

Rogers Park Community Council
Meeting Minutes
7 PM Monday, May 13, 2019
****BP Energy Center****

Board members present: Jim Wright (President), Clare Boersma (Secretary/Treasurer), Bob Churchill (FCC Representative), Linda Chase (Vice President), Marilyn Pillifant (Immediate Past President).

I. Welcome

(Called to order at 7:05 pm – quorum attained.)

II. Approval of Minutes for April 2019

Linda moved to adopt, and Marilyn Pillifant seconded. Minutes approved by the members.

III. Crime & Safety Report

Presented by Linda Chase. Linda distributed literature about what the Take Back our Community Group does and invited members to:

- May 22, 7pm meeting at her home 1415 Bannister Drive.
- June 1 at 9am – 1pm brush clearing activity at Woodside Park.
- A showing at time/date/location TBD of a film called, *“Seattle is Dying”*

IV. Assembly and School Board Report(s)

Meg Zaletel:

Recently at the assembly: passed an ordinance re: trapping. Approved a 50 yard buffer in the trail system in Anchorage. Also a lot of public participation regarding use of cell phones in school zones. Assembly is also looking at the Assembly’s procedures and ways of making the Assembly accessible. On Wednesday the 15th from 11am-12:30pm she is the new co-chair of committee on homelessness and the committee will meet at City Hall.

Felix Rivera:

Assembly did an initial look at 2013 report on Assembly procedures. Have a drafting committee set up to look at procedures.

Has asked health and policy committee to put a water fecal count report on their agenda.

Public hearing on May 21 on Title X and Title XXI changes regarding on sire consumption of marijuana. They will deal first with edibles and then potentially with inhalation.

Also May 21, Assembly will be voting on adoption of Climate Action Plan for the Muni.

Merrill Field: The Assembly reviewed three different ordinances dealing with the airport on their agenda, regarding financing, fines, and fees. Based on public testimony, a final vote is postponed until June.

People Mover is hosting meetings to discuss potential route changes. Looking at adding back 2-3 routes. Hearing a lot of feedback asking for routes on Old Seward and 36th Avenue back.

V. Legislative Reports:

Harriet Drummond (HD 18): Not in attendance.

Andy Josephson (HD 17): Not in attendance.

Elvi Gray-Jackson Senate (SD I) Submitted comments in writing, shared by email with members and included at the end of these minutes.

VI. Treasurer's Report

Treasurer Clare Boersma: No funds were received or expended since last meeting. Current balance \$188.65.

VII. FCC Report

At the April FCC meeting there was a presentation from APD about new patrol routes based on Community Council districts. APD is hopeful this will help build relationships in neighborhoods. One APD academy just finished and there will be another academy in June. 425-430 officers, soon to add another 30 to that.

Bob French in Government Hill encouraged community councils to look at AMATS Citizens Advisory Committee. Bob will keep other councils informed.

Dick Traini and Chris Constant presented on the dollar impact of State budget cuts and its impact on the city. About \$1400-\$1500 dollar increase in taxes per resident might be the outcome.

Al Tamagni from Midtown CC spoke on the relationship and process with Oaken Keg, including an agreement with the retailer. Midtown CC has been communicating with package liquor retail stores to get them to put minimum pricing requirements on 50

mL “shooters” and fortified beers, as well as advertising restrictions on fortified beers such as “Steel Reserve.”

The Assembly authorized \$10,000 to the Federation of Community Councils for insurance coverage for the Community Councils to buy an umbrella policy so the community councils will have boards and commissions insurance.

VIII. Presentations and Discussion, as follows:

A. Chester Creek Bridge

Resolution discussed last month is withdrawn but there is an update on the project. Anticipate hearing again from the group asking for a resolution of support sometime in the next two years.

B. Invasive Bird Cherry Tree Control Project Resolution

Dave Evans proposes a modified resolution similar to the resolution discussed and rejected in March. Dave moves to adopt the resolution and Bob Churchill seconds it.

Wayne Hall moves an amendment to sunset the resolution after one year, and Marilyn Hauser seconds it. 19 for and 9 opposed, 2 abstentions.

The main motion passed with 18 yeas, 14 opposed, and 1 abstention.

C. Liquor License Pending Before Assembly

This was covered during the FCC report portion of the evening.

D. Election of Officers

Candidates for office:

Janet Bidwell (running for President)

Linda Chase (running for re-election as Vice President)

Steve Lindbeck (running for Secretary)

Ric Wilson (running for Treasurer)

Bob Churchill moved to adopt the slate as proposed. Marilyn Pillifant seconds. The slate is adopted with no opposition and no abstentions. Final open house in likely August or early September.

E. Announcements

Steve Noble from DOWL reminded folks to educate themselves about the Midtown Congestion Relief Project.

Reminder to please fill out the Capital Improvements Survey.

Ralph Gibbs returned to clarify the minimum altitudes for aircraft over a residential area and also to share some information about Sitka Park. Inherited an airfield running \$200k “in the hole” every year for the last four years. Cannot afford matching funds to do any development that would affect Sitka Park.

The meeting adjourned at 8:51 p.m.

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Roger’s Park Community Council – Senator Gray-Jackson’s Report May 13, 2019

- Today, May 13, 2019, marks the 119th day of the Thirty-First Legislature, first session. As the end of Legislative session is upon us, lawmakers have expressed differing views on whether the job will get done providing the services our citizens deserve and on time. The constitutional limit for sessions [is 121 days](#), but the Governor or Legislature can call a special session of up to 30 days.
- The [Permanent Fund Dividend amount remains a major question mark during this session](#).
- Legislators gathered in a joint session of the House and Senate on Wednesday April 17, 2019, to either confirm or deny Gov. Mike Dunleavy’s choices for Commissioners of the major State departments. It was an interesting eight hours of discussion, debate and opposition. All 13 of Governor Dunleavy’s cabinet nominations were approved. Of the nearly 100 board and commission appointees, six failed to get the 31 votes needed.
- May 5-11, 2019, Public Service Recognition Week, marked the 35th year of honoring the men and women who serve our nation as federal, state, county and local government employees. I was honored to give a floor speech (Attached) on May 6, 2019, recognizing these individuals and talking about what public service means to me.
- It was an honor to surprise my dear friend, Dick Traini, on his last day serving on the Anchorage Assembly, with an Alaska Legislature Citation honoring his service and contribution to the community of Anchorage for nearly 20 years. During Dick’s service to the people of Anchorage, he was known for having an excellent record of working with his colleagues and has

always placed his constituents' priorities above all else. He will be missed, but I know first-hand *"He'll be back!"*

- "Today I had the privilege of carrying House Bill 126, permanently Establishing November as Alaska Native Heritage Month on the Senate Floor. A big thank you goes to Rep. Tiffany Zulkosky for her leadership in introducing the bill on behalf of the entire House Special Committee on Tribal Affairs. "Teamwork makes the dream work."
- I hope you are enjoying my monthly E-newsletter. If you're not receiving them, please send your email address to my staff at Keith.Bauguess@akleg.gov.