



RABBIT CREEK COMMUNITY COUNCIL

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RCCC December Newsletter 2nd EDITION

COMMENTS FROM THE CHAIR:

Hi All,

We mail out an edition of the Newsletter each month. It is written and sent to the FCC for formatting and mailing approximately two weeks before the RCCC monthly meeting.

The electronic version is updated a few days before the meeting and it contains much more information; including a full Agenda.

This month the postal version was sent out electronically. So, here you have a 2nd December electronic edition, updated.

The **late breaking news:** Apparently the latest iteration of the budget will include funding for the Engine Company at FS 10!

This is very good news indeed, but we remain vigilant.

The mayor has announced that he is asking the State for \$4 million and asking Anchorage residents for millions more in a bond we will vote on in April.

And it is for a project in our Assembly area where there are problems caused by “tremendous residential growth”.

Might it be a project to make the necessary improvements to the intersections on Goldenview Drive at the Rabbit Creek and Bluebell intersections? Projects made necessary by “tremendous residential growth” and traffic generated by Goldenview Middle School.

Rep. Hawker put \$9million into the budget for these safety projects. Governor Parnell vetoed \$6 million of those dollars.

Regrettably, Mayor Sullivan wants \$4million from the State and millions more from us for paint, skate, and baseball parks; not to mention a fenced in dog park and a remote control car track. And a recreation dome.

NEXT MEETING:

Thursday December 9, 2010

Goldenview Middle School

Rabbit Creek

Community Council

P.O. Box 112354

Anchorage, Alaska 99511

RCCC 2011 Board Members:

Pat Abney

*Steve Clapp**

Joan Diamond

Keith Guyer

*Pat Hansen**

*Wray Kinard**

John Isby

Kyle Murphy

Patty Rothwell

David Sterling

Dick Tremaine

**New Board Member*

He cites tremendous residential growth.

Yet the only apparent activity is the construction of a round-about where Klatt Road meets C Street. Unless you count the new office building Cook Inlet Regional Inc. has just built near that intersection.

You can't miss it; as it's the only sizeable office building for miles around.

It will not remain solitary as CIRI develops more business and retail businesses; now, perhaps, with a recreational development as a magnet for this commercial core.

I suspect the overwhelming majority of voters in our area would prefer public dollars be spent on projects to improve and make Goldenvue Dr. safe rather than remote control car tracks and paint ball parks.

You may want to make your views known to Assembly members Chris Birch and Jennifer Johnston.

It has been my pleasure to chair the RCCC the past two years; the learning curve is steep and challenging. The rewards are numerous. Thank you....

Be Well,

Mike Kenny

Other Items of Interest:

- The sideboard on page 1 reflects the Board elections last month. We have a full Board with eleven directors. Officers will be elected at the next Board meeting. The terms begin January 1, 2011.
 - Thank You to the Board for volunteering precious time and effort in maintaining the quality of life in our community and working towards maintaining it in the future.
- AWWU had asked for the opportunity to speak at our December meeting on their plans to purchase a small portion in the northeast corner of Legacy Point Tract "B"; basically across the road from Moen Park. This is the preferred location of a proposed 500,000 gallon water tank. The presentation has been postponed & may be rescheduled for our January meeting.
- 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 November 11, 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

Ongoing Business

- ❖ Fire Station10 Status
- ❖ HDP_water well monitoring; roads & drainage;
- ❖ Muni budget update
- ❖ Mountain Air/Rabbit Creek Rd. design
- ❖ Elmore/Rabbit Creek Rd._ get cost estimates

New Business

- ❖ South Goldenview collector road; east & west options
- ❖ Russian Church Plat

Reports

- ❖ Historical Perspective_Dianne Holmes
- ❖ Neighborhood Association reports
- ❖ Federation of Community Council (FCC) report
 - 1. Host for FCC Neighborhood Tour
- ❖ Limited Road Service Area (LRSA) reports

Minutes of Rabbit Creek Community Council Meeting, 11 November 2010
Goldenview Middle School

Present: Mike Kenny, Patty Rothwell, David Sterling, Keith Guyer, Kyle Murphy, John Isby

Meeting began 7:07 pm, quorum present.

Motion to approve October minutes, moved Guyer second Rothwell, passed unanimously. It was pointed out that the planned December Planning and Zoning meeting on the Mountain Air Drive upgrade noted in the minutes will likely no longer occur.

Treasurers' report: Balance -- Savings 292.75, Checking \$728.55, 111 paid members.

Senator-Elect Cathy Giessel present. She is also a Hillside resident and will try to attend RCCC meetings whenever possible

Firefighters from Bear Valley Fire House present as well as Anchorage Fire Department Deputy Chief of Administration John Drozdowski. There was discussion of the current budget proposal to close Engine #10 and have Bear Valley Fire Station manned by two water tenders and two drivers. It was pointed out that the RCCC area provides a large portion of the Municipality tax base and is being shortchanged on safety because engine #10 has historically had fewer callouts than more densely populated parts of Anchorage. It was also pointed out that homeowner insurance premiums will likely be affected by the closure due to delayed fire response time in the RCCC area.

Stacy Shubert, Intergovernmental Affairs Director for the Mayor's Office (schuberts@muni.org, 343-7112) was in attendance and fielded several tax and budget questions from council members. The question was asked as to why taxes have not been raised to the cap, even though apparent public sentiment is that the majority of citizens in Anchorage are willing to pay more in taxes to avoid cuts in services.

Announcements:

Anchorage School District Budget Dialogs – The ASD is seeking public input for developing its 2011-2012 budget. The district will host community dialogue sessions in December. See web site, www.asdk12.org/depts/budget/forum/register to register to attend or call 742-4153.

Neighborhood Leader Orientation sessions are being offered by the Office of Emergency Management, Municipality of Anchorage, November 8 and November 13 www.muni.org 343-1407

APD CAP -- A representative from the Anchorage Police Department Community Action Program will address the RCCC at a future meeting.

Ongoing Business:

Legacy Pointe – Efforts for the conservation of this Potter Marsh-critical parcel of land are ongoing.

Lions Club – Progressing very slowly, BLM still investigating ownership of the building. Council members are encouraged to contact the BLM and express their opinion on the use of the lot.

OS&HP – Official Street and Highway Program workshop last month. RCCC board member David Sterling volunteered for advisory board but was not selected.

Roads – A group of council members concerned with the improvement plans for the 142nd and Golden View Drive intersection area were in attendance. This project is currently not one of the highest priority projects on the CIP. Homeowners urged to attend CIP survey ranking meeting at RCCC this coming spring to raise the projects profile.

New Business:

Day Break – Nonprofit organization that works with Dementia and Alzheimer's cases to give primary caregivers a break in their duties. Day Break is looking to secure \$1.2 MM in funding (mostly federal) to expand their building.

- It was moved (Holmes) and seconded (Guyer) that RCCC write a letter in support of the Day Break Expansion. The motion passed unanimously.

HALO – Efforts ongoing to progress the DHTP well water monitoring program. Proposed to use 44 public wells in the Hillside area to establish a current base line for contaminants and monitor ongoing water quality.

Projects -- Goldenview Drive-Romania-Potter Valley Road connection and proposed road through Legacy Point to connect Goldenview Drive with the lower reaches of Potter Valley Road are both currently on the Capital Improvement Plan. There is concern that both of these road projects are out of step with the Hillside District Plan.

FCC – The Federation of Community Councils will be hosting the FCC National Convention in May, 2011 and there will be many volunteer opportunities for council members to help out. Tours of the RCCC area are planned.

P&Z New Cases – There are two new cases for review in the RCCC area involving subdividing lots, details available at <http://munimaps.muni.org/planning/home3.htm>
Forward any comments to Mike Kenny

RCCC Board Elections:

Board Nominations:

1 Year Seats expire December 31, 2011

Pat Abney
Joan Diamond
Patty Rothwell

2 Year Seats (the final year) expire December 31, 2011

Keith Guyer
Kyle Murphy
Pat Hansen (New)
Steve Clapp (New)

2 Year Seats expire December 31, 2012

John Isby
David Sterling
Dick Tremaine
Wray Kinard (New)

Existing board members up for reelection nominated by Janie Moen, new board members nominated by Diane Holmes, all seconded by David Sterling. All candidates elected unanimously.

The call for adjournment was made by Guyer, second Rothwell, at 9:04 PM