

SFCC Executive Board Meeting Minutes

November 18, 2013

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First issue was whether or not to annex portion of University Area Community Council to Boniface Parkway, as suggested by their council. UACC says this area does not participate in their council and thinks they have more in common with us.

After discussion it was decided that no good reason has been given to make this switch and if the citizens of this area had themselves expressed interest, we would be more inclined to consider it.

Second issue was whether or not to accept or make comments on the assembly proposed changes to community councils.

The board had concerns that the new wording of 2.40.030, which states that businesses and residences could send a representative to meetings, could be interpreted as giving proxy votes to non-attending members. There would be the possibility of rounding up votes by representing residents that do not normally attend.

We are not in favor of 16-year-olds being allowed to vote, due to concerns over their knowledge of issues and the fact that they cannot yet vote in municipal elections anyway.

We are not in favor of requiring attendance in a specified number of meetings prior to voting and not in favor of allowing councils to solicit dues prior to allowing members to vote.

There were concerns also about the wording, which states that members must be given seven days' notice of agenda items for upcoming meetings. Jerrienne says this is not workable for snail mail notices.

The third issue was whether or not we should make a SFCC comment about the East Anchorage District Plan or to just make individual comments. Comments are needed by 12/6/13 and our next meeting is not until 12/12/13. If we make a SFCC comment it would have to be board driven. We might also be able to ask for a late submission to get the entire council's comments.

Biggest concerns are that the document is hard to read between what is a vision and what is reality.

Another concern is the old Alaska Greenhouse Property. This is the hotbed. Between leaving the 29 acres as park, having commercial buildings fronting Muldoon or allowing some concessionaires or business deeper in the land, the executive board favors making a comment that says something along the lines of: "As much of the 29 acres as reasonable, should be left as park land." Roger talked about the health and welfare of the area residents being much more positively impacted by open spaces than more business. He believes we can do some grass roots development of the land without much money.

Bill expressed his concern with resolutions being presented at meetings without adequate warning to research, inform others or even think it through. Apparently this happens often during Capital Improvement Projects crunch. It was agreed that items should be calendared in order for a resolution to be voted upon at a meeting. New issues that come up will not be voted on other than to get a "sense of house."

It was decided that the December meeting should be a short business side and a holiday party for the rest. Jake Moe will be asked to present on his support of the bike trail adjacent Basher road, connecting the fire station trail to the existing trail 1½ miles up the road. This is a health and safety issue due to the number of people recreating on that road and the speed of cars and condition of the road at this time. Roger says the holdup in this trail connection is the difficulty in putting this trail in, due to the topography of the surrounding land. He was told this small section would be \$5½ million.