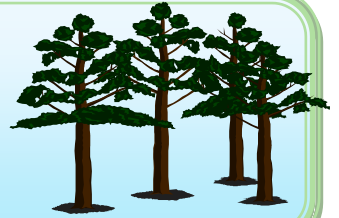


RABBIT CREEK COMMUNITY COUNCIL

April 2011 NEWSLETTER



April 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

- Gary Jones
MOA Program Development Division
Topic: Capital Improvement Project List

Old Business

- Sports field improvements at South High School - Letter - Hansen
- Potter Highlands – P&Z hearing delayed until early May
- AWWU Letter - Dianne Holmes
- BLM Land / Old Lyons Club Update - Bruce Seppi

New Business

- CIP List – Joan Diamond
- Canyon View LLC – Platting Board Case Number S11680-4
Request for approval of a Phase Plan to develop the property over three phases and a request for a 60-month time extension
- Mayor's Charity Ball - Dianne Holmes

Committee Reports

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

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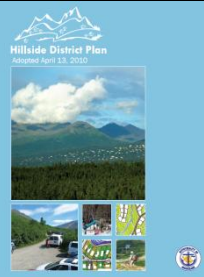
Thursday April 14, 2011
Goldenvue Middle School

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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

ITEMS OF INTEREST



The Hillside District Plan document is available online at:

www.muni.org/departments/ocpd/planning/publications/Pages/default.aspx



Friends of the Anchorage Coastal Wildlife Refuge 2011 Anchorage Beluga Survey Volunteer Training

Thursday, 28 April

Session One: 2:30 to 5 PM

Session Two: 5:30 to 8 PM

Registration required: [Click Here](#)



Anchorage Fire Department 2011 Firewise Program and Burn Permits

The Anchorage Fire Department continues to operate the Firewise program in Anchorage along with issuing residential burn permits. [Click here](#) to view an information bulletin on the burn permits.

Residents may apply online for free Firewise home assessments ([Click here](#)).

The cost share tree removal program is still in effect for 2011 which allows residents to apply for financial assistance in creating their defensible space through a Firewise home assessment.

Wood lots will again be open this summer in Anchorage, Eagle River and Girdwood. More information will be available regarding the Anchorage site through the Anchorage Soil & Water Conservation District www.aswcd.org.



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Our Mission:

- Increase citizen participation in local and government affairs
- Encourage neighborhood cohesion and interactions
- Promote collaboration between governments and citizens

Our Vision:

- To empower our citizens with tools to address and innovatively solve issues at the neighborhood level.
- To facilitate networking opportunities for individuals and organizations that creates new community partnerships.
- To celebrate the successes and accomplishments of our community's improvement efforts.

We have formed the following committees and all members are encouraged 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

2011 Membership Form

Return to: Rabbit Creek Community Council, PO Box 112354, Anchorage, AK 99511

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Name(s): _____ Date: _____

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Rabbit Creek Community Council March Meeting 2011

Meeting held at Goldenview Middle School

Meeting opened at 7:03 PM

Board Members present: Pat Hansen, Pat Abney, Keith Guyer, Wray Kinard, Kyle Murphy, Patty Rothwell, David Sterling.

Seven (7) Board members (quorum) were present and 21 People total signed in.

Motion to approve minutes from last (February) meeting, moved by Rothwell, second by Kinard.

Treasurer's Report: Patty Rothwell reported the saving balance of \$292.93, and \$743.55, in checking after some expenditures. We presently have 57 paying members so far.

Anchorage Assembly Member Jenifer Johnson was present and gave the following update. First Quarter budget revision to start on April 26. This will be a six (6) year fiscal plan for the first time for the school district. Working on a replacement for Dimond Library-will likely look different from existing libraries. Mountain Air Drive extension case was postponed for 30 days.

