

Announcements

1. Vote! Municipal election Tuesday, April 4, 2006. Among the bond issues is the funding for our Fireweed-LaTouche and Juneau St. upgrade.
2. April 4 at the UAA/APU Consortium Library, the U-Med Transit and Pedestrian Improvements workshop, 4:30-6:30.
3. Monday, April 10, the Rogers Park CC annual meeting and election of officers. Current volunteers are: President, Ms. Heather Ireland; Vice President, Mr. James Wright; Secretary, Ms. Joyce Hughes.
4. The proposed Bryn Mawr 85-unit apartment complex off Northern Lights Blvd. is scheduled for review before the Platting Board on April 5, 2006.
5. Possibly still time to submit matching grant applications for parks and trail improvements. The Anchorage Park Foundation will receive a dollar for dollar match from the Rasmuson Foundation. This includes volunteer and in-kind donations. 343-4492.
6. I believe there is still a very short time remaining to submit comments on the South Coastal Trail Extension plan.
7. 2006 National Veterans Wheelchair Games is coming to Anchorage July 2-8. Volunteers needed. Presentation at April RPCC meeting.

Assembly report. Neither Mr. Coffey nor Mr. Traini were in attendance.

The RPCC convened on March 13, Vice President Jack Simmers presiding. The previous minutes were accepted without corrections.

Announcements. The Fireweed-LaTouche draft report is published, and also available on the DOWL website. (The community update was held on March 15 with approximately forty members in attendance. Plans were reviewed. It is among the April roads bond propositions. The final design is due in the autumn of 2006, and construction in 2007).

Capital Improvement Projects list. Comments reinforced the fact that we must continue to emphasize current projects to their completion, even though they now reside lower on our priority list. The following is the list, which will receive prioritization after the spring survey has been tabulated:

- a. Planning and funding the Jacobson Park Trail.
- b. Planning the final link along Maplewood, from Bannister Road to the Chester Creek Trail access.
- c. The long-discussed bridge over Chester Creek, connecting the Maplewood access to Sitka Park to the north.
- d. Ongoing traffic calming issues.
- e. Rogers Park Elementary traffic calming and safety measures.
- f. Long-awaited and overdue ADA-compliant curb modifications.
- g. Pedestrian safety (and aesthetic) measures along Lake Otis Pkwy. from Northern Lights Blvd. to DeBarr Road, both east and west sides.
- h. Bicycle ramp/wheelchair upgrade to the overpass across Northern Lights from Rogers Park to Rogers Park Elementary.
- i. Bicycle ramp/wheelchair upgrade to the overpass from College Village across Lake Otis Pkwy. To Lake Otis Elementary.
- j. Roundabout at Lake Otis and 20th to preserve the housing along the east side of Lake Otis Pkwy.
- k. Chester Creek Park playground and picnic shelter upgrades.
- l. Sound barrier along Lake Otis Pkwy from No. Lights to DeBarr.
- m. Trail upgrade the section north side of Chester Creek and south of Davenport Field, from Lake Otis Pkwy. to the intersection with the lighted portion.
- n. Ongoing projects:
 1. Juneau St. trail upgrades and lighting.
 2. Juneau St. permanent drainage improvements.
 3. Initiation of No. Lights sound barrier construction and ongoing funding, as this will be built in stages.
 4. Fireweed-LaTouche upgrade, including utility undergrounding.
 5. Maplewood sidewalk construction, including Drake Drive.
 6. Sufficient crosswalk timing revisions to allow safe and sufficient pedestrian crossing.
 7. Protection of the buffer strip along the eastside of the New Seward Highway.
 8. ***Unfortunately, unless sufficient funding is acquired, approximately \$550 for regular mail, the CIP spring survey will be accomplished solely online with Survey Monkey, which was successful last year.

Three bond presentations followed.

Mr. Jeff Friedman, ASD school board. Proposition 9 is for major maintenance and repair. Prop. 10 would renovate and expand two elementary schools and begin planning for several other renewal projects. Prop. 11 is to complete the renovations of several high schools. The state would reimburse the ASD for about 32% of the cost of these bonds.

Anchorage Tomorrow, Mr. Brian Gastrock. AT supports bonds which they believe represent the long-term interests of our city. Prop. 2 is the Parks bond. Prop.3 Allows a youth group to manage and support the Russian Jack Springs Golf Course at no cost to the taxpayer. Prop.4, no fiscal note attached, would allow a land swap so a

sports complex can be expanded in south Anchorage. No cost. Prop.5 allows a land trade in Eagle River which will allow public access to a popular hiking trail. No cost to taxpayer. Prop. 7 is the large road bond.

The 4th Avenue theater, Ms. Rebecca Logan. Prop. 6 would allow the muni to sell bonds up to \$2 million to be matched by money from the community or other sources, which would rescue the theater, establish a historic easement on the property, and arrange appropriate management of the property under the oversight of the Assembly.

The RPCC annual meeting will be April 10, 7 pm. in the Rogers Park Elementary library. Please plan to attend. Peter Mjos, President "Poverty is the worst form of violence."

Mahatma Gandhi