



SLCC Minutes 12 January 2009
7pm Spuler Hall, Calvary Church
80th and Jewel Lake Road
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Vice President: Steve Gervel officiating.

State Legislative Reports:

Eugene Harnett for Alaska State Senator Lesil McGuire's office: The Senator is setting up in Juneau for the new session about to start. No other news at this time. Eugene also said it will be his last time at the SLCC meeting for the Senator. He will no longer be working for the Senator.

Debra Higgins for Alaska State Representative Craig Johnson office: He is also setting up in Juneau, getting ready for the next session. No other news at this time.

Alaska State Representative Bob Buch: Bob reminded folks that Assembly approved purchase of Track 10, Lucy Pit at last night's Assembly mtg. There was money appropriated last week to drill test wells for continued monitoring of substrate aquifer. This area has one of the highest naturally occurring arsenic in the area. He hopes he can influence folks to support the upcoming school bonds.

Anchorage Assembly Reports:

Harriet Drummond commented on how this is first time Anchorage has Acting Mayor since Anchorage Charter ... said they can't appoint a new Assembly member because Matt didn't technically vacate his seat. Harriet is now Acting Chair. The Track 10 & Lucy pit land is in reserve for the school district. If SLCC wants the pond on the south end preserved/dedicated, she needs a resolution... She believes playing fields will be built on top of the Lucy filled pit. Land dedicated for the school would be under the ASD while the park (if so designated) would be managed by Parks & Rec.

Airport 101 – Noise Standards and Abatement

No one was able to attend tonight.

7:42 pm MEETING FORMALLY CALLED TO ORDER

Treasury Report:

Sharon Swendseid reported a balance of: \$1695.87 Also.... New calendar year... Dues due.

December Minutes posted on the website:

Motion to approve by Gail Heineman, Second by Robert W. Hayes

Past resolutions are in the process of being scanned, and placed on our website... look for it soon.

Sign Committee Report:

The welcome sign will be created for Dimond Road. One on Northwood and Raspberry will wait until spring. Paperwork for grant money is being signed.

FCC Report:

Talbot Chang stated the last FCC meeting was short... looking for volunteers to put bikes together to be donated to needy youth. Muni presentation about enhancing biking awareness. Presentation on Muni website... 'My neighborhood' on 'muni.org' getting upgraded... including real-time updates of people mover locations.

Community Meeting on Crime and Public Safety:

Beverly Churchill & Sandy Fazio from Gloria Dei Lutheran Church at 88th & Jewel Lake, Part of Anchorage Faith Action Congregations Together (AFACT) www.anchoragefact.org . Bus improvement was their 1st action. The safety event/meeting is Thursday, January 29 at Gloria Day from 7-8pm.

ACS Wireless Upgrades:

ACS employee described proposed project plan. A new cell site located at W. Dimond & Sand Lake within the utility pole easement. The purpose is to fill a cellular void around W Dimond, Sand Lake to Kincaid. The pole design meets Title 21 requirement for collocation with other providers. They will be replacing the existing wood power pole with a new composite pole. It will be fenced in. ACS would like suggestions on beautification and/or color preference for the fence.

Anchorage Parks & Recreation:

Scott and Joe with Municipality of Anchorage Parks and Recreation: Park report cards done in July/August 2008. 1000 residents rated 53 neighborhood parks (ones without parking) to generate a “fix-it” list for these parks. Parks in this Sand Lake area were graded: Pamela Joy (D), Shady Lake (C+), Sand Lake Park (D). Jewel Lake parks needs upgrades. Safety is biggest issue.

West Anchorage District Plan (WADP)

***** **SEE BOTTOM OF AGENDA FOR EXTENDED NOTES ON THIS SUBJECT** *****

ALSO, Visit <http://groups.google.com/group/westanchorageneighborhood> for more INFORMATION

Anchorage School District:

Mary Cary talked about Sand Lake Elementary design. They will be bringing the construction planner to future meetings to go over the stages and impact of the construction. For now, check out the ASD website and click the Construction link, then Sand Lake Elementary School to see the latest plans. Also... To answer previous question from previous meeting about Gladys wood Elementary ... 2010-2011 is when the design changes are planned.

