

Russian Jack Park Community Council Annual Report for 2005

Kroc Muldoon Community Center

Motion - RJPCC supports (18-0) the application to the Kroc Foundation for a grant to build and operate the Kroc Muldoon Community Center.

Fee for Police Protection Services

Motion - RJPCC supports (18-0) changing MOA 8.80 to make the excessive police protection charge a fine.

Capital Improvement Projects / Transportation Improvement Projects - see attached.

Motion to approve the plan as amended passed (9-0).

GreatLand Auto (4950 Taku Drive) -

Motion passed 6-0 : The Russian Jack Community Council unanimously supported a motion in favor of any possible improvements at the Greatland Auto property with 2 years (and that leaving this property in its current condition is unacceptable).

First Tee

Motion - RJPCC whole-heartedly supports the efforts of First Tee and Russian Jack Springs Junior Golf Association (doing business as Fore Kids). Motion passed 15 - 0.

Renaming Russian Jack Springs Park Chalet

Motion passed 10 – 4 (moved by Mike Gutierrez and seconded by Sheila Howe). Russian Jack Community Council moves that the Russian Jack Park Chalet be named the Dr. Lidia Selkregg Chalet.

Bragaw Street Extension

Motion passed 16 – 0 (moved by Sheila Howe and seconded by Tim Sullivan). Russian Jack Community Council unanimously opposes any extension of Bragaw Street through the University District until such time as a comprehensive examination of how to protect pedestrians (especially school children), along with plans to mitigate the traffic impact on adjoining neighborhoods to the north, is completed.

Chester Creek Water Quality

Motion (proposed by Brian Whittle and seconded by Mike Gutierrez)
Russian Jack Community Council desires legislative financial support for coordinating with the University of Alaska Center for Community Engagement and Learning and with the Airport Heights, Rogers Park, Fairview and South Addition Community Councils for monitoring and restoration efforts of Chester Creek. The priorities would be garbage cleanup with volunteers, study of fish and fish habitats in the creek, and identifying storm drain inputs into the creek.

Motion passed unanimously 11 - 0.

Conifer Park - Residents that live across from the park submitted the following complaint:

On some evenings the park is overcrowded with members of certain groups. This results in

Visible drug and alcohol use

Public urination in the park (not in the latrines)

Vandalism of trees and tables

Litter, with the trash cans damaged

Curfew violations

Speed and parking violations on the adjacent streets.

Assemblyman Bauer and APD spoke with the leaders of those groups. The problems were abated, and the residents' concerns were allayed. The Community Patrol checked the park on the nights it operated.

Community Patrol

The patrol picked up mattresses and other large trash from the San Antonio area during spring clean up and worked with the Mountain View Community Council to dispose of the material.

Bylaws Committee

The only change necessary to bring our bylaws into compliance with the municipal code is: (under President [Article VIII, Section D.1.d])

d. ensure that the email and postal mail membership lists are only used for council business.

San Antonio Park Picnic

The park dedication and community picnic were a great success. Many thanks to the Malaspina/Glacier Terrace Trailer parks for their support of the picnic. Certificates of appreciation were awarded to various people who were instrumental in getting the park built.

Later, a certificate of appreciation was presented to the Army National Guard for its support at the picnic.

Weed 'N' Seed

Office is at 1569 Bragaw Street. The APD substation is open in the same building.

Election of Officers - The following were elected (2006):

President	Kathleen Plunkett	unanimously
Vice President	Fred McLeary	unanimously
Secretary	Ed Leach	unanimously
Treasurer	Mike Devitt	unanimously
FCC delegate	Mike Gutierrez	unanimously
FCC alternate	Brian Whittle	unanimously
Trustee	Fred Thomas	unanimously

Russian Jack Community Council CIP / TIP

1. Work on the traffic calming improvement list:
 - a. 4th Avenue cut through - install a choker with raised crosswalk at the existing Wonder Park School crossing.
 - b. Pine St & Klondike Ave - install a choker with raised crosswalk at the existing school crossing.
 - c. Pine St from 6th Ave to Debarr Rd - install intersection chokers and a gateway.
 - d. 3rd Ave & Lane St - provide a raised median with curb bump outs (chicane) and remove the stop signs on 3rd Ave.
 - e. Pine St & Kenai Ave - install a choker on the east side of Pine St.
2. Pine Street to McCarrey Street rehabilitation. Rehabilitate Pine St from Mt View Blvd to Debarr Rd with an emphasis on pedestrian safety and traffic calming.
3. Improve the golf course to bring it up to national standards. This would include access and trails for disabled persons. (If the golf course usage was emphasized for kids, teens, seniors and disabled persons, then matching Outside grant monies are available.)
4. Lighting is needed next to Williwaw Elementary School for San Antonio Ave and Camilla Court, both of which have none, as well as upgrading the lighting at San Ernesto and Hoyt St. Also, analyze the alley lighting and add to the RJCC lighting projects.
5. Land acquisition and development of a pocket park in the area bounded by Bragaw, Pine, San Ernesto and 6th. This is a high density area where children play in the street. (A potential site appears to be 8th and Klevin.) Another park needs to be at Taku and Davis.
6. Improve the existing trails on the north side, but keep them natural. Some ideas are for wider trails, expanding trails in the bog areas, networking the existing trails and installing additional lighting. Upgrade bike and ski trails, sledding and ski hill facilities, rehabilitate tennis courts and continue parking improvements. Reorienting the main access road on the south side to be from Pine Street would improve the safety of getting in and out of the park. These are in line with the Russian Jack Springs Park Master Plan.
7. Continue the pedestrian and bike path amenities on the west side of Boniface between Debarr Rd and Northern Lights Blvd.
8. Develop a pocket park in the area bounded by Reka, Pine, Debarr and Bragaw as this is a high density area where children play in the street. (Using adjacent land in RJP would preclude needing land acquisition.)
9. Landscape the Glenn Highway between Boniface Blvd and Bragaw St.
10. Install sidewalks on both sides and rehabilitate Reka for pedestrian safety, traffic calming and as part of the Chester Creek rehabilitation.