

SACC Minutes, September 18, 2008

Anchorage Pioneer Home

Meeting called to order at 7:06 by President Paul Provencio

I. **Minutes:** June 19, 2008 minutes approved

II. **Reports:**

- a. Police & Fire Report: No representatives available.
- b. President's Report: Paul Provencio:
 - 9th Avenue will include phase 2 east of Cordova. Coordination ongoing with MOA's Russ Oswald.
 - Internet access at the Pioneer Home is a project the SACC may be able to assist with, using our dues dollars. One member noted support as long as SACC was guaranteed meeting room use.
 - Brown Jug is being sold to an Outside entity. Paul introduced Bob Klein, Brown Jug, who was available to answer questions. Bob noted no changes are planned by the new owners and that the sale must go before the Assembly and the ABC Board.
- c. Treasurer's report: Doug Johnson reported \$2,735.71 as the current balance. Several attendees paid their annual \$5 membership dues which will be reflected next month.
- d. Assembly Report: Patrick Flynn said a resolution was sent to AMATS regarding the Knik Arm Crossing project which does not deny support for the project but indicates Assembly priorities have changed. The Assembly passed an ordinance requiring LEED Silver Standard for all MOA facilities. LEED measures a facility's ability to be more environmentally sensitive. Patrick said MOA street lights will be changed from high pressure sodium to more long lasting environmentally friendly lights. He noted the budget season is about to start and with energy costs up, it is likely a mil increase will be required. In response to a member's question, Patrick said ADOT, DEC, Mayor, Selkregg and himself are currently on AMATS. Another member told Patrick of concerns with the increased noise of the train horns as they blast the Lagoon with longer, louder blows. (Patrick is also an Ak RR employee). Another question on wind generation and the height of towers was raised to Patrick.
- e. Federation of Community Councils Report: Bonnie Harris, FCC representative, passed around a grant report and a manager's report. She stated FCC has adopted financial policies. The FCC expects \$108,000 from the MOA and will request an additional \$55,000 for operations and another \$5,000 for a community survey. APD was present and indicated they do not have the ability to send officers to community council meetings on a regular basis. Their priority is crime and being on the streets. FCC staff includes 1.5 people, they are currently working on web sites for community councils (CCs) and mailing lists. With 10 days of lead time, FCC will do a monthly mailout for CCs. They also offer to do an annual 1st class mailing to area residents. SACC has 2 archived boxes stored at FCC.
- f. No legislative reports. (Croft, Berkowitz, Ellis, Holmes, Gara??)

III. **Old and New Business**

- a. Highway to Highway: Presentation by Julianne Hansen, HDR, who is assisting with the Environmental Impact Statement. She reported there have been public meetings in July, more to happen in October. Council member comments include: there is name confusion; consider a Muldoon or east side connection; consider transit or other modes less car dependant; generally agree with need; provide better bus service; do a cut and cover through Fairview and Merrill Field; describe cost plus impact issues; the project will make things worse; air quality will be worse. Julianne said there will be "project listening posts" where the public can make comments throughout Anchorage at stores, malls and other community locations; they include staffed information tables. Community input into the design, according to Julianne, will be by geographic groups that have been established including Fairview, Mountainview, and Downtown. She said SACC could possibly join the Downtown and indicated the public could find out more at the project web site: highway2highway.com. Other community questions included: where is the alignment? Who is the project team (MOA, Transit)? Will there be a bike lane or pedestrian ways, connections are important? Julianne said a Notice of Intent (NOI) has already been filed, so the NEPA (environmental) process has started. A cost estimate is not ready yet as there is not an alignment. There is a \$623 million amount that has been noted in project related documents according to an SACC member. Julianne said that no-build, transit, transit demand alternatives will be explored. Paul indicated he would attend the 5:30-7:00 meeting on Sept. 25th at 2525 C Street.
- b. Fish in the City. Westchester Lagoon project update by Brad Dunker, MOA: Most work to be done this winter, mostly west of the tracks. Project finish should be June 30 of 2009. The large staging area next to the trail is temporary and will be removed along with the access road. The purpose of the project is to allow fish passage noting the historic run is small, less than 600 fish annually. This is also a flood control project which will

replace the old weir structure. On October 24th there will be an opening, hole in the AKRR tracks for the installation of a culvert. The contractor will have 96 hours to install the 150-foot long, 12-foot-wide concrete box culvert. Trail users can get update postcards along the trail or by calling Russ Oswald or Dwayne Maney at 343-8135. Members asked about the project cost. (\$4 million? with state, federal, and local funding). Will salmon runs be increased? (No stocking will occur). Is the project aware of and coordinating with the proposed new playground? (Yes). During the lowering of the lagoon water, can the lagoon be dredged to remove weeds? Where are flood control issues? (Valley of the Moon Park and around 19th).

- c. Residential Parking Permits: Rick L. Onstoff, no show, no report.
- d. SACC Parks Committee: Paul will be initial contact. SACC members are asked to inventory local parks. See MOA parks web site for evaluation forms.
- e. Speed Bumps at Inlet View: Two places for bumps to be discussed at next SACC meeting.
- f. Code Changes: Wind generators on buildings, not much known.
- g. Capital Improvements Project Update: add horn protection for AK RR, members should review preliminary list and bring ideas to next meeting.
- h. Election of Officers: Slate of officers, prepared by Fran Durner, is to be voted on in October: Kathy Weeks President; Elise Huggins Vice President; Doug Johnson Treasurer; Lisa Jamieson Secretary; FCC Rep Paul Provencio (with assistance from Bonnie); Members at Large- Ashley Kalli, Lani Fleischer, Nate Visser.
- i. Zoning and Land Use Hearings: None in the area. Go to the following site for information and comments: munimaps.muni.org/planning/home3.htm

IV. Community Comments: Speed bumps, traffic data collection.

I. Meeting adjourned at approximately 8:50. 18 people in attendance.

Next Executive Committee Meeting, Thursday, October 2, 6 PM, Pioneer Home 5th Floor.
Next General Membership Meeting, Thursday, October 16, 7 PM, Pioneer Home 5th Floor.

Minutes submitted by: M. E. Huggins, Secretary