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ROGERS PARK COMMUNITY COUNCIL

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

Meeting: Capital, Crime, Calm

Just about everything in Anchorage that gets built or repaired with municipal money goes through a planning process called the Capital Improvement Program (CIP). The two general CIP areas are parks and trails, and roads and drainage.

Projects sometimes move slowly in the CIP pipeline, and we can't always tell why or how they appear on or disappear from the lists. We'll soon get our annual list from the muni to prioritize and return to them in hopes of getting some of our priorities funded. A rep from the muni Project Management and Engineering division will help us get ready by talking about the process and answering questions.

Our council's biggest item on the CIP list for some time has been the Rogers Park Traffic Calming project. RPCC Past President Bob Butera will give some background on the traffic

study that was done several years ago, now the basis for this project, and the outlook for this year's design phase.

Expressions of concern about crime have increased over the past few months. What can you do? Getting organized is one thing, which is why the council is promoting the Aware Neighborhoods *(continued on back page)*

NEXT MEETING SCHEDULE

Monday, February 10, 7-8:30 pm
Rogers Park Elementary Library

Agenda

1. Introduction of officers and guests
2. Capital improvement program
3. Traffic calming project
4. Crime prevention: Westside Patrol
5. Announcements

Meeting schedule: second Mondays
except in summer months.

News Shorts

Liquor Licenses

Don Jose's and Fred Meyer Liquors have both applied for liquor license renewals. RPCC is not aware of complaints or issues, so no action is planned.

Brother Francis Rebuild

A Planning and Zoning Commission hearing on the conditional use permit for a new Brother Francis Shelter building takes place on Feb. 3, 6:30 pm, Assembly Chambers at Loussac. Based on discussion at a meeting last year, board direction, and membership concurrence at our

January meeting, we have forwarded a letter of general support for inclusion in the record noting the need to continue reasonable measures to minimize impacts on surrounding neighborhoods.

Lake Otis South

Alaska DOT will do a design study this year for safety improvements on Lake Otis between N. Lights and Tudor. These will be "spot" projects rather than a general makeover of the roadway. Possible changes in our area include controlling left-turn traffic into *(continued on back page)*

January Minutes

Intro. of Officers and Guests

About 25 residents, officers, and business representatives attended. Dick Traini, Assembly: The Assembly is working on Sand Land Gravel pit subdivision appeal. The land-clearing ordinance will only be for parcels over two acres.

Muniversity

Heather Handyside, MOA. The Muniversity classes are a partnership effort between the MOA, Community Councils, and Assembly—tutorials on how the city runs. Classes are at noon on Tuesdays in the Assembly chambers at Loussac; topics schedule at www.muni.org. More info: 343-6114.

Announcements

Brother Francis Shelter conditional use permit is coming up for public hearing at Planning and Zoning commission on February 3. RPCC will support it, noting the need to minimize impacts on neighborhoods. (More info on some of these announcements appears in News Shorts in this issue.)

Don Jose's has filed for liquor license renewal; RPCC plans no action.

Kick-off meeting has occurred for a New Lake Otis traffic safety project, Northern Lights to Tudor.

Due to recent crime incidents, Loren encourages RPCC members to use the AWARE Neighborhoods program as a basis for crime and emergency preparedness among neighbors. Check the MOA website (address above) for the next AWARE class—the first step in the AWARE *(continued on back page)*

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program. (See Announcements in the Minutes article). APD's Neighborhood Watch is also an option.

Another strategy is to involve a community patrol more actively in our part of town. The Westside Patrol (WSP) has worked with us in the past. We donated money to WSP in the mid-90s and a number of council members have volunteered on the patrol. Westside's leader, Sam O'Connor, will talk with us about what the patrol can offer. (Please call Loren if you're interested in participating on a crime prevention committee.)

January Minutes (cont.)

Neighborhoods program—or contact Heather Handyside at 343-4546.

Updates

Lake Otis North repave (N. Lights to 15th). Due mostly to curb constraints, the project this year will be limited to repaving and some sidewalk/trail construction on the west side. Major reconstruction to four lanes plus divider and left turn pockets may be in future AMATS plans. This would involve property losses on the east side.

UMED district plan. Bob Butera, our council representative to this planning effort, attended a meeting in Decem-

ber. Many planned developments mean increasing traffic. Consultant is due to finish a revised draft soon, and present a final to MOA in May. Bob: 276-2259.

Northern Lights sound barrier. Dan Graham has been looking into this with an RPCC committee (Heather Rice, Dan, Loren, and Carl Ward). They have researched info on types of barriers and mechanism for implementation, and met with legislators. A prior RPCC resolution is guiding our approach. Dan: 258-9203.

Rogers Park traffic calming. The project is coming up for design this year; MOA PM&E group is getting ready to put out a bid request for design, based on an earlier traffic study that RPCC participated in. Once the design has been finalized, the actual construction will be from areawide budgets a little at a time over the next several years.

South Coastal Trail Extension

Pete Tryon presented a resolution formulated by the Friends of the Coastal Trail, which will be forwarded to the DOT for inclusion in the record of public comments. The resolution supports the Modified Orange Route with additional review to reduce impacts to property owners and use public lands to the extent possible. Resolution passed 11-4.

News Shorts (cont.)

and out of the UAA driveway on Lk. Otis just south of Duke, and an added right turn lane in front of Wendler (Lk. Otis northbound at N. Lts.). RPCC member Ron Hammett will represent us in the process: 279-2339.

Council Elections

We'll hold elections for council officers at our March meeting. Nominations will be opened at this month's meeting.

Muniversity re-runs

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