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# ROGERS PARK COMMUNITY COUNCIL

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

## Meeting: Fire, Trails, ADU

We'll kick off our last meeting before summer break with a presentation by Anchorage Fire Department foresters about potential wildfire danger in the Chester Creek greenbelt. One of the foresters knows this area very well and has spent some time thinking about the situation—one that can be complicated by illegal camping during warm months, so there should be good information.

Assembly member Doug Van Etten will speak about the revised version of his draft Accessory Dwelling Unit ordinance, a plan to allow second dwellings in R1 and some other residential zoning areas, with specific restrictions. His first draft received enough feedback that he pulled it from the Planning and Zoning Commission

agenda to make revisions. We also hope to have a representative from muni Code Enforcement available to speak briefly and answer questions. For a copy of the current draft: MOA Clerk, 343-4311.

The muni again has trail rehab projects going this year, including some spurs on Chester Creek Trail.

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### NEXT MEETING

**Monday, May 12, 7-8:30 pm**  
**Rogers Park Elementary Library**  
Agenda

1. Introduction of officers and guests
2. Greenbelt fire risks
3. Accessory dwelling unit ordinance
4. Bike trail spurs rehab project
5. Summer projects
6. Announcements

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

### APRIL MINUTES

#### Merrill Field operations update

Alex Jumao-As (Assistant Airport Manager) & Jack Schommer (FAA, Tower Manager) discussed a number of issues including noise complaint procedures, guidelines about late-hour flying, N/S flight pattern, other factors affecting noise (load, propeller type, and mufflers), and altitude, which is enforceable under FAA regulations. Merrill Field 343-6303 or FAA 271-2698.

#### International Airport runway closure

Public Relations Mgr. Mark Butler discussed the upcoming N-S runway closure which will increase midtown airliner noise. The runway (built in 1979) will be closed for major reconstruction / resurfacing from mid-May until October. Flight patterns will have planes taking off over the city toward mountains and then turning south or north, depending on destination. Planes will land over water. Lack of instrument landing system for the overland landing route dictates the use of this pattern. Planes can land and take off over water during low-traffic periods. Construction schedule 24/7 and construction traffic will use International Airport Road. Mark\_Butler@dot.state.ak.us

#### Safety/traffic control project, 36th & MacInnes

Dave Krehmeier/Lounsbury and Anne Brooks/Brooks and Associates. Collision records showed a high accident rate, especially accidents with westbound 36<sup>th</sup> traffic turning left. Current plan is for a left-turn lane from 36<sup>th</sup> onto MacInnes. Project should be constructed this summer as part of MacInnes improvements. History of another problem intersection (36<sup>th</sup> Ave/Cottonwood-Locarno) was also presented; data does not *cont. on back page*

## News Shorts

### Muni clean-up week

Clean-up week is May 3-10. Free hours at the midtown transfer station: Sat. 5/3, 8:00-5:00; Sun. 5/4, noon-5:00; Mon-Sat 5/5-5/10, 8:00-5:00. Cover your load to avoid a fine. Orange bags will be available at RP Elementary on Sat. 5/10, 10:00-2:00 and filled bags can be dropped back there. No household or yard waste to the school, please.

### Lake Otis work

Lake Otis will be repaved this summer, apparently all the way from 15th to Tudor. The portion north of N. Lights will also get new sidewalks (west side, north of 20th; north side of 15th from Lake Otis to Sitka). State DOT will also be doing design work this year on some spot safety improvements on Lake Otis, particularly the northbound lanes at N. Lights and the area around Duke, Cornell, and the

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### Meeting (cont.)

general area (24th St. west of Lk. Otis and the one south of Davenport fields) are in desperate need and are already on the high-priority list. Another that our council feels is very important—Juneau St.—is currently listed as low priority. This spur needs repaving and our capital projects rankings this year again place lighting on the spur as a priority item. Join us for the discussion with a representative from CRW Engineering, the muni's consultant on the project.

### Minutes (cont.)

support putting a signal there.

#### Traffic calming/safety project

Lee Coop, MOA Traffic Engineer. Traffic calming and safety measures will be completed in phases over the next several years, potentially to include closing off Redwood Place; textured cross-walks at three locations (including along Bannister); installing electronic signs along Fireweed/LaTouche to flash the speed of passing vehicles; constructing sidewalks along Cottonwood, Annapolis/Redwood Pl, and Maplewood/Drake; and placing speed humps on Wentworth and Bannister.

#### Capital projects ranking

Ballots were accepted from the floor.

### News Shorts (cont.)

University parking lot exit.

#### 36th & Lk. Otis rezone

The Mental Health Land Trust is requesting a rezone of the large parcel at the southeast corner of the intersection, from Public Lands and Institutions (PLI) to B3. MOA wants to put its new health department building there, and a second large building—probably commercial—is likely. Hearing at Planning and Zoning, May 5. More info: Bob Butera, our UMED District Plan rep, 276-2259.

### Alcohol issues

Tim Schrage, Ed O'Neill and O.C. Madden from Brown Jug Liquor (BJL). Tim explained liquor licensing and permitting issues. City controls the land with a conditional use permit; State controls licensing requests. Ed described how the Responsible Beverage Retailers Association undertakes clean-ups of 32 hotspots and parks, and other projects to discourage Anchorage's public inebriate problem. O.C. Madden described the civil penalty law for underage liquor traffic, including fake IDs and adults buying for minors. Brown Jug is aggressively using this law to discourage underage drinking.

### Announcements

RPCC needs a delegate for the Federation of Community Councils. This is a good way to stay in touch with what's happening in local government; time commitment is minimal. Call Loren if you're interested, 276-2989. The East Transportation Study team will hold public meetings in May, and the plan will go to the Assembly in June.

We need help contacting majority legislators to lobby for our council's sound barrier project: Dan Graham: 258-9203. Assembly Rep Doug Van Etten: Accessory Dwelling Unit ordinance goes to Planning & Zoning May 12, then to the Assembly in mid-June.

Lake Otis, Tudor to 15<sup>th</sup>: Will be repaved this year. AMATS documents now also show there is a plan for major reconstruction and widening, north of N. Lights, perhaps by 2009.

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