



RABBIT CREEK COMMUNITY COUNCIL

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NEWSLETTER

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Mike Kenny, Chair

COMMENTS FROM THE CHAIR:

Hi All,

MEETINGS AT RABBIT CREEK COMMUNITY CHURCH JUNE.JULY.AUGUST

How quickly we are enveloped in lush greenness, never ceases to amaze. The arrival of the building, growing, catching and harvesting season is welcome indeed.

Not welcome is carelessness; under the lush green are dry grasses and brush ready for a small spark in this dry season. The Anchorage Fire Department plans to have their crew clearing some of the dangerous areas around Little Rabbit Creek. We will have a report at this month's meeting.

- Unfortunately, this summer we will not have the colorful flower patch to enjoy at the on-ramp. There were some changes in the Muni Parks department. That and the departure of several long time volunteers tipped the project over. We will find another path and return next year with our colors.
- The several Rabbit Creek area projects in the budget fell to the line –item veto by Governor Parnell.
 - The intersection of Rabbit Creek Rd. /Goldenview Dr. safety improvements
 - Rehab of Goldenview Dr. south of Rabbit Creek Rd. from a narrow two-lane strip paved roadway with minimal pedestrian facilities
 - The Bluebell/Goldenview intersection, the site of many uncontrolled accidents.

With the Middle School and some of this area's densest subdivisions, our legislators acted in the interests of safety for our children and residents. Governor Parnell, not so much.

NEXT MEETING:

Thursday June 10, 2010

Rabbit Creek
Community Church
3401 Rabbit Creek Rd.

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RCCC 2010 Board Members:

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Joan Diamond Vice Chair
Keith Guyer
John Isby
Mike Kenny Chair
Kyle Murphy
Patty Rothwell Treasurer
David Sterling
Dick Tremaine Secretary*

- The RCCC has endorsed and will co-sponsor a Fish & Game project to build a trail connecting the north parking area at Potter Marsh to Rabbit Creek Rd. at a point north of the Rabbit Creek Bridge. The trail follows public lands and building it will rely upon volunteer participation. For anyone wishing to lend a hand please contact ADF&G Program Coordinator, Joe Meehan, at 267.2281.
- The effort to conserve the tract of land known as Legacy Point is not dormant but it is quiet as the effort continues to secure funding. As Dickens wrote “it was the best of times, it was the worst of times”; it is a good time to buy, it is a difficult time to get financing. But the efforts must continue as the future of Potter Marsh hangs in the balance.
- We recently sent out a survey to rank capital projects in our area and sent the tabulated list for 2011 to the Muni Office of Management and Budget. We will soon post it to our web site.

Wishing all of you a great summer....

Be Well,

Mike Kenny

Rabbit Creek Community Council

Goldenview Middle School

Agenda – Thursday JUNE 10, 2010

- ❖ Call to order and introductions
 1. 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

- ❖ Sue Rodman AFD Forester_ This summer's fire prevention program
- ❖ John Sims ENSTAR_ the new Cook Inlet Gas Supply Agreement with Marathon

Ongoing Business

- ❖ Design Study Report Review for Mountain Air Drive
- ❖ Title 21 – status of zoning code changes

New Business

- ❖ The Elmore RC oil paint picture to banner

Reports

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

Minutes of Rabbit Creek Community Council Meeting, May 13, 2010

Goldenview Middle School

Present: Mike Kenny, Keith Guyer, David Sterling, John Isby, Kyle Murphy, Dick Tremaine, and 12 additional members of the community present.

Meeting begun 7:06 pm, quorum present. Motion to approve April minutes, moved Tremaine, second Guyer, passed unanimously with one correction.

No Treasurer's report.

AFD – Station 10 water has been tested and it has lead and copper and is not fit for human consumption. Crew still uses bottled water. AFD is trying to find best way to notify public that AFD will not have a wilderness rescue team to respond to backcountry incidents although they will respond at the trailhead. To date this season other agencies and volunteer groups have not

had the response time that AFD has (to trailhead). In past two incidents State Troopers have not responded although backcountry rescues are their jurisdiction.

No Legislators present

Steve Fusilier, BLM on ex-Lions Club property at corner of Rabbit Creek and Old Seward Highway. Land originally authorized for fire station and then Lions Club but never for private property. BLM has gone through legal steps to assert federal ownership of land. Sending out for bids to do environmental site assessment. There are questions as to ownership of the building. Takes time to resolve these issues. When the land was patented to non-profits there were approved uses of the land with a reversionary clause if not used for those purposes. Expect to have answers by end of summer. Will then do an environmental assessment to look at land uses. Steve will be doing inspection later this month concerning condition of grounds.

Assembly member Jennifer Johnson – Hillside District Plan will take a bit of time to implement but the process has begun. Water tank under construction at top of Prominence Point is for pressure as the adjacent one is repaired. The Title 21 committee is working on large buildings on rural lots, buffers, etc. No additional funding for Mountain Air Drive this year. Bluebell Drive intersection with Goldenview is in the legislative budget but may yet be vetoed by Governor as may several other projects. It is important to contact the Governor (online or by mail) to voice your opinion on such projects.

Joe Meehan, ADF&G, concerning a trail between north Potter Marsh and Rabbit Creek/Chenoweth Roads. This would allow access for walkers and bicycles without having to go down the New Seward Highway. This is not to replace the proposed access to Potter Marsh from the Bird TLC site. Considering an eight foot wide shallow gravel trail underlain by geotextile material. The entire route is across existing public rights of way and state lands. Discussion concerned proper signage to show no motorized vehicles and no parking on Chenoweth.

- Motion by Tremaine to recommend to ADF&G that the trail be established along the recommended route for bicycles and pedestrians. Second by Guyer. Amended to include RCCC co-sponsorship of trail. Passed unanimously.

CIP (Capital Improvement Plan) review. Chair will mail out list for Board and general email list review and ranking.

Equine urine discussion was to center on well protection program to be advanced including studies on the effect of such releases on wells. This topic will be discussed at a later meeting.

The FCC is reducing its snail mail list and RCCC will be doing its part (as we have the third highest monthly snail mailing numbers). In addition, Dianne Holmes will find out what the cost would be to replace the RCCC banner for use at FCC functions and the Assembly chambers.

Motion to adjourn by Guyer, second Sterling passed unanimously. Meeting adjourned at 8:57.