



RABBIT CREEK COMMUNITY COUNCIL

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Recreation Observation

Conservation

COMMENTS FROM THE CHAIR:

Hi All,

It is a dazzling autumn conclusion to a drizzly summer; we are thankful for that dazzle as we head full bore into the Municipality of Anchorage “budget season”.

The September Newsletter urged contacting the Mayor with your comments on the Campbell Creek Estuary; a conservation project put together by the Great Land Trust and the owners of property.

The Mayor’s withdrawal of promised Muni support put the deal in jeopardy.

GLT restructured a bit on the margins of the Estuary deal and agreed to help in funding the \$10 million boardwalk project from the Ship Creek Trail to the Tony Knowles Coastal Trail.

Now, the Mayor has put his 2011 Budget Proposal on the table and once again, our neck of the woods is in a stranglehold.

In aggregate, we pay more than any other section of town and get much less in return.

Now, with the proposal to shut down Engine 10 at our Bear Valley Fire Station he proposes putting our lives and property at greater risk, our fire insurance higher and our property less valuable.

There is also an APD layoff combined with a move of detectives into patrol.

As we know, most of our area is not easily patrolled nor is it an efficient use of tax dollars.

Once again we pay more for less.

The nationally recognized non-profit, Police Executive Research Forum recommended increased community policing in its recent analysis of the APD.

PERF also recommended The Anchorage Police Department beef

NEXT MEETING:

Thursday October 14, 2010

Goldenview Middle School

Rabbit Creek

Community Council

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RCCC 2010 Board Members:

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Joan Diamond Co Chair

Keith Guyer

John Isby

Mike Kenny Chair

Kyle Murphy

Patty Rothwell Treasurer

David Sterling

Dick Tremaine Secretary

up its ranks, make department-wide the community-oriented policing approach and assign beats to officers.

The Mayor is picking and choosing from a menu and serving us less security and safety.

Perhaps the strategy the Mayor has in mind is similar to that which he used in the Campbell Creek Estuary deal. We get back the security and safety we pay for and he gets something he wants; such as a sales tax.

The ball is now in the Assembly's court. Make certain to contact the Assembly Representatives for our area, Jennifer Johnston and Chris Birch.

There is a solution and that is to tax to the cap. The Mayor is creating a structural deficit that will continue to worsen in the years ahead. It will lead to misery and produce an unattractive quality of life.

Speak up for a brighter future.

Be Well,

Mike Kenny

ITEMS of INTEREST

- The RCCC took no position on the package liquor store Conditional Use Permit at the location formerly home to Baskin Robbins on Huffman Road.
- The Golden View Dr. intersection and safety project request for architectural/engineering proposals has been released. The one page request is included below on pg.4 .
- The Building Owners & Managers Association requested twenty nine pages of changes to Title 21 from the Administration. Very few were cosmetic in nature.
To the Mayor's credit, the Administration rejected BOMA's requests noting that they have had an opportunity to participate for the past nine years and chose not to be involved.
They are invited to participate in the discussion of issues still to be resolved.
- Mountain Air Drive
 - The USKH Design Study Report (DSR) analyzing the Planning & Zoning Commission (PZC) concerns over the intersection of Mountain Air Drive / Rabbit Creek Road will be submitted to the PZC in October so that it can be taken up in their December meeting.
 - Updates at: www.mountainairdrive.com
- RCCC elections will be held in November. Please consider participating.
- 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. HALO Link:
<http://www.anchoragehalo.org/index.html>

RCCC---Agenda – Thursday October 14, 2010

- ❖ Call to order and introductions
- ❖ Approval of previous minutes
- ❖ Treasurers report
- ❖ Announcements & Comments from the floor
 - 1. Elections next month

Legislative Reports

- ❖ State Legislators
- ❖ Assembly members

Guest Speakers

Ongoing Business

- ❖ Fire Station10 Status
- ❖ CUP for the Wine House—Assembly action
- ❖ Mountain Air—USKH design at intersection at Rabbit Creek Rd. on line
- ❖ Section 36
- ❖ Campbell Creek Estuary-- Resolution

New Business

- ❖ Golden View Dr. Intersections and Safety Upgrades
- ❖ Budget letter to Assembly with our concerns

Reports

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

REQUEST FOR PROPOSALS

2010 Professional Architectural/Engineering Services

Project B: Golden View Drive Intersection and Safety Upgrade - Rabbit Creek Road to Romania Drive, PM&E Project No. 10-26

Project Scope

This project will upgrade an existing strip-paved roadway to collector standards.

Improvements are expected to include foundation rehabilitation, intersection improvements, new pavement, curb and gutter, storm drains, water mains, street lighting, pedestrian facilities, traffic calming, and landscaping.

