

# **SACC** *South Addition Community Council*

## **Membership Meeting Minutes, January 20, 2005**

**Call to Order:** President Dale Nelson called the meeting to order at 7:05PM.

No changes or additions to the Agenda; December Minutes approved unanimously.

**President's Report:** See below, Old Business and Zoning.

**Treasure's Report:** Doug Johnson reported Account Balance of \$1021.66.

**Anchorage Assembly Report:** Assembly Member Allen Tesche reported:

- 1) **Anchorage Development Authority** – the Assembly has created a new Municipal agency to manage the Municipality's land transactions. The new agency also combines the traditional authority of the Heritage Land Bank and the Anchorage Parking Authority;
- 2) **Spring Municipal Ballot** – Propositions will include (a) Hotel/Motel Bed Tax – a proposition to raise the hotel/motel bed tax 4% to help pay for a new convention center in downtown Anchorage; (b) Museum Expansion - the museum expansion will come before the Assembly for hearing and will probably be on the ballot. It would be funded by about \$100 million in grants, to ensure that revenue is available to meet maintenance costs for the facility, there may be a ballot measure to raise the Municipal tax cap enough to generate the \$1.2 million in revenues required to maintain the expanded facility; (c) Road Bonds – about \$38 million. There will be no bond proposals for schools or parks, and
- 3) Receipt of a request for an aviator's memorial on Delaney Park Strip.

## **No School District Report**

**FCC Report:** Patrick Flynn reported: (1) FCC has new officers; (2) FCC carries an umbrella insurance policy that provides coverage for meetings of the community councils; (3) FCC is undertaking a website update; (4) Sgt. Cindy Stanton of the Anchorage Police Department has been assigned to cover community council issues – [cstanton@ci.anchorage.ak.us](mailto:cstanton@ci.anchorage.ak.us) or 786-2668. (5) FCC received a report on the proposed convention center; and (6) Teri Albrect of the Mayor's office is available on request to speak at community council meetings and answer questions about the office – [albrecttl@muni.org](mailto:albrecttl@muni.org).

**Legislative Report:** Dale Nelson provided newsletters and other information from Representative Gara's and Senator Ellis' offices.

**Old Business:** Dale Nelson reported that Captain Nelson of APD met with the Executive Committee to discuss implementation of AMC 8.80, which provides that owners of residential properties receiving excessive police calls may be charged a \$500 fee for each successive police response to the property after eight calls in one year. Capt Nelson reported that APD has not yet used the ordinance due to concerns of enforceability and lack of an established system to track such properties and otherwise implement it. He

requested that when anyone calls in a police report that the caller identify the property by address, if possible.

Mr. Tesche reported that he has asked the City Attorney for a legal opinion on enforcement of the ordinance, and that the Assembly scheduled a work session on January 21 to address its implementation. Also, Mr. Tesche would like to be informed of any properties that are receiving numerous police calls.

**New Business:** Patrick Flynn gave an update on Alaska Railroad 2005 proposed program of projects. The proposed MP 110 – MP 114 rail capacity project (Spenard Builders to Ship Creek) includes an area in South Addition. The rail capacity improvement options, scheduled for an official public comment period in February or March, are likely to be:

- Add a second track from SBS to Ship Creek (preferred alternative).
- Extend current double-track from SBS partway toward downtown.
- Add a siding in the vicinity of Northern Lights Boulevard.
- No change.

Also, ARR is conducting a pilot whistle noise reduction program at several locations in Anchorage. The update included the information on a new Anchorage Operations Center on Whitney Road and a proposed Ship Creek Intermodal Transfer Center and parking facility in the area of the historic depot on First Avenue. More information is available at: [www.alaskarailroad.com/projects/index.html](http://www.alaskarailroad.com/projects/index.html). E-mail comments may be sent to [public\\_comment@akrr.com](mailto:public_comment@akrr.com).

**Zoning:** Dale reported notice of (1) March 7, public hearing on site plan reviews for a 23 acre skateboard and BMX park near Mulcahy sports complex, and (2) an application in the L Street slide area.

**Community Comments:** Paul Provencio reported that he and other (civic minded) neighbors continue working to get a grant from ConocoPhillips to add playground space and equipment near the exercise equipment at the parking lot on Westchester Lagoon. SACC previously voted in support of the playground concept.

**Meeting adjourned** at 8:20 pm.

Respectfully submitted,  
Bonnie Harris, Secretary