per Greg Jones
- ❖ Heritage Land Bank – comments for HLB revisions

#### New Business

- ❖ Official Streets & Highway Plan – Update 2010 (LRTP) – no more country lanes on Hillside?
- ❖ HALO Candidate Night co-sponsorship

#### Reports

- ❖ Rabbit Creek Nature Center
- ❖ 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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**Draft Minutes of Rabbit Creek Community Council Meeting  
January 14, 2010, Goldenview Middle School**

**Rabbit Creek  
Community Council**

**2009 BOARD**

**Chair:** Mike Kenny 345-8046  
**Vice Chair:** Joan Diamond 345-6192  
**Secretary:** Dick Tremaine  
**Treasurer:** Patty Rothwell  
**Other Board Members**  
Mike Edelmann  
Keith Guyer  
John Isby  
Mark Schimscheiner  
Ramona Schimscheiner  
Mark Slaughter  
David Sterling

Present: Mike Kenny, Kyle Murphy, Patty Rothwell, Dick Tremaine, David Sterling, Keith Guyer, Joan Diamond and 5 additional members present.

Meeting began at 7:10 pm with quorum present.

Move to accept minutes Guyer, second Sterling, passed unanimously as corrected.

Treasurer report: \$291.83 savings, \$870.51 checking.

Assemblymember Jennifer Johnston: The Hillside District Plan will be before the Assembly on March 2 with a worksession the previous Friday. Jerry weaver, Planning Director, has stated that the road location in legacy Point is correct but has assured her that the road will be constructed by the Municipality, not the developer. The water tower at the south end of Goldenview is on hold. The public commented at the meeting that the plowing of Goldenview by ARDSA seems to be going well.

Legacy Point update presented by Tremaine. There are about 8 community members who are meeting and forming a non-profit group called Potter march Watershed Coalition. They will be working with land trusts and the property owner. The goal

is conservation of the property, watershed and viewshed. They would like to present to the RCCC when they begin to move forward. A cutting edge, “green” development was being contemplated for the site by a private developer but current economics have precluded even that. Potter marsh had over 100,000 visitors in 2009.

Hillside District Plan: Before Assembly March 2 and is available on line. Planning & Zoning Committee made many changes in line with RCCC comments. The RCCC will finalize comments at its February meeting. It seems that zoning regulations will trump the HDP.

Title 21 – zoning code changes are moving forward slowing (6 years and counting). The current version is available on the muni web site.

The Heritage Land Bank is conducting its 5 year review on February 11. There is lingering concern as to a potential change in purpose or policy.

Potter Marsh Hub concept – The area is of value to all of Anchorage including visitors (ACVB), ADF&G, those interested in coastal areas, as a gateway to the municipality/Turnagain Arm (DOT), Bird TLC, hiking, walking, Potter marsh boardwalks, etc. The Eagle River Nature Center is a model for the type of joint interest that may be possible for the area. This was accomplished through volunteer labor and took much time and (grant) funds. Mike Kenny, leading the discussion, believes such an approach shows a chance of success for Potter marsh. This topic will be discussed at future RCCC meetings.

Move to adjourn by Guyer to adjourn, second Sterling, unanimous at 8:50 pm.

Minutes taken by Dianne Holmes

**2010 Membership Form**

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