

South Addition Community Council Meeting Minutes

Meeting Minutes for September 21, 2006

I. President Bonnie Harris called the meeting to order. Meeting minutes for June 15, 2006 were unanimously approved.

II. Reports

Police Report - Sergeant Cindy Stanton (786-2668; cstanton@ci.anchorage.ak.us)

- Sgt. Stanton has returned to her role as community officer.
- She has received calls about thefts in the area and advises residents to lock cars and homes, keep valuables out of vehicles, and call police dispatch to report suspicious activity as it is happening (786-8900). She also recommends the Neighborhood Watch program as a successful crime deterrent. She will track SACC area calls made to police dispatch each month.
- Deputy Chief Huen will be considered by the Assembly for Police Chief.

President's Report - President Bonnie Harris shared the following announcements:

- Minutes from the July 2006 Federation of Community Councils (FCC) meeting
- Leadership Anchorage application and training schedule for 2006 –2007
- Invitation from the Native Village of Eklutna to a Meeting on September 30th for discussion of Eklutna history and historic ordinance issues.
- Federation of Community Council wants photographs of community council members in action. Please direct photographs the FCC or Bonnie Harris.
- Laura Bottger and Siri Moss have been appointed to Delaney Park Strip Citizens Advisory Group. The SACC Executive Board asked Laura Bottger to represent SACC.

Treasurer's Report - Treasurer Doug Johnson reported an account balance of \$1,233.02.

Assembly Report - Assemblyman Allan Tesche is once again fully engaged in the activities of the Assembly. He can be reached at home (276-3284).

- The Assembly will deliberate the 2007 Budget in October/November. Additional State revenues are anticipated and by Assembly Policy, will be used to provide property tax relief. The Anchorage School District's anticipated \$35 million dollar shortfall in retirement funding will be addressed, and the Assembly is talking with Legislators about State assistance in meeting this shortfall.
- Assemblyman Dan Sullivan has introduced two ordinances.
 1. Reduce expired parking meter fines from \$20 to \$10
 2. Require Assembly approval of site plans and facility development for Delaney Park Strip, including all major additions, deletions and improvements.
- The Assembly is considering revision to the Assembly Ethics Code/Standards.

Legislative Report - Kate Harrington of Senator Ellis' office reported on behalf of Senator Ellis and Representative Gara that legislators are working on constituent issues now that the special session has ended.

III. Old and New Business

Emergency Preparedness: Karen Cameron reported on the Municipality's Emergency Watch Program that trains residents to be prepared for emergencies. Ms. Cameron noted that residents

should be ready to subsist without municipal services (including Police, Fire, and Utilities) for up to 7 days. SACC has not yet had anyone trained. Information on this one hour training is available from the Office of Emergency Services at 343-1400.

| Delaney Park Update: Laura Bottger and Laine Fleischer reported that the Parks Department plan to use United Way's Day of Caring to make improvements to the Delaney Park Strip was not approved by the Urban Design Commission or the Delaney Park Strip Citizen's Advisory Group. Approval was denied because the plan was not part of the current public process to create a master plan for the Delaney Park Strip. The current public process that included public meetings last winter is on schedule and the draft Master Plan, Memorial Plan and Usage Plan will be presented to the public this Fall.

This topic generated lengthy discussion about the future of the Delaney Park Strip and the importance of the public process in community decisions.

- SACC passed Resolution No. 9-21-06A supporting a complete and continuing public process for development and improvements to the Delaney Park Strip and further supporting the Delaney Citizens Advisory Group's proposed Agreed Upon Premises for the future usage of the park. Motion passed with 20 in favor, none opposed and no abstentions.
- SACC passed Resolution No. 9-21-06B supporting Anchorage Ordinance No. OA 2006-108 amending the Anchorage Municipal Code Title 25, to require Assembly Approval of major additions, deletions or improvements to the Delaney Park Strip. Motion passed with 14 in favor, 4 opposed and 3 abstentions.

| Lot Coverage Variance Request for 1239 "G" Street

- SACC passed Resolution No. 9-21-06D opposing the request for an administrative variance from ANC 21.40.045.H, Case No. 2006-134, to allow the house located at 1239 "G" Street to exceed the maximum lot coverage allowed and recommends to the Planning and Zoning Department that the application be rejected. Motion passed with 16 in favor, 4 opposed and 2 abstentions.

| Title 21 Update – Cheryl Richardson gave an update on the status of proposed amendments to the zoning provisions in AMC Title 21.

- SACC passed Resolution No. 9-21-06C supporting the request by the Anchorage Citizens' Coalition that the Municipality of Anchorage hold public workshops in the six-week period between the date that a Title 21 draft is released for public review and the date of the first to public hearing on that draft. Motion passed with 21 in favor, none opposed and no abstentions.

IV Community Comments – Karen Cameron noted that the Alaska Railroad proposes to spray herbicides along the railroad. The Railroad's comment period has been extended.

Meeting Adjourned.