

**OCEANVIEW/OLD SEWARD COMMUNITY COUNCIL
C/o 240 PACIFIC VIEW DRIVE, ANCHORAGE, AK 99515**

NEWSLETTER JANUARY 2004

Happy New Year, everyone. Its time to get down to business again after the break we took over the holidays. We will meet on the second Wednesday of the month from January through May when we will break for the summer. The next meeting of the Oceanview/Old Seward Community Council will be on Wednesday, January 14, 2004 in the library of Oceanview Elementary School starting at 7:00 PM.

LEGISLATIVE & ASSEMBLY REPRESENTATIVES

We have asked Senator Ben Stevens (Senator.Ben.Stevens@legis.state.ak.us) and Representative Lesil McGuire (Representative.Lesil.McGuire@legis.state.ak.us) to give us their legislative priorities for the upcoming legislative session.

We will also hear the latest from our Assembly representatives Janice Shamberg (jcshamberg@pci.net) and Dick Tremaine (tremaied@ci.anchorage.ak.us).

ANCHORAGE POLICE DEPARTMENT

We called Lt. Norsworthy of the Anchorage Police Department on the problem areas in the Oceanview area identified by the council during the September meeting and learned that he has been reassigned. We are making contact with the new police officer assigned as liaison between Oceanview community and the APD and will attempt to have the officer attend a council meeting.

REZONE PETITION AT ELLEN & KLATT

The owner of this property petitioned the Planning and Zoning Commission at a public hearing on January 5, 2004 to rezone the property from R1A to R2M. In July 2003, the owner filed a petition to build six tri-plexes (18 units) on the same property but withdrew the petition before the public hearing. The developer filed a petition to rezone the property in order to build six duplexes (12 units).

Your Executive Committee sent a letter to the Planning and Zoning Commission recommending that the Commission disapproves the petition. This section of Oceanview comprises single family homes and building high density housing units will be out of character with the neighborhood.

There was good representation of the residents in the area planned on attending the P & Z hearing and results of the hearing will be reported at the council meeting.

AMATS

We continue to monitor the activities of AMATS. Questions raised by members during recent public meetings on the various road projects in South Anchorage have generally been answered except one. This involves how much money is spent on enhancements to roads and trails in the last three years and what are the spending plans for enhancements on future projects. We will continue to pursue answers to these questions.

MINNESOTA AND C STREET INTERSECTION

At the November meeting of the council, Mr. Steve Lovs from Anchorage Sand & Gravel talked about the impact of the proposed extension of C Street and the overpass planned at the intersection of Minnesota Drive. This will affect the traffic pattern used by AS&G trucks. The council instructed the president to write a letter to Mr. Lance Wilber, Director of the Municipal Traffic Department asking the department to re-examine the design in order to accommodate the AS&G truck traffic. (See letter dated November 18 which we have received no reply). We also have asked Mr. Gary Baugh to address the council on his views since he owns the property between Peninsular Circle and Lang Street. The current truck route passes through this property under a lease agreement between Mr. Baugh and AS&G.

DEARMOUN ROAD PHASE 2

The Executive Committee held a special meeting on December 15 to consider a resolution on the proposed DeArmoun Road Phase 2 improvements. We wanted to register our comments before the cutoff of written comments was closed on December 16. We emailed the resolution stating it would be presented to the council during the January meeting. Copies of the resolution will be available for discussion at the January council meeting.

The Community Councils most affected by the project are Huffman/O'Malley, Rabbit Creek and Mid-Hillside. These councils have all drafted petitions expressing their views on the project.

At the December 16 meeting of the Assembly, \$3 million for right-of-way acquisition was removed from the 2004-2006 TIP. \$0.5 million was retained to complete re-evaluation of environmental conditions and design work. Construction is still scheduled to start in 2006.

BRAGAW STREET EXTENSION

There was another public meeting on the proposed Bragaw Street extension held on January 5. About 120 people attended who received a presentation of the status of the design followed by questions and answers. It seems that about 60% of the public support the project. For more information either visit DOWL Engineers at 4141 B Street or the project website at www.abbotloop.com.

TIMBERLANE ROAