# **RABBIT CREEK COMMUNITY COUNCIL**

March 2011 NEWSLETTER



# March Meeting Agenda

Call to order Welcome and Introductions

**Consent Agenda Items** 

- a. Approval of February minutes
- b. Treasurer's report

Persons to be heard not on the agenda

Legislative Reports

- State Legislators
- Assembly members

# **Guest Speakers**

- Lori Davey Anchorage Tomorrow Topic: April ballot propositions
- Connie Yoshimura, CEO & Ric Davidge, Project Manager CY Investments Topic: Potter Highlands, a new subdivision above Potter Creek

# **Old Business**

- Title 21 Letter Pat Hansen
- AWWU Letter Dianne Holms
- Sports field improvements at South High School Letter Hansen

# **New Business**

- Heritage Land Bank 5 year plan Letter Dianne Holms
- Potter Highlands Action, goes before P&Z early April

# **Committee Reports**

- Roads and CIP Joan Diamond
- Heritage Land Bank Dianne Holmes
- HALO Pat Abney
- FCC Dick Tremaine
- HDP water well monitoring Pat Hansen
- Webpage Pat Hansen

# **MEETING:**

Thursday March 10, 2011 Goldenview Middle School

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# RCCC 2011 BOARD MEMBERS

Pat Abney	Director	
Steve Clapp	Director	
Joan Diamond	Vice-Chair	
Keith Guyer	Secretary	
Pat Hansen	Chair	
John Isby	Co-Secretary	
Wray Kinard	Director	
Kyle Murphy	Director	
Patty Rothwell	Treasurer	
David Sterling	Director	
Dick Tremaine	Director	

Municipality of Anchorage Election, Tuesday, April 5, 2011				
South Anchorage A	ssembly Section 6 Seat	tК		
		VOTE		
	Chris Birch WEBSITE		Mike Kenny WEBSITE	
School Board, Seat				
	Pat Higgins	WEBSITE		
	Bob Griffin	WEBSITE		
	Dustin Darden			
School Board, Seat	D			
	Gretchen Guess	WEBSITE		
	Roman Romanovski			
	David Nees Treg Taylor	WEBSITE		
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Southgoldenview R	rrsa – Seat A no candidate			
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<b>2011 Membership Form</b> Return to: Rabbit Creek Community Council, PO Box 112354, Anchorage, AK 99511 <b>Dues (circle one): \$3/person or \$5 / couple (family)</b>				
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We have formed the following committees and all members are incouraged to get involved and volunteer to serve on a committee, your help would be greatly appreciated.

Roads and CIP	Joan Diamond David Sterling Wray Kinard Burleigh Hurlburt
Heritage Land Bank	John Isby Dianne Holmes
Parks	Steve Clapp
P & Z	David Sterling
Assembly / Legislators	Kyle Murphy
HALO	Pat Abney
FCC	Dick Tremaine
HDP water well monitoring	Pat Hansen
Newsletter	Pat Hansen
Membership	Patty Rothwell
Webpage	Pat Hansen Dianne Holmes

#### Minutes of Rabbit Creek Community Council Meeting, 10 February 2011 Goldenview Middle School

Present: Pat Hansen, Joan Diamond, Patty Rothwell, Pat Abney, Kyle Murphy, John Isby, Dick Tremaine, Wray Kinard

Meeting began 7:00 pm, quorum present.

Motion to approve January minutes, moved Diamond second Rothwell, passed unanimously.

Treasurers' report: Balance -- Savings \$292.75, Checking \$728.55, 57 voting members.

#### Legislative Reports

Senator Cathy Giessel called in from Juneau and gave an update on the highlights of legislative session so far. She can be reached at senator\_cathy\_giessel@legif.state.ak.us

Anchorage Assembly members Chris Birch and Jennifer Johnston were in attendance. Chris Birch gave an update on the recent Assembly agenda. Of note to the RCCC is the approval of a liquor license for a new liquor store to open in the old Ace Hardware site on Huffman Park Dr., North of Huffman Road. Jennifer Johnston answered questions from the council regarding the delay in adopting Title 21. The view of the RCCC is that Title 21 chapters that have been voted on should be approved. Assemblywoman Johnston contends there is conflicting language present in Title 21 that needs rewording and that problems have arisen where elements of Title 21 Chapter 9 have been imposed in Girdwood. Modifications to Title 21 (projected to be completed by April) are being done by former Assemblyman Dan Coffey, who is working as a consultant to the Municipality.

#### **Guest Speakers**

#### South Anchorage High School Sports Fields Improvements

Kristen Johnson, Principal of South Anchorage High School and Lori Schanche, Municipality of Anchorage Public Works Department and South Anchorage High School Parent, presented proposed improvements to the baseball field and artificial turf for the football/soccer field.

Scott Worthington, architect, gave a presentation on the Taylor Young Memorial Baseball Field. This will be an American Legion Standard field with stadium seating, electronic scoreboard and a memorial to South Anchorage High School baseball player Taylor Young. The scoreboard will be shielded from view outside school grounds by a peripheral fringe of mature trees.

The football/soccer fields will receive artificial turf, more bleachers, lights that will only shine on the field and a paved area for porta-potties.

Endorsement from the RCCC is sought for the improvements but not needed until the next meeting. A draft statement will be left for the council to work from and a letter will be approved at the next meeting.

#### Mountain Aire Drive Extension/Rabbit Creek Road design

Scott Thomas with the Alaska State Department of Transportation presented the DOT's perspective on the project.

The studies done by USKH to date (USKH Representative Will Web was also in attendance) and the rationale for the DOT's latest recommendations on the project were discussed. The DOT does not see the need for a roundabout or traffic signal in the near-term and instead would construct a merge lane. The right-of-way for a roundabout would be acquired however, in case traffic volume increasers enough to warrant future construction of a roundabout.

#### **Old Business**

HDP water well monitoring – Still waiting for well nitrate data from the Muni (expected this week). Considering hiring Anchorage Waterways council to do the analysis.

AWWU potential land acquisition for water reservoir – AWWU is waiting for the land to be appraised.

Russian Church Plat – Letter in support of the expansion was sent to P&Z and will be posted on RCCC webpage.

#### **New Business:**

A Candidates Forum for candidates for the Anchorage Assembly will be held at O'Malley On The Green and sponsored by HALO on Thursday, March 3<sup>rd</sup> at 7:00 PM.

• It was moved (Tremaine) and seconded (Rothwell) that RCCC donate \$25 to HALO to defray costs. The motion passed unanimously.

Dianne Holmes presented some background, perspective and lessons learned from history based on past dealings with the HLB

The call for adjournment was made by Rothwell, second Tremaine, at 9:03 PM