State Senator Cathy Giessel called in at 7:19PM. The District P Capital budget has been turned in. 142nd Avenue upgrade project is in the budget. Some other items in the budget were new chairs for Rabbit Creek Elementary school, and several police and fire department items. Bills she is working on include; funding for school meals, have the board of education report to the legislator, extend senior aid. When asked what is the next step for the capital budget, she replied, about \$2 Million worth of projects goes to the Finance committee. When asked if she supports the Governors oil tax bill she replied she would rather see oil companies Earn credits rather than be given credits.

Guest Speakers

Connie Yoshimura, CEO & Ric Davidge,
Project Manager CY Investments

Topic: Potter Highlands, a new subdivision above Potter Creek

Cy Investments had purchase the 160 acres in 1996. Based on community desire for large lots on well and septic they have designed the first phase of 30 lots, minimum of 1.5 acres up to 6.7 acres. This development would require a continuation of Potter Valley Drive. This "new" road would follow the existing dirt trail, which for the most part is the platted road way. There will be a "natural" walking trail detached from the road, approximately ten (10) feet to the north of the road. All of the lots will be required to have an "AvanTex" septic system. There will be specific covenants for these lots such as; if trees are cut down they will need to be replaced and the replacement trees have to be deciduous, if you want a detached garage it can be no larger than ½ of the footprint on the main house. The total build out of the property is 79 to 80 lots. The developer has agreed that they will not go on to phase II until a secondary egress road to Goldenview Drive is built.

Ms. Yoshimura asked RCCC to form a committee to ask her questions or to seek any information about the planned development with her ultimate goal being a favorable recommendation from RCCC for the development.

Lori Davey

Anchorage Tomorrow Topic: April ballot propositions

Lori spoke about three (3) bond propositions that will be on the April 5 ballot, Prop 4-Anchorage Roads and Drainage, approximately \$30 Million with over \$150 Million in state matching funds. She emphasized that the Hillside district does NOT pay for this bond but does get to vote on it. The other two bonds are Prop 5-\$3 Million for Anchorage Parks and Prop 6-\$941K for Public Safety & Transit. She urged that every one VOTE and vote for all three propositions.

She also discussed legislative priorities for road projects, specifically Mountain Air and Bluebell, both need funding to finish.

There is also a House bill #155 which would increase the Davis-Bacon wage threshold from \$2,000 to \$75,000 and to better define maintenance vs. capital improvement. The importance to all of us is that under the current law almost all LARSA road work is above the \$2,000 threshold and therefore requires higher Davis-Bacon wages, therefore less work gets done for the same amount of money.

Old Business

Title 21 - Letter - Pat Hansen

It was moved that this would wait until next month.

AWWU - Letter - Dianne Holms

A letter would be drafted and presented for discussion at our next meeting. The letter is to explain our position that it would be best to hold off purchasing land until a water tank is for sure needed.

Sports field improvements at South High School - Letter - Hansen

A motion was made by Guyer and seconded by Rothwell to approve and send letter as is.

NEW Business

Heritage Land Bank 5 year plan - Letter - Dianne Holms

Abney made a motion and Rothwell seconded it to have a letter drafted explaining our concerns with their plan for Hillside properties.

Potter Highlands - Action, goes before P&Z early April

Abney made a motion and Guyer seconded it to have a letter drafted explaining the parts of the proposed development that we like and express our concerns.

Committee Reports

Roads and CIP - Joan Diamond

Diamond was not present at this meeting, will be discussed at next month's meeting.

Heritage Land Bank - Dianne Holmes

See Above

HALO - Pat Abney

The HALO meeting was held the previous week and was a forum for local candidates.

FCC - Dick Tremaine

Tremaine was not present.

HDP water well monitoring - Pat Hansen

Hansen report she had received data from the Municipality and that a final report was due out in about six (6) weeks.

Webpage - Pat Hansen

Hansen report she did not have access to the RCCC webpage because she does not have the password. She is currently using the RCCC Google account, web address is:

[Sites.google.com/sites/rabbitcreekcommunitycouncil/](https://sites.google.com/sites/rabbitcreekcommunitycouncil/)

Rothwell moved and Guyer 2nd to adjourn. Meeting adjourned at 9:06PM