

Sand Lake Community Council Meeting Minutes – July 11, 2016

6:38pm – Call to order

- Opening remarks from SLCC President, Jason Grenn

Dedicated time for Airport issues

- There are new options for grabbing a bite to eat at the airport terminal – concessions are expanding
- Expect and plan for additional passenger screening wait times – it is the busy summer season
- North/South runway closures are completed.

Jim Munter – Sand Lake Watershed Update

- Mr. Munter provided an update on the watershed study. There are 11 monitoring wells. Drilling activity has been completed due to funding. Recent study of test pumping 1 monitor well showed 4 wells responded and 6 did not. Further studies are needed to determine how the wells are connected.
- A report should be done by December.
- Mr. Munter addressed the recent installation of a storm water overflow structure in Westpark Dr. that drains into the South Pond. The original plan had the overflow routed across Dimond Blvd and towards the Inlet. Munter is concerned that the plan was amended, and the structure was constructed without community input or notification. Munter offered to set up a meeting with the muni to discuss the issue. Several council members expressed interest in attending, including the Sand Lake Community Council Secretary. The council will keep everyone updated.

7:00 pm - Alaska State Legislative Update

- Representative Claman called in, and a staffer for Representative Vazquez was present.
- Claman commented on the Governor's vetoes. As things have been changing so quickly, and there is a lot of information out there, Claman recommended everyone sign up for his emails and find him on social media. Visit www.mattclaman.com for more information.
- Anita with Representative Vazquez's office commented on the three bills that the Governor listed on the upcoming special session agenda, as well as today's addition of two additional items. Anita reported that Representative Vazquez and staff toured the recent Sand Lake area road construction projects, and were pleased to see that things are progressing rather nicely. You can now find Representative Vazquez on Facebook.

Traffic calming resolution

- A motion was made to put forth a speed hump resolution for several locations within the Sand Lake Community Council boundaries (see list below). The motion was seconded, and passed.
 - Blackberry St. near Strawberry Rd.
 - West 72nd Ave near Arlene St.
 - Caravelle Dr. near Silver Birch Dr. & Crawford St.
 - Washburn St. south of 88th Ave

Emerald Hills Development rezoning resolution

- Chris Cole with 61 North Architects requested a resolution of support from the council to pursue a rezoning of the Emerald Hills Development at Arlene and Dimond. Currently the project is zoned for 106 condos and parking, meaning the project **can move forward** under the current zoning.
- The developers have presented to the community council three times so far about alternate plans to create a development that they feel is better for the space. Their proposed plan includes more amenities like above and underground parking, commercial space for shops, additional parkland and access to the adjacent park, additional setbacks, and additional road access points off Dimond. However, it would include higher density living with taller structures. Traffic studies and “shading” studies have been done, and were presented to the community council. This new plan would require a rezone.
- The developers will continue to communicate with the council and community, and there are plans for public workshops to finalize plans.
- A motion was put forth and seconded to accept the resolution for the Sand Lake Community Council’s support of the Emerald Hills Development’s rezoning request. 9 voted aye, 6 voted nay. The letter of support passed.

8:00 pm – Other Business

- David Nees, candidate for State House Seat 22 introduced himself.
- NOTE: There will be NO meeting in August. Enjoy the rest of the summer!

Meeting Adjourned. Next meeting: **Monday, September 12th at 6:30 pm at Sand Lake Elementary School.** Note: We will be meeting the second Monday in September due to the holiday weekend.