

SACC *South Addition Community Community Agenda*

Council Meeting Minutes - March 28, 2019

- I. The meeting was called to order at 7:05 pm by Vice-President Hans Thompson**
- A. Changes and/or additions to the agenda – Item #7 under New Business [Joseph Dugan] was added to the agenda and was accepted as amended.
 - B. The 1/24/19 and 2/28/19 minutes were accepted as presented.
- II. Reports:**
- A. President – Moira Gallagher [Absent: no report]
 - B. Vice-President – Hans Thompson
 - C. Treasurer – Cathleen Hahn – SACC savings account remains unchanged since 12/31/18 at **\$1,898.62**.
 - D. Police / Fire Department – No reports
 - E. Assembly – Chris Constant talked about the following topics:
 - 1. Election Tuesday, 4/2/19
 - 2. Chris supports the Alcohol Tax proposal [Prop 9] to fund important camp abatement and moving from camps to shelters
 - 3. He supports raising the age to purchase tobacco to 21.
 - 4. Chris co-chairs the Assembly Utility and Enterprise Oversight Committee and his biggest concern is engaging in a deep analysis of the situation at the Port of Anchorage. Proposed project ballooned to \$1.8B. Chris wants the right port for the right cost.
 - 5. Another Assembly person proposed to de-regulate the taxi industry to make it more competitive with Uber and Lyft. Chris opposes the idea due to how it will cause uncertainty and instability to a number of people.
 - 6. The MoA Assembly wants to amend Muni code to allow Assembly members to serve on the Board of Equalization.
 - 7. Chris supports an ordinance to create a 50-foot buffer around playgrounds where people cannot smoke. Currently, there is no buffer at all.
 - 8. Chris spoke at length about equal representation on the Assembly throughout Anchorage which would result in the remapping of districts. He urged everyone to follow this issue and be involved.
 - F. School Board – No report
 - G. Legislature:
 - 1. Senator Tom Begich spoke at length about the budget. He stated there was no acrimony between the House and the Senate. He reported that Joe Biggs has been removed from contention for the Mental Health Trust Authority due to inappropriate behavior. He also spoke about the homelessness issue and human trafficking and supports a human rights bill.
 - 2. Representative Zack Fields was connected via teleconference and talked about adding funds to UAA and rejected cuts to several agencies and services. He also spoke about the operating budget.
 - 3. Federation of Community Councils [FCC] Jeff Manfull spoke about several FCC issues, including an upcoming resolution to increase the time

CC's need to be notified about issues from 21 days to 31 days and the retirement of Assembly member Dick Traini.

III. Council business:

A. New business:

1. School Board Candidates – Margo Bellamy spoke on her own behalf for School Board seat A.
2. Challenge Grant for single track trail and project – Hans Thompson: Hans presented a resolution to accept Senator Tom Begich motioned to accept the resolution. I seconded the motion. The motion carried 10 for 0 against and 0 abstentions.
3. Challenge Grant support letter for “Free Little Library” at Valley of the Moon Park – no report or presentation.
4. Proposed changes to R2 zoning – John Thurber and Cheryl Richardson – John Thurber displayed numerous visual aids depicting places where the zoning changes would take effect. Tom Davis of the P&ZC then commented on the changes. Next, Cheryl Richardson brought forth a resolution opposed [?] to the changes. Tamas Deak made a motion to accept the resolution, which passed 15 for, 3 against, 1 abstention.
5. Update on Pebble Project
 - a) Mark Hamilton spoke in favor of the Pebble Project.
 - b) Sam Snyder [Wild Salmon Center] spoke in opposition to the Pebble Project.

Jeff Manfull made a motion to extend the meeting until 9:10 pm. Motion passed without objection.

6. Joseph Dugan – Mr. Dugan asked for a motion for a variance for {?}. Motion passed 17 yes, 0 No, 1 abstention.

Jeff Manfull made another motion to extend the meeting to 9:20 and to forego community comments so Mr. Dugan could finish his variance request. Motion again passed without objection.

IV. Open community comments – None

V. Next SACC Executive Committee meeting: April 11, 2019

VI. Next SACC meeting – April 25, 2019

VII. The Council adjourned at 9:18 pm.