

Rogers Park Community Council
Meeting Minutes
March 4, 2024, 7:00-9:00pm
Rogers Park Elementary School Library

Scott McMurren called to order at 7:00pm

Sara Dykstra read the Land Acknowledgement.

Scott McMurren read the Housekeeping rules

Officers:

President, Scott McMurren

Vice President, Jill Klein

Secretary, Cassandra Raun

Treasurer, Sara Dykstra

Immediate Past President, Pete Mjos

FCC Representative, Linda Chase

Cassandra Raun established quorum

Review and approve the February 12, 2024 meeting minutes - motion to approve, Pete Mjos, Sara Dykstra second, approved by acclamation

Treasurer's report, Sara Dykstra - We had some outstanding cash that was deposited from a previous donation and a payment of \$19 for copies earlier this year, \$1111.15 is our new balance.

FCC report, Linda Chase - Within the next couple of weeks the FCC will announce the new director. Marilyn Pilifant will be taking over for Linda as FCC representative over the course of the next few months.

Announcements:

All meetings are at Rogers Park Elementary School Library, second Monday of every month, September through May, 7:00-9:00pm. in person and also on Zoom.

Be sure and sign up for our newsletter. Please encourage your neighbors to do so as well:

<https://rogersparkcommunitycouncil.eo.page/vp1z2>

Alaska Legislative reports:

Representative Alyse Galvin - The elected legislators, Representatives and Senators, will be at Cuddy Hall next Saturday from 2-4pm for a town hall. They want to hear from you! SB 140 passed both the house and the Senate with a great amount of support. They are hearing that the governor might veto the bill.

Senator Elvi Gray-Jackson - see attached written report - She is focused on her Juneteenth bill, her mental health bill and her Asian and Pacific Islander bill. Priorities for the bipartisan coalition are education, returning to defined benefit, energy and a sustainable financial plan. All live committee meetings can be found here: <https://akleg.gov/#tab5> If you're looking for the daily calendar- when committees are meeting and what they'll discuss: <https://akleg.gov/#tab2>

Assembly reports:

Felix Rivera - Emergency Cold weather shelter is at full capacity and is going well. They need 2.6M in funding to keep the shelter going through May 31st. They are eagerly waiting to see how the governor's budget goes through the process to see if the municipality receives the expected funds from the state. The Mayor has made a proposal to make some changes to camp abatement. Felix outlined those changes.

Meg Zaletel - Meg gave her report, including updates on the Port and the hard work happening there. There is a short-term rental ordinance before the assembly tomorrow and also an ombudsman ordinance which clarifies the investigative authority of the ombudsman. Regarding the Eklutna River Restoration, the Assembly continues to remain very engaged in that process. Meg recently went to Finland to learn a lot about snow and she is looking forward to working on a mind shift regarding snow over the next year.

Guests: Seward-Glenn Connection PEL Study, Laurie Cummings, HDR and Gaylen Jones (Alaska Department of Transportation) gave a slide show. Slide show is available upon request. The floor was opened to discussion after presentation.

Dave Evans made a motion on the floor to have on record that RPCC opposes Alternative D, Pete Mjos Second. Scott called for a quick raise of hands approving the opposition, hands raised. Scott called for anyone opposed, no hands raised. RPCC opposes Alternative D.

Guest: Fireweed Lane Rehabilitation Project - Joe Taylor, Consultant Project Manager with Lounsbury, and Rachel Steer, Public Involvement with DOWL. Joe offered an explanation of the project, their purpose and their plans. They are just in the beginning phase of the project. The purpose is to improve safety and functionality for motorized and active transportation needs. Their constituents are the users of the road, to include the businesses along that road. Their website is live as of today fireweedlane.com First public open house will be in May or June. Regarding timing, 2028 would be really fast, more likely 2029 or 2030.

Delayed to next meeting: Seward Highway Buffer Park Resolution

Pete motioned to adjourn, Jill second, motioned adjourned at 8:55pm.

Next Crime and Safety Meeting will be April 11th

Next meeting: April 8, 2024, 7:00-9:00pm