

SACC Minutes *South Addition Community Council Minutes, December 15, 2016*

Call to Order – The meeting was called to order at 7:02 by Jeff Manfull, SACC Vice President. The agenda was revised to allow Nora Morse to make her presentation first in Old Business.

Minutes of the November 17, 2016 meeting were approved.

Reports:

President’s Report –

Jeff relayed communications from the Anchorage Police Department regarding the OUI holiday campaign. All Anchorage residents are reminded not to drive while impaired, that there is a “Tippy Toe” program, and simply call a friend or a cab if you are in this condition.

Jeff relayed communications from our State Senator Elect, Tom Begich expressing regrets at not being able to attend our meeting. He is preparing for the upcoming Session.

Jeff relayed communication from Gretchen Cuddy letting us know the replat of her property at 1539 9th Avenue is still underway. She advised us she intends to fence the property to discourage unauthorized camping.

Treasurer’s Report – Cathleen Hahn reported our bank balance remains at \$3,436 and reminded folks that annual dues of \$5 are accepted, although strictly voluntary.

Police/Fire Department Reports –

The Captain from Fire Station 1 was in attendance and reminded us to follow safe practices during the holiday season to minimize the chance of fire, particularly with candles. He welcomed all residents to visit Fire Station 1.

There was no representative from the Police Department.

Assemblyman Flynn’s Report

Joshua Spring reported on behalf of Assemblyman Flynn and specifically followed up on 3 questions raised last meeting:

1. The cost of Community Patrols has historically not been funded by the Municipality. Rather funding has been provided by state grants.
2. Assemblyman Flynn would be willing to explore the possibility/feasibility of prearranged snow removal within the neighborhood. This would require coordination with Street Maintenance.
3. The cost of providing services to the homeless community has historically not been directly funded by the Municipality General Fund; rather the funding has come from Community Block Grants and from non-profit organizations.

Legislative and Federation of Community Councils – no reports

Old Business:

Community Policing Survey results and Homeless Camp Reporting Portal, by Nora Morse, Special Assistant to Mayor Berkowitz:

Nora reported there were 139 survey responses and she thanked us for the response. The top 3 areas highlighted in the responses were these:

1. Residents want walking cops in the neighborhood
2. Residents want increased night patrols in the neighborhood
3. Residents want increased traffic patrols in the neighborhood

Nora indicated the APD is ready and able to meet the second and third requests, but getting walking cops in the neighborhood will take more time.

Nora reported that 26 police officers recently graduated from a Police Academy and that another Academy has started with 31 trainees. She reiterated the Mayor's goal of staffing the Police Department with 400 officers.

Nora reported there is a new 'homeless portal' that you can reach electronically via the Municipality's home page. Nora indicated homeless camp cleanup is going slower than preferred, but emphasized that we report the homeless camps.

Nora reported the Municipality has joined Nextdoor. The Mayor's Office will disseminate information and can dialog directly with a respondent, but will not otherwise be able to monitor our neighborhood postings.

Neighborhood Plan Update, by Hans Thompson

Hans reported subcommittee planning meetings have been conducted but emphasized input is still welcome. There will be another planning meeting for all interested persons in February (date not yet set).

Discussion on traffic calming on W 15th Avenue and Review of Statistics

The Municipal Assistant Traffic Engineer did not arrive until after the meeting's conclusion. Jeff Manfull referenced the written report which had been prepared and noted he wasn't aware of any complaints regarding the electronic speed sign and speculated the sign would stay in place on W 15th.

New Business: none

Community Comments:

1. One resident suggested we consider a different evening in the month for our meeting, as the third Thursday is apparently used by other groups.
2. One resident complimented Jeff for his service to SACC.
3. One resident explained our voting cycle and encouraged residents to run for the leadership positions of SACC.

Next Meeting of the Executive Board (which is open to the public) – January 5, 7pm, Pioneer Home

Next General Meeting – January 19, 2016, 7pm, Inlet View Library

Adjournment – 7:40 pm