

South Addition Community Council Minutes of the June 27, 2019 Meeting

I. <u>Called to Order</u> 7:06 PM

Executive Committee Members Present: Moira Gallagher, President, Hans Thompson, Vice President, Ruth Ann Jennings, Secretary, Jeff Manfull, Member-at-Large and FCC Representative, and Albert Whitehead, Member-at-Large.

Others Present: See attached attendance sheet.

Approval of Agenda: A motion made and passed to approve the Agenda submitted.

Minutes: A motion was made and passed to approve the minutes of the May 23, 2019 SACC meeting as submitted.

II. <u>Reports</u>

- A. President Report: No report.
- B. **V.P. Report**: Hans Thompson provided an update to the Choke Cherry removal efforts.
- C. Treasurer Report: No report.
- D. Police Department / Fire Department Reports: No report.
- E. Assembly Member Report: Chris Constant reported to the Council. He stated the greenbelts were cleaner and safer than ever. He explained "zone based abatements" of homeless, tent camps. He introduced a charter amendment to the Assembly for adding one assembly member which would give South Addition two member representation as all the other districts currently enjoy. A public hearing is presently scheduled for October 8, 2019. The RCA hearings regarding the ML& P sale is slated for August. Assemblyman Constant believed the closing of the sale was on track for November. Assemblyman Constant provided an update on the issues, and costs to resolve potentially billions of dollars of the Port of Anchorage. He reported on the Port's potential role with respect to national security and climate security.
- F. Mayor's Office: No report.
- G. School Board: No report.
- H. **Legislature:** Grace Kubitz reported to the Council on behalf of Rep Fields. Senator Begich gave a lengthy, detailed report regarding the shenanigans occurring in Special Session between the Legislators and the Legislature and the



Governor in Juneau, Anchorage and Wasilla. He explained in detail, the process for passing a budget. He referred to the port as "an enterprise activity" and it is not only Anchorage's port but the State of Alaska's port.

I. **Federation of Community Councils (FCC) Report**: Jeff Manfull, SACC's FCC representative reported that the FCC will not meet in the summer and is holding a picnic on July 17, 2019 in Valley of the Moon.

III. Council Business

A. New business:
1. Elections for the SACC Executive Board The slate is as follows: Moira Gallagher, President Hans Thompson, Vice President Cathleen Hahn, Treasurer Ruth Ann Jennings, Secretary Jeff Manfull, Immediate Past President and delegate to the FCC Albert Whitehead, Member-at-large John Thurber, Member-at-large Theresa Philbrick, Member-at-large

IV. Open Community Comments: A conversation was held regarding Mayor Berkowitz's administration's efforts on solving the "homeless" problem in Anchorage. It was noted the no representative of the Mayor's office had attended a Council meeting in a year or more. Ruth Ann Jennings volunteered to contact the Mayor's and request a representative, or the mayor himself, attend the September meeting. Jeff Manfull agreed to ask FCC to reach out to the Mayor's office.

- V. Next Executive meeting: September 12, 2019.
- VI. Next Regular meeting: Fourth Thursday of the month, September 26, 2019.
- **VII. Motion:** Moved to adjourn the Council meeting passed unanimously. The adjourned at 8:13 PM.

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