Anchorage Code Enforcement:

Frank Kelly: “Problems with junk cars, or dumped furniture?” Go to website (muni.org) and make a complaint... Thou they require your name, they do not share your name... If there is no complaint filed and in the system, they may not be able to address the complaints, so get them in the system... Website has links.... FREE Federal Grant for junk vehicle removal is available... (Rust-in-piece)

OLD BUSINESS

Elections for 2009:

Call for anybody else for Secretary or President...

Dan Burgess Nominated as Secretary.... Vote... Yea’s have it ... no Nay’s...

Robert W. Hayes Nominated as President... Vote... Yea’s have it... no Nay’s...

No other discussions...

Sherri Jackson moved to adjourn meeting... Robert W. Hayes seconded...

9:14pm meeting adjourned

SPECIAL SECTION: EXTENDED NOTES FROM West Anchorage District Plan (WADP)

Tyler Robinson: Visited SLCC back in October to explain there was money in the budget. They’re getting underway tonight. They’ve visited Spenard and Turnagain CC’s as well.

The 2020 Plan talks about implementation of Town Centers, transit corridors through District Plans. The airport is recognized as an economic engine, but it also recognizes the importance of neighborhoods. Title 21 talks about functional plans (Parks, LRTP) and district plans in the introduction.

Jon Isaacs, Project Manager, URS lives in older part of Forest Park Drive. He was on platting board when Sand Lake pits plat originally came to Board (8?) years ago.

The plan is only as good as the public process. For every plan, there is an advisory board created. At least one member from each CC is requested to sit on this advisory group called the West Anchorage Advisory Group (WAAG). They provide the consultant guidance. Turnagain asked for 2 members, and they're considering. This group meets about 5 times, for milestones of the plan. A public workshop will occur later in the spring after the CC's and WAAG have met.

"We came to ask: How do we specifically involve the CC? We can have a special work session during or separate from your CC meeting. What is your vision for Sand Lake? What are your values and vision?"

It may be useful to form a special WADP committee. We can tell this committee how to provide us information that will be incorporated into the plan.

Other public steps: There will be Focus Groups convening under different topics. The plan goes through formal approval through PZC and the Assembly which entails a public hearing. In other words, this is the very initial stages of the planning process.

Coming out of this process will be a Land Use Map and recommended changes for Land use.

Comments:

(1) Robert – "There are things we don't want in this plan. It would be helpful to have images of what is wrong. I don't want houses too close together. It's ugly and bad for fire fighting."

Jon explained: "Maybe a goal would be: let's have attractive single family housing.

Airport is a big conversation piece in all 3 councils. What are some of the adverse off-site impacts? How can they conduct operations to minimize these? This plan can influence some of these activities."

(2) Sharon – "The Bowl is pretty much built out, but there still is land in West Anchorage. Have we identified what parcels are left?"

Tyler: "Is the land vacant? Is it underbuilt? Sometimes there is a desire to go back into existing neighborhoods to improve them. The Comp Plan does ask where the future population is going to live. There is a population projection assigned to each part of town. Was that valid? We will have to test this.

We will look at industrial lands in Anchorage. There's been an assumption that it is limited. Much of our industrial land has been converted to commercial. But is this assumption correct?

In sum, yes, we will do Land Use Analysis."

(3) Plan schedule?

The outreach (profile, goals) will be done in 1st and 2nd quarter of each year. Summer months will be dedicated to draft public review draft for public release in Fall. The first draft is shared, it eventually becomes the Public Review draft. We can't account for Assembly delays

(4) Do you have a website?

http://www.muni.org/planning/West_Plan_main.cfm

Go to muni website, planning department, then the West Anchorage District Plan is at the top of the projects list. The site is only a shell right now, but new items will continue to be posted there.

Jon: "We're finalizing the public process now. We wanted to go to CC's first."

(5) How many CC's reps on the WAAG?

Jon: "At least one per CC and perhaps two who represent the CC's officially on the advisory group."

(6) What was the budget?

\$160,000

Jon: "You don't want plans to drag out. It costs more money and loses energy."

Tyler: "Tyler & Thede's (Muni planning staff) time is separate from this budget. Hillside is a different animal because of the other studies that went along with it. Sampling, further testing is not a part of the West Anchorage Plan."

Jon: "We'll be back in touch to schedule a meeting and get WAAG representative or two."

(7) Where will it meet?

Suggestions for somewhere closer to this neighborhood and free.

Sherri: "Police facility. Jewel Lake Plaza can cost \$35 for seniors contact Sherri Jacks, Former council contact."