

SACC Minutes South Addition Community Council Minutes, April 20, 2017

Call to Order – The meeting was called to order at 7:02 PM by Jeff Manfull, SACC Vice President. The agenda was revised to add a presentation by a representative of DOWL Engineering, re- a proposed property replat, to New Business. The revised agenda was approved.

Minutes of the March 16, 2017 meeting were approved.

Reports:

Vice President's Report –

Jeff reminded everyone the fiscal cycle of our Community Council is coming to a close at June 30 and that we will be accepting nominations and conducting our election of officers at our May and/or June meetings. Jeff suggested someone should step forward to accept the leadership role.

Treasurer's Report –

Cathleen Hahn reported our bank balance was \$3,452 and voluntary dues of \$5 are accepted.

Police/ Fire Department Reports – Officer Nave of APD was in attendance, but will address the group under Old Business.

Assemblyman Constant's Report – not in attendance

Legislative Reports – Senator Tom Begich reported to the group. He indicated the legislative session was nearing completion. He complimented the House for bills they had passed to address the fiscal challenges facing the State and urged those in attendance to contact members of the Senate and endorse the House's actions. Senator Begich mentioned he had worked on education reform and had forestalled a consolidation plan that had proposed mothballing Inlet View School. He reported he had just recently helped to procedurally close down the remnants of the Knik Arm Bridge project, including the reallocation of unspent funds. In response to a constituent's question regarding health insurance offerings in the private market, he replied 'we're working on it'.

Federation of Community Councils Report –

Bonnie Harris, President of the FCC and a member of SACC, reported to the group. She reported that City Clean Up Day is April 29. She reported that the bicycle bridge which recently collapsed (on the Campbell Creek Trail) will be repaired in May. She reported the MOA homeless camp portal is working and there will be a homeless camp clean up sometime this summer. She reported there is proposed legislation (SB 54) which is offered to revise criminal penalties that were previously revised in last session's 'Crime Bill'. She mentioned Immigration Community Dialog encourages more dialog. The new People Mover System is scheduled to be implemented in October, 2017.

Old Business:

Neighborhood Plan Update, by Hans Thompson

Hans reported the public meeting which had tentatively been scheduled for next month is being postponed until sometime in the fall, as unfortunately the planning work hasn't been completed.

South Addition Crime/Safety Report, by APD Officer Nave

Officer Nave had tabulated the 123 responses to the crime survey recently taken and distributed the tabulation to the group. Officer Nave highlighted that the South Addition neighborhood (similar to other neighborhoods in Anchorage) thinks neighborhood crime is a problem and is getting worse. Officer Nave suggested that improving that condition requires community involvement. Officer Nave also pointed out that calls for police service from our neighborhood is not up (in early 2017 compared to early 2016), but acknowledged the survey confirmed that not all criminal activity is being reported. Office Nave emphasized that we should report all criminal activity, if for no other reason to maintain an accurate data base.

Officer Nave emphasized there is an operable Traffic Hot Line and encouraged us to use it, as applicable. Officer Nave demonstrated the Community Crime Map which can be accessed via the MOA web site. Officer Nave reported there are no current plans for police foot patrols within South Addition. There are 6 officers assigned to the 'South Addition Police Beat'.

Officer Nave led a discussion regarding homelessness. There were questions about panhandling and Officer Nave reported there is an ordinance currently under consideration addressing the legalities of panhandling. Officer Nave urged us not to give to panhandlers as that enables the behavior.

Officer Nave summarized there are actions we can undertake to affect change in our neighborhood regarding crime. Specifically, Officer Nave encouraged Neighborhood Watch, enhanced exterior lighting and community patrols.

Officer Nave said we should feel free to communicate with her. RNave@muni.com and 786-8576.

MOA Chester Creek Flooding Project

Jim Anderson reported an engineering study is drafted to address the flooding problems at and near Valley of the Moon Park and there will be a public meeting regarding the plan on April 26, 5:30 to 7:30, at Steller School.

Property Replat proposal, by DOWL Engineers

Michelle Ridder of DOWL Engineers reported that plans are proceeding to replat the 'Cuddy Homestead' (west end of 9th Avenue) from 3 lots to 1 lot. The property owners intend to develop the property, abiding by the R-3 zoning classification that currently applies. The replatting will be presented to the Platting Board on July 5. The property owners hope to

construct the improvements in 2018. In response to questions, Ms. Ridder stressed no zoning variance is being sought. She indicated R-3 classification would allow a project of 15-40 units per acre and she anticipates this project will be 15-20 units. There will not be mixed use, as R-3 classification doesn't allow for that. Ms. Ridder wasn't definitive on how the parking would be accommodated; possibly underground to the building. She did think an improved sidewalk would be built on 9th Avenue.

New Business:

C Street Transit Station

Will Webb, representing Kinney Engineering, reported on the upgrading of the bus stop on C Street between 7th and 8th Avenues. Construction is planned for 2018. Current plans are to revise the current stop to allow off street access for the busses; and be large enough to handle 3 busses at the same time. In response to a question, he indicated the 1% for Art requirement will be spearheaded by MOA, directly. A constituent suggested street lighting in the area should be enhanced.

10th Avenue Bike Boulevard Improvement Plan

Matt Edge, representing CRW Engineering Group, reported on the 10th Avenue bike boulevard. He indicated the first step of the project has been accomplished with the 'back in' parking requirement. The second step will be undertaken this spring/summer with the enhanced signage and reduced speed limit and construction of a traffic circle at 10th and G. There is a public meeting on April 27, 2017, 4 to 8 pm, at the Presbyterian Church at 10th and G.

Community Comments:

1. A resident pointed out the undeveloped property to the east of Valley of the Moon Park is posted For Sale.

Meeting adjourned at approximately 9:00.