

South Addition Community Council
DRAFT Minutes
Regular Meeting of September 26, 2019

The Welcome Back Barbeque was held from 6 – 7 PM.

I. Call to Order: 7:01 PM

Executive Committee Members present: Moira Gallagher, President, Hans Thomson, VP, Cathleen Hahn Treasurer, Ruth Ann Jennings, Secretary, and Jeff Manfull, Member-at-Large, FCC Rep.

Others Present: See attached

Agenda approved as amended, the report from the Mayor's office was added as item F.

Minutes were approved as submitted.

II. Reports:

A. President's Report: No report

B. Vice President's Report: Update on the Bird Cherry tree removal and comments on the success of the single track bike trails built along Chester Creek in the summer. The private property located between Valley of the Moon Park and A Street has been sold. At this time, it is uncertain who is the buyer.

C. Treasure's report: \$1,906.37 in SACC's account. Voluntary, household, membership dues are \$5 per Council year. SACC's bank has increased the monthly charges significantly. It was suggested we request a \$500 charitable donation from our bank.

D. Police report: None.

E. Assembly: Christopher Constant provided a detailed report: The encampment clearing efforts along the bike trails has been a success. The Muni has dedicated \$400,000 to Bean's to fund cold weather housing and replace the money cut by the Governor. Assemblyman Constant opined that the situation on 3rd Avenue has become inhumane. He reported on the proposed application for a storm water utility and the benefits it would bring to South Addition. He provided a follow up on the proposed ordinance to change the Muni's Charter to add a twelve assembly member to represent South Addition. He reported on the proposal for on-site consumption of cannibals and on the current status of the sale of MLP to Chguach Electrical. Approval by RCA is currently expected in December.

F. Mayor's Report: Jason Bockenstadt, Deputy Chief of Staff, Mayor's Office, reported on behalf of the Mayor's department. Updates were given on the status of the Port of Alaska; the sale of MLP; the \$400,000 the municipality dedicated to the city's homeless needs and the increase on property taxes to cover costs resulting from the Governor's budget cuts.

G. Legislature: Loki Gale Tobin, Policy Advisor, Office of Senator Begich, reported that the Senator is opposed to the Governor's "opt-in" policy re unions, the seat left open by Senator Chris Birch's passing was discussed, and it is unknown if, and when, the next Special Session will be called.

Tristan Walsh, Staff, Office of Representative Fields, reported that the House passed a bill to adjust the Governor's increased rates for the Pioneer House to be established as controlled rate increases and capped with Social Security income levels.

H. ASD: Andy Holleman reported on threats of violence the District has experienced this school year and that the students spoke up and reported them before anything occurred. The student population is expected to drop this school year and student programs were the most impacted by the Governor's budget cuts. Mr. Holleman updated the Council on the status of repairs to the schools

damaged by the 2018 earthquake, and the new French immersion program. He stated that the Pledge of Allegiance is said every school morning in every school and that the board voted down the proposal to require every school to sing the National Anthem every school day. He did not know if Inlet View Elementary School were slated for school bonds. A discussion on state imposed limit of what the District may spend in each student.

I. Federation of Community Councils (FCC) Report: Jeff Manfull reported that the FCC meetings are open to the public and meet every month on the third Wednesday.

III. Council Business:

A. Old Business: Tom Davis, Planning and Zoning, reported on the status of the Planning Department's proposed changes to R2 zoning. The next R2 hearing will be held on October 14.

A motion was moved and passed to extend the Community Council meeting to 9:10 PM.

B. New business: First Presbyterian Church construction update. Matt Schultz had to leave before his turn came up. Sue Hicks of the US Census, spoke on the upcoming 2020 Census and the need for census takers.

IV. Open community comments.

V. Next SACC Executive Committee meeting will be October 10, 2019.

VI. Adjournment: A motion was made and passed to adjourn at 8:59 PM.