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ROGERS PARK COMMUNITY COUNCIL

Newsletter for the Rogers Park, College Village and Anchor Park Neighborhoods

Presidents Message

1) Fiscal Follies Foil Federation. With a funding hemorrhage, the Federation of Community Councils can no longer support postal mailing of the community council newsletter. We are therefore forced to resort to electronic mail only. The annual RPCC survey will shortly arrive in your mailbox, hand-delivered by our finest volunteers. Among the queries you will find one which requests the

pleasure of your email address should you wish to receive the monthly newsletter. For those without house email, an account can be established for free at the Loussac Library and easy access to our ever-popular newsletter.

2) Please familiarize yourselves with the bond propositions, and vote in the April Election!

NEXT MEETING SCHEDULE

Monday, April 12, 7-8:30 pm
Rogers Park Elementary Library

Agenda:

1. Introduction of officers and guests
2. Safe Schools, Safe Streets, Mr. Ron Perkins
3. AMATS, Long Range Transportation Plan, East Anchorage Transportation Study Cheryl Richardson, Anne Brooks, Helen Nienhueser
4. CIP Update, Heather Rice

*Meeting schedule: second Mondays
except in summer months.*

Potential May Topics:

Property Appraisal Process
Post-Election Bond Results
Maplewood and LaTouche Upgrades by Howard Holtan
RPCC survey results

MARCH MINUTES

Doug Van Etten was present. Dick Traini was out of town.

Bob Williams, our representative to the Federation of Community Councils, reported that bylaws would be required of all councils. Some currently have no bylaws. Ours has bylaws.

School Bonds. Roger Fiedler from the Anchorage School District explained the school bond propositions. Prop 4 is for maintenance and repair. Prop 5 is major construction. It includes money to finish the work on East High and to build a new middle school in Muldoon among other projects. Prop 6 is to fund renovation of the vacant Northway Mall Kmart and consolidate ASD administrative services there. All of these bonds are currently eligible to be 60% repaid by the State.

Recreation and Road Bonds. Bob Butera representing Anchorage Tomorrow presented these bonds. No parks bonds have been passed in the last two years so the city is falling behind with parks maintenance. Prop 13 is just for maintenance of existing park facilities. Prop 14 is for improvements to our parks. Prop 15 is for library improvements. Prop 10 is for many road projects. Rogers Park would see work on Fireweed and Latouche, traffic calming measures based on our community council plan, and a sidewalk on Maplewood. *cont. on back page*

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President (cont.)

3) Community councils embody democratic principles – civil discussion and action based on informative presentations of local and neighborhood issues. Please join your friends and neighbors in the library at Rogers Park Elementary School the second Monday of every month at 7pm, except when we suffer fish-fever in Jun, July and August.

Minutes (cont.)

Election of Officers. The nominations were Peter Mjos for president, Dan Graham for vice president, John Christopherson for secretary, and Diana Evans for treasurer. The new officers were unanimously approved. The council expressed its thanks to past president Loren Marshall for his two years of dedicated service.

Solid Waste Services Alley Collections. Brian G. Vanderwood SWS general foreman discussed problems with alley collections. He is concerned because the alleys are nar-

rowed in winter, dusty and overgrown in summer, and refuse is frequently improperly stored. He has suggested moving all collections to the street but there has been a negative public reaction. Now he is interested in improving conditions in our alleys. SWS now has a code enforcement officer. He invites public comments on alley collections or other matters. He can be reached at 343-6258 or email: VanderwoodBG@ci.anchorage.ak.us.

Rogers Park Survey. Later in March we will again survey our council area regarding priorities for the next two years. Because the FCC has no mail budget we will print and hand deliver the surveys later in March. Call us if you are willing to help.

Newsletters. Hal Gage has been producing our newsletter and the council thanks him for his beautiful work. Due to FCC cutbacks we probably will soon be unable to mail out the newsletters. We need new ideas for getting the word out.

Spring Clean up. Tim Schrage from Brown Jug reminds us that The Anchorage Responsible Beverage Retailers have funds available to help clean up unauthorized camping areas. Ed O'Niel is the contact at 277-2219.

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