



SLCC Minutes 13 September 2010
6:30pm Kincaid Park
Anchorage Alaska
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President Daniel Burgess officiating.

Called to order 6:30pm:

Meeting held at Kincaid Park

Announcements:

- Lots of Updates to the Sand Lake Community Council website <http://www.sandlakecc.org> Visuals have been added, along with posts immediately displayed on the front page. This puts the current news right there in front, easy to see. Lots more improvements coming as we sort the older data into categories easier to search.
- Look for a 'WEBSITE TUTORIAL' presentation in December. I will go over the use of our website, how to find the information your looking for, and how to navigate some of the newer features.
- AAA is having a car care event on the 18th of September between 10 and 2 ... free winter check
- Thursday, September 16th, SLCC Executive Board meeting at Tastee Freeze... We will discuss the finalization of using Sand Lake Elementary as our new permanent meeting place for Sand Lake Community Council meetings. Also, the discussion on signage for our meetings... wither or not to purchase some basic signs for reminding people of the council meetings.

State Legislative Reports:

Alaska State Senator Lesil McGuire: Ester from Senator McGuire office reporting today. Currently the Senator is attending the World Energy Congress... Senator McGuire and Representative Craig Johnson have meet with Mayor Sullivan looking into Capital Budget priorities for the next legislative session. Looked at lighting, and roads. And discussed the Sand Lake Aquifer. They are working with Representative Bob Buch's office for a meeting for all interested parties. More information to come regarding this. Also, Tuesday Sept. 21st 10-4:30 there will be a Senate resource committee meeting discussing Alaska's oil spill preparedness and response.

State Legislative Reports - Continued:

Alaska State Representative Bob Buch: Regarding Road drainage and Sidewalk improvement for Jewel Lake road... It was a priority on the budget, however it was cut. Am trying to meeting with the Governor about getting this, and money for the pit water testing back into the budget, but to date he has refused to meet. For Residents around Blackberry between Dimond and Strawberry, look for road improvements that will be taking place still this year. People speeding in residential zones have been a big problem this year. He would like the Police to come out in force and write citations if this persists. Neighborhoods can also get together to reduce the speed limits on your streets, by getting a consensus of the neighborhood together and contact the city.

Anchorage Assembly Report:

Harriet Drummond: The Assembly had lots of meetings this summer... look for newly approved Street repairs in our areas... Natural gas issues hopefully resolved with new agreements... Independent forensic audit of the Begich administration results, basically the Assembly and the administration where guilty of sloppy book keeping. The Assembly is taking steps to improve this process. There was not anything found fraudulent, or criminal.

Ernie Hall: Campbell Creek Estuary park looks like it's going to happen now. It will not start out as a park, but will happen over phases and there will be no housing development. First is securing the property. Taxes... 27 million dollar deficient estimated in the budget for 2011. Wednesday the 15th the City will release the results of their public involved assessment. The Sand Lake Community Council meeting in October will be a special presentation about the Tax issues, and talk about the community's thoughts. Regarding IM program, it was approved to cancel the program. It's awaiting federal approval, then additional 6 months transition period. The federal approval could take up to 18 months. Regarding bonds, don't think there will be any moratorium this year (This was a question from the floor).

West Anchorage Development Plan:

Hopefully in October, there will be a draft made public for review.

Airport Committee and issues:

The Airport Committee has nothing to report this month.

Kincaid Single Track Advocates:

Kincaid Single Track Advocates – group to maintain and create single track (trail on soft surface, approx. 18 inch wide, for biking, walking, etc.) in Kincaid park. Looking for the community council's support in this project as they move forward with permitting with the city. The network of trails proposed will be built, and maintained by the Single Track Advocates. The Nordic Track group, and other groups that use Kincaid have all approved and supported the proposed tracks. Construction looking to start next spring. A motion was proposed for a letter of support. The vote was UNANIMOUS in Sand Lake Community Council supporting the proposed multi-use Kincaid Single Track plan.. Go to our website at <http://www.sandlakecc.org> to see the letter.

Code Enforcement:

Frank Kelly – Junk vehicle removal program is still going on. Code complaints can be made online. Please report all issues. If there's no reports, they don't know of all the problems. Also, reminder to know where your property lines are. There have been several issues about fences and personal property issues because of this lack of knowledge. You can reach code enforcement at 343-8380 and Graffiti Busters at 343-4663.

Beluga Billiards:

Sean Weems – Beluga Billiards at the corner of Dimond and Jewel Lake roads second floor above the Alaska Club, is seeking support from the Sand Lake Community Council for a conditional use permit, and liquor license. This will be for the back area of the pool hall, with a security checkpoint to prevent underage from entering the wet section. Beer and wine only for adults actually playing pool, as they do not want to support the idea of people just coming to drink. Beluga Billiards presented several documents about who they are, and the permits they are seeking... this was placed on our website: <http://www.sandlakeecc.org> . A motion was put for a letter of support.

It was a UNANIMOUS vote approving a letter of non-objection from Sand Lake Community Council. Go to our website at <http://www.sandlakeecc.org> to see the letter.

Sand Lake Park Improvements:

Construction should take place next year... look for more information soon on our website.

Jewel Lake Park Improvements:

A few surprises during construction. They improved the sand area to make it safer. This was nice. There are questions about a concrete boundary around the volleyball area. Also regarding the bushes planted next the lifeguard shack. Robert Hayes will be going to the parks people to ask about these things.

Dowl HKM / Alaska Sand and Gravel:

Lucy pit - Fencing, video surveillance, and actual visual inspections going well as they have started the fill process. They pumped everything they could out of the bottom before they started. The next hydrology reports should be out by the end of the year. Comments from the floor praising them on a nice professional job they're doing.

No other new business

Meeting Adjourned at 8:15pm

No video on our website for Septembers meeting...

The 'school picnic' that was simultaneously taking place at Kincaid made the audio of the movie taken of the meeting, impossible to hear. Despite extensive work to boost and clean the audio track, it was just not usable. Sorry. So, here's the minutes. Enjoy! - Dan