

South Addition Community Council Meeting Minutes December 21, 2017

Board Members Present:

Moira Gallagher, Jeff Manfull, Jed Drolet, Hans Thompson, Cathleen Hahn, Ruth Ann Jennings

Changes to the Agenda:

Tom Begich to speak first to attend an event in Fairview on Homelessness

Gretchen Cuddy added to the agenda.

Senator's Report:

Fairview event on homelessness: 'bringing the players together' on 12/23. We have enough housing and vouchers for all the homeless. There is some disagreement with this statement from a member of the community that there is only enough housing for transitional living which is different.

President's Report:

The Neighborhood Plan presentation this month is cancelled because concern for low turnout this month. It will resume January.

Vice President's Report: Happy Solstice.

Treasury Report:

\$3549.33 in the bank account. Raised \$40 last month in annual voluntary due of \$5.00

Assembly Report:

Proposed MLP sale. With a sale, rates for ML&P customers will stay lower because of ownership of BRU field.

Hans asked about the muni making a higher counter offer and where would the money go. Chris responded that these details have not yet been worked out and will be soon.

Elise asked about undergrounding in the neighborhood and will this change participation. Christ responded that both telecoms are paying their full amount into undergrounding but they are choosing more projects with Chugach to get more line undergrounded.

The Assembly is focus on bonds for the next month. One proposed bond is a trails bond for Chester creek for trails into the wooded area of the park.

Someone asked about increased funding for homeless camp cleanup. Chris responded that there will be \$500K additional funds for a 7 day a week crew, from a 4 day a week crew. There will also be an additional \$170K on top of that money. Chris also mentioned that the ACLU does not plan to challenge the new camp removal policy from 14 days to 10 days.

There is currently a full complement of police after the most recent academy graduation.

Representative's Report:

New session on 1/16. Budget proposal from the governor was announced. Essentially flat funding. Must use Permanent Fund to pay for the deficient. Proposed employee income tax of 1.57% to pay for deferred maintenance costs.

There are plans to introduce a bill that would mandate warnings that doctors must give when prescribing opioids.

Police Report: Absent

Fire Dept. Report: Absent

FCC Report: No Report

Old Business:

Valley of the Moon Wooded Trail:

Hans presented a new letter of support after consideration from last month and presented the idea for the trail. David Gottstein asked about the presence of private property in that park and Hans responded the trail will bypass the private property.

The letter of support was approved unanimously 9 to 0 with no absentions.

New Business:

Update on 9th ave. property development on west end:

New calculations for building height on slopes will result in the property not requiring a variance from R3. They do not plan in coming back to the community council unless there is new plan for a variance. Design is not yet at 35%. The current plan is for just condos.

Westchester Lagoon Nature Path:

Updates are being built to the nature path along the south side of chester creek between Spenard and Arctic. The trail will be paved/repaved, the parking lot will be repaved, new cantilevered decks overlooking the river, and lighting with smart sensors like ML&P is using. Plans to come back in a year to talk to community council.

Westchester Lagoon Bird Viewing Deck:

A new deck overlooking Westchester lagoon slightly to the south of the parking lot next to the boat ramp is planned. A private donation of \$35000 has been made by John Winger. The designed size will be 12'x24' and the deck will cantilever over the water. They would like to see construction this spring. They are looking for a vote of approval from the community council. The vote of support passes 11 to 0 with no abstentions.

Roger's Park CC Public Safety Group:

Gretchen Cuddy is extending an invitation to three events on the Chester Creek trail to get people outside and on the trails. Their group has been going since August. The first event is the only currently scheduled event which will be on 1/7/18 at 2-4pm at the Eastchester fields. There will be coffee and cocoa (Steamdot provided) and cookies (bring your own mug). The second event is planned to add chalk art to the trail from East chester to West chester lagoon. The third event will be a projected movie with some hot drinks TBD. They have gone through the permitting and there will be port-o-potties.

Community Comments: None