

## Draft Minutes

### Sand Lake Community Council

January 8, 2001

1. Teleconference with Senator Drue Pearce. Senator Pearce mentioned top issues this session will be schools and efforts on a state level to get the gas line going. Issues for schools are whether or not to defer exit exams, the foundation formula, and funding major maintenance and/or new schools. Please note that even though legislatures are in Juneau their phones are forwarded so contacting your representatives is only a local call Drue Pearce ph: 907-269-0200 or e-mail: [senator\\_drue\\_pearce@legis.state.ak.us](mailto:senator_drue_pearce@legis.state.ak.us)
2. Dan Sullivan from the Assembly reported the Assembly will be working to fund a proposed 420M school budget. The Assembly is also looking into new revenue sources for city impetus to relieve property taxes, not add new taxes. He noted that the city recently paid off two revenue bonds that freed up 2 million for services. The assembly is reviewing the comprehensive plan and will decide whether or not to allow the public 30 days to review the final version. The Assembly is also reviewing the Girdwood transportation plan. Fay VonGemmingen was present at the meeting as was Dick Tremaine who urged members to pay attention to upcoming school/road/park/bond packages and to get out and testify.
3. Treasurers report \$356.83. \$1.00 allows membership to SLCC and a vote.
4. Bill Sheffield from the Alaska Railroad updated SLCC on many projects pending in Alaska. Most notable to the SLCC council the railway station at the airport that will begin construction in March and is scheduled for completion in the fall of 2002. And the Proposed realignment of tracks along International Airport Drive. There were questions on how the train depot could be viable. He said the train station would appeal to commuters from the Mat. Valley year round. ARR is holding an open house January 24 from 4-7 p.m. in the Board Room of the ARR depot at Ship Creek. The open house will cover capital projects with an emphasis on Anchorage area projects. (*note: this update was not scheduled on the agenda*).
5. Lance Wilber from MOA community planning and development reported to SLCC on the process for funding projects for CIP and TIP. Currently AMATS is waiting for approval of the 2020 plan before readdressing long -term transportation issues in March. The new transportation plan should take two

years to complete. He said one way that citizens can get involved is make recommendations to their community councils. Recommendations should include a description and reasons justifying the project. The number one criteria the state considers: What is the local gov't contributing to the project? and Would local agencies be responsible for operation once it's built? To reach Lance with questions: Ph# 343-4100 Fax# 343-4100 e-mail [wilberlr@ci.anchorage.ak.us](mailto:wilberlr@ci.anchorage.ak.us)

6. Joette Storm from the FAA gave an update on the proposed ASR-11 radar site for the airport. Currently five sites are being considered. Recommendations from the environmental assessment report will be released next month. The EAR will recommend either no action or a preferred site that most closely meets the grading criteria of the FAA. One of the sites, in Kincaid Park (on FAA owned land), is on the short list. The site was set aside for navigation purposes 20 years ago. Representatives from the stated that the "airport strongly supports the upgrade of radar."
7. Sand Lake Community Council set goals for 2001. A Major goal of the SLCC is to develop a "newsflash" e-mail list so members keep informed on urgent issues and respond to elected officials. The SLCC also made plans to update the mailing list and plans for a membership drive this spring. SLCC also made plans for a welcome for the new Senior housing and the new AFD station#7.
8. There was a motion to elect Peggy Belardi as publicist for the council. The Motion was seconded and approved by majority.