Scope of Professional Services

1. Prepare Concept Report in accordance to A Strategy for Developing Context Sensitive Transportation Projects.
2. Preliminary engineering investigations which may include, but not be limited to design surveys, geotechnical investigation, evaluation of storm drain and illumination system requirements, pedestrian/bicyclist needs, and traffic studies.
3. Preparation of a design study report that evaluates needs and site conditions and presents recommendations on the roadway cross-section and alignment, drainage improvements, foundation requirements, illumination, landscaping, pedestrian/bicycle facilities, and traffic control. The study will also address construction cost estimates, permitting requirements, right-of-way requirements and utility conflicts.
4. Implementation of a Context Sensitive Solutions/Context Sensitive Design (CSS/CSD) based project development process that informs and involves affected residents, property owners and other stakeholders early in the scoping process. Elements of CSS/CSD shall be incorporated into the development process on each project to varying degrees, based on the project needs.
5. Preparation of preliminary and final plans, specifications, and estimates that results in a bid ready document package.
6. Provision of additional design work for utility relocations, as needed.
7. Provision of as-needed technical support for right-of-way acquisition, permitting and bidding.
8. An amendment may be issued to include construction inspection and engineering support services.

Project Budget

State funding (2010 SB 230) provides \$3,000,000 for the upgrade of Golden View Drive from Rabbit Creek Road to Romania Drive. Future project funding has not been programmed but will most likely include matching ARDSA bonds and state grants. The project timeline will depend on the availability of funding.

Project Schedule

The schedule presented below is conceptual and subject to revision on an annual basis.

Concept/Design Study Report 12/2010 – 11/2011

Design 02/2011 – 04/2013

Construction 05/2013 – 10/2014

Minutes of Rabbit Creek Community Council Meeting, September 9, 2010

Goldenview Middle School

Present: Mike Kenny, John Isby, Pat Abney, Patty Rothwell, David Sterling, Kyle Murphy, Dick Tremaine, and 10 additional members of the community present.

Meeting begun 7:08 pm, quorum present.

No legislators, Assembly members or legislative candidates present.

- Motion to approve August minutes by Abney, second Sterling, passed unanimously.

Treasurer reports checking account at \$755.35 and savings at \$292.52.

- Motion to donate \$100 to Rabbit Creek Community Church for use of facilities over this year when school is not available by Murphy, second Abney. Passed unanimously.

Community budget forums report will be presented on September 13. At least one forum meeting strongly supported continuation of services and taxing accordingly.

Those who wish to comment on the Mayor's refusal to contribute promised funds for acquisition of the Campbell Creek estuary should contact him directly, time is of the essence.

Liquor license proposed for The Wine House in the old Baskin Robbins location off Huffman. Draft letter proposed by Diamond, through the chair, recommended denial of the license. Public members mentioned that the city does not have a policy on density of liquor stores. Much of the surrounding area has no retail businesses and so they are concentrated in the area where this is proposed. It was pointed out that a bar (Tap Root) was in the same mall. The ability to obtain a conditional use permit is hard to get these days and, once obtained, it can outlast the founding business and be used by a successor.

- Motion for Council to state that it is strongly opposed to liquor stores co-located with gas stations and requests the Assembly adopt an ordinance to gradually eliminate them. However, it does not oppose the conditional use proposed here provided there are limits placed on hours of operation. Moved by Tremaine, second by Rothwell. After discussion the motion was withdrawn by the makers.
- Motion to take no position on the matter by Abney, second by Rothwell. Passed with one objection.

Legacy Pointe (south end of Goldenview Drive) – There were some conservation grants available but they either require technical information which does not exist to the knowledge of a local group of interested person or requires a level of work that necessitates a hired grant writer. For these reasons no proposals were made. The group is working to contact state legislators and agencies to discuss the risk associated with development of that parcel and negative effects on Potter Marsh. The ponds in the marsh are fed by waters flowing from this parcel, not the streams

further north. There is general agreement that the city will not approve conservation of these lands, the last remaining undeveloped tract between the ocean and hills. Therefore, if this is to occur, funds must be found elsewhere.

Mountain Aire Drive – USKH is still working on a design update. Many community members are opposed to a major intersection by Bear Valley Elementary. Alternative A includes an expensive bridge and greatly increased costs.

HALO candidate forum will occur October 7 at O’Malley’s on the Green.

HALO is discussing what to do now about Hillside District Plan (HDP), especially drainage plan. The Plan proposes an areawide drainage authority but funding is a problem. The HDP spent a great deal of time and money developing trail routes. However, there is no action or funds being put forward to further the plan.

Meeting adjourned at 8:56 pm.