



## RABBIT CREEK COMMUNITY COUNCIL

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NEWSLETTER

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### COMMENTS FROM THE CHAIR:

Hi All,

### MEETINGS AT RABBIT CREEK COMMUNITY CHURCH JUNE.JULY.AUGUST

It has seemed a cool summer only because it really is. You are not imagining it.

Since the beginning of June we have enjoyed nine days where the temperature has been at 65° or above which puts us equal to 2008 at approximately the same date. We still have a chance at a summer with cooler temperatures than 1971 & 1973.

The natural bounty of Alaska continues even if our natural supply of vitamin D is shrouded with overcast.

A top item on our action list this winter is to discover what we must do to get our flower patch back in bloom next summer. For such a small area, it sure had a large positive effect.

### Items of interest:

Viewpoint Learning will conduct community budget meetings. This business apparently has some experience "outside" similar to polling and focus groups in different States. They seek to determine what sort of city, with what services, and how to pay for them.

- Viewpoint Learning meeting schedule: (5:45-8:45)
  - Wednesday August 4 @Embassy Suites 600 E Benson Blvd.
  - Tuesday August 10 @ Eagle River Lions Club
  - Wednesday August 11 @ ASD Hdqts. 5530 E. N.Lights Blvd.
- Kiplinger has named Anchorage as the most tax friendly city in the United States.
- The Statewide Transportation Improvement Program is accepting project nominations to the needs list and consideration of inclusion in the 2012-2015 STIP. For full information:  
[http://www.dot.state.ak.us./stwdplng/cip\\_stip/index.shtml](http://www.dot.state.ak.us./stwdplng/cip_stip/index.shtml)

### NEXT MEETING:

Thursday August 12, 2010

Rabbit Creek  
Community Church  
3401 Rabbit Creek Rd.

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*Rabbit Creek  
Community Council  
P.O. Box 112354  
Anchorage, Alaska 99511*

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*RCCC 2010 Board Members:*

*Pat Abney*

*Joan Diamond Vice Chair*

*Keith Guyer*

*John Isby*

*Mike Kenny Chair*

*Kyle Murphy*

*Patty Rothwell Treasurer*

*David Sterling*

*Dick Tremaine Secretary*

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- Chugach State Park celebrated its 40th anniversary on August 6. Details at 345.5014
- Sign-up for the Anchorage Coastal Beluga Survey volunteer training. Class is on August 19th. For full information please contact Barbara Carlson: [beluga@farak.org](mailto:beluga@farak.org) or visit the temporary website at <https://sites.google.com/site/fardoc2010/>
- The Assembly Title 21 committee has finished its rewrite and it will come before the Assembly in a few weeks. There is an issue or two that the RCCC may wish to speak on and we will discuss at our August meeting.
- The mayor has nixed an opportunity to open up recreation areas to residents with his refusal to accept a deal on the Campbell Creek Estuary that had been previously given the green light by high ranking administration officials. It seems short sighted given the success at the Chester Creek Estuary restoration project.

Be Well,

Mike Kenny

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<<<>>> Thursday's meeting agenda includes discussion on an application for a new liquor package store to be located in the old Baskin Robbins ice cream parlor next to McDonalds on Huffman Rd.

**We will take up our comments under new business. Mr. Chang, the applicant, will be present to speak about his intentions and plans.**

## **RCCC---Agenda – Thursday August 12, 2010**

- ❖ Call to order and introductions
- ❖ Approval of previous minutes
- ❖ Treasurers report
- ❖ Announcements & Comments from the floor

### Legislative Reports

- ❖ State Legislators
- ❖ Assembly members

### Guest Speakers

- ❖ Talbot Chang—Liquor License Applicant

### Ongoing Business

- ❖ Mountain Air P&Z Hearing
- ❖ Bear Valley—Storck Park Grant
- ❖ Lions Club Inquiry
- ❖ Legacy Point

### New Business

- ❖ Liquor License Assembly Comments **(ACTION ITEM)**

### Reports

- ❖ Viewpoint Community Budget 8/11 Meeting
- ❖ Neighborhood Association reports
- ❖ Federation of Community Council (FCC) report
- ❖ Limited Road Service Area (LRSA) reports

## **Minutes of Rabbit Creek Community Council Meeting, July 8, 2010**

### **Rabbit Creek Community Church**

Present: Joan Diamond, Patty Rothwell, Keith Guyer, Pat Abney, Kyle Murphy, John Isby.

Excused: Mike Kenny, David Sterling. Absent: Dick Tremaine

Joan Diamond leading the meeting in Mike Kenny's absence.

Meeting began 7:05 pm, quorum present.

Motion to approve June minutes, moved Abney second Rothwell, passed unanimously.

Treasurers' report: Savings 292.42, Checking \$838.55, 111 paid members.

No legislators attended.

Candidates for State Senate District P Seat Phil Dubinsky and Kathy Giesel addressed

Council gave their background and main thrust of their political ideology.

Sue Rodman of Anchorage Fire Department Wildfire Mitigation Unit addressed council to gauge support for the use of mechanical equipment to remove felled trees/slash from the northern section of Little Rabbit Creek Bluff Park. Council gave its support to the idea of using a mechanical excavator along existing skid trails.

Firefighters from Bear Valley Fire House present and there was discussion of the ongoing problem of their contaminated drinking water at the fire house.

Police Officer N. Welch addressed the council about the Neighborhood Watch Program.

Announcements:

Title 21 – public hearing to be held on 23 July where last comments on Anchorage 2020 plan can be made. A motion (moved Abney, second Rothwell) was made that the RCCC request that Title 21 Section 21.07.130B be amended such that Equestrian Facilities are added back in to the list of facilities.

Planning and Zoning hearing to occur on Mountain Air Drive upgrade.

Parks and Recreation in the process of approving Master Plan for Section 36 – Concept 2 favored.

Bear Valley has received a \$12,000 grant to restore and update Storck Park and is looking for volunteers to help with the project.

There will be a Municipality of Anchorage Towne Hall Meeting on 4 August to discuss proposed budget cuts. Surveys have been mailed out as well.

Final business:

Dianne Holmes asks that the Council approve funding for the creation of a RCCC banner on vinyl backing to cost less than \$100, Moved Abney, second Guyer. Dianne to check on size specifications.

Joan Diamond read of a list of financial grants received by other Community Councils in Anchorage and there was discussion as to how the RCCC might be able to secure some grant money, with the suggestion of inviting state legislators to next month's meeting to discuss options.

The call for adjournment was made by Rothwell, second Guyer, at 8:12 PM

Submitted by:

John Isby

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## **NEXT HALO MEETING: September 2, 2010**

### **Home & Landowners Organization Anchorage Hillside**

Home And Landowners Organization, Inc. was formed in 1969 and incorporated in 1974, the year the Borough was absorbed into the Municipality under the Home Rule Charter. HALO's mission was to advocate for the rights and lifestyles of people residing outside the City of Anchorage in the newly unified Municipality. HALO continues to exist solely for that purpose. They encompass the original five G-areas (an early zoning designation), which is roughly southeast Anchorage, bounded on the north by Dowling Road and on the west by the Seward Highway.

### **2010 ACTIVITIES, MEETINGS & MINUTES**

Regular HALO meetings take place the first Thursday of every month at the Holy Spirit Retreat Center, corner of Hillside & O'Malley, starting at 7:00 PM. [MAP](#).

### **LATEST NEWSLETTER**

## **CURRENT ISSUES**

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[Diagrams showing nitrates in water wells on the Anchorage Hillside 1993-2006.](#)

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