

Rogers Park Community Council
Agenda
7 PM Monday, January 12, 2008
Rogers Park Elementary School Library

- I. Welcome
- II. Approval of Minutes for October 13, 2008 Meeting
- III. Assembly Report: Ms. Gray-Jackson and Mr. Coffey
- IV. Legislative Reports
- V. Federation of Community Councils Report (Bob Churchill)
- VI. Treasurer's report (Ted Ryberg)
- VII. Presentations and Discussion:
 - A. **Russian Jack Springs Park**

There will be discussion on the status and four options considered for changing Russian Jack Springs Park to accommodate golfing interests there. One or more resolutions may be considered in that regard.

1. A motion was made by Mr. Gingras at the last meeting favoring Alternative 3. It was tabled until this January meeting, with wording changes under consideration when it was tabled;

2. An alternative proposed resolution favoring a combination of Alternatives 2 and 3 reads as follows:

Whereas, safety on sledding and snowboarding hills are a priority; and
Whereas, the quiet nature of the park and natural setting have value to our community; and

Whereas, some of the current alternatives violate the Russian Jack Springs Park Master Plan; and

Whereas, the existing golf facilities are inadequate;

Whereas, park improvements need to reflect a balance for all users;

Therefore, be it resolved that the RPCC supports upgrading the existing golf facilities as depicted in Alternative 2 AND the sledding and snow board hill safety improvements as depicted in Alternative 3 to Russian Jack Springs Park Summer and Winter Improvements Project because this combination of alternatives best represents the values of our community;

Be it further resolved that the RPCC supports the continued use of the current access road for RJSP.

3. The membership should further be informed of the resolution adopted by our neighbors, the University Area Community Council, disfavoring Alternative 4. That resolution as reported reads as follows:

A RESOLUTION OF THE UNIVERSITY AREA COMMUNITY
COUNCIL URGING THE ANCHORAGE PARKS AND RECREATION
COMMISSION TO OPPOSE OPTION 4 OF THE RUSSIAN JACK
SPRINGS PARK SUMMER WINTER PROJECT IMPROVEMENTS

WHEREAS, members of the Community Council have been long time recreational users of Russian Jack Springs Park,

WHEREAS, the Anchorage Parks and Recreation Department is working with First Tee Golf organization to create improvements for golfers that will impact other recreational users,

WHEREAS, information about the exact extent of changes (including cutting down wooded areas of the park) First Tee requested was not included in the Bond before the public in 2005 or

WHEREAS, the original plans for improvements called for cutting down 23 acres of trees west of the access road and rerouting some of the greens close to the springs,

WHEREAS, the current plan has been scaled back, but Option 4 still requires cutting down trees west of the access road

NOW THEREFORE, the University Area Community Council urges the Parks and Recreation Commission to oppose Option 4 of the current plans and to direct First Tee and the Anchorage Parks and Recreation Department to find an alternative location for the driving range portion of the plan. A possible location is one of the vacated trailer courts east of the northern section of Russian Jack Springs Park or somewhere else in close proximity to Russian Jack Springs Park.

NOTE: Only ##1 and 2 are proposed. #3 is for the members' information. The President notes that the two proposals substantially overlap. He asks that the proponents of the two proposals confer as to whether they wish to agree to terms. It is the President's intent to first ask whether there is a motion to remove #1 from the table, as it was under consideration first.

B. Rogers Park Elementary School Safety Concerns

Karen Ruud and other staff at Rogers Park school have expressed concern about pedestrian safety at certain locations used by school children. They have been in touch with Municipal traffic safety personnel. Karen will address this issue. No resolution is currently proposed, but the topic will be open in that regard.

C. State Funding of the People Mover

Heather Rice and others have proposed a resolution consistent with that adopted by Mountain View Community Council, substantially as follows:

A RESOLUTION IN SUPPORT OF STATE FUNDING FOR PUBLIC TRANSPORTATION OPERATIONS

WHEREAS The Municipality of Anchorage is the government entity responsible for public transportation services within the Anchorage Metropolitan Area; and

WHEREAS the People Mover bus system is the locally operated public transportation provider within the Municipality of Anchorage; and

WHEREAS Anchorage residents require public transportation services to access healthcare, community events, housing, education, social services, employment, and much more; and

WHEREAS Public Transportation services are funded through local property taxes (60%), farebox revenues (20%), federal government support (15%), and municipal revenue sharing (5%); and

WHEREAS The State of Alaska General Fund does not provide funding for public transportation systems within the state; and

WHEREAS Alaska is one of a small number of state that do not provide funds to support public and community transportation systems within the state; and

WHEREAS the State of Alaska is one of the richest states in the nation; and

WHEREAS there are unmet operating and capital needs in Southcentral Alaska's public transportation network;

NOW, THEREFORE, the Mountain View Community Council resolves:

1. That the MVCC supports the goals for public transportation growth and expansion.
2. That the MVCC appeals to all community councils, local organizations and groups to come together as one voice to communicate Anchorage's capital (\$21.2 million) and operating (\$13.5 million) public transportation needs to the State Legislature.
3. That the MVCC recommends and encourages the Legislature to appropriate \$200 million to establish a transit trust fund, and proceeds of which would provide ongoing operating dollars to public transit operations throughout Alaska.
4. That copies of this resolution be forwarded to the Governor and the Legislature immediately upon passage and approval.

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