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Minutes

Sand Lake Community Council

November 13, 2000

1. Report from Senator Andrew Halcro: New legislative session starts January 8th. He looks forward to monthly teleconference with SLCC members.
2. Report from Assembly member Dick Tremaine. He reported that the assembly is busy working to complete the budget and is working to have the comprehensive plan finished by next month. He also noted that the South Anchorage Coastal Trail has been moved up in priority rank from six to three for receiving AMATS funding.
3. Anchorage Police Officer Wells reported that residents in the Sand Lake community should be aware of a string of apprx. 30 burglaries occurring recently in the area. The method of entry is kicking in the door when no one answers. Neighbors should pay attention to individuals who knock on the doors and ask for a fictitious person and be sure to use their dead bolts.
4. Architects and Project Manager reported on the project scope and schedule status for the new Dimond High School. SLCC Members viewed finished site plans and computer renderings of the building scheduled to open in the fall of 2003. Construction of the two-story building is scheduled to start summer 2001. The new school is designed to house 1600 students but will house 2100 students until the new South Anchorage High School opens in 2004. Right now the project manager is taking public comment on the where to house the additional 500 students. One option would house students in the new relocatable village at Dimond. The second option would delay demolition of old Dimond High until South High is open. The latter choice would increase costs and add another year to complete the Dimond High project.
5. Dowl Engineers reported to SLCC on the planning phase of the North/South taxiway for the airport. The purpose of the project is to reduce delays and runway occupancy times and will increase safety. Members viewed aerial shots of the runway with the proposed eastside and westside taxiway options. A cost analysis has not been conducted yet and will largely depend on weather the earthwork can be reused. Construction could start as soon as November 2001 with most work completed in 2002. It was noted that the cost of the project is funded by airport internal operating funds and grants by the FAA. Public comment on environmental impact is still being accepted. 276-8929, anctaxiway@dowl.com or contact your representative on the airport advisory council

6. Municipal Assessor Marty McGee spoke at length on the purpose and method of calculating property valuations. He pointed out that the only area he saw significant increase in valuations was in the 4-plex market. He described how the assessors office uses complex computer modeling, bases values on previous three years of reported sales, he noted importantly Alaska does not have mandatory disclosure laws. He also pointed out that they are not allowed to use MLS to aid in their valuations and do not tie valuations to CPI.

In December:

- Dowl Engineers will report to SLCC on the West International railroad study.
- Representatives from 2001 Special Olympics.
- Representatives from Victims for Justice.
- Elections for Sand Lake Community Council officers.

Minutes recorded by Becky Roth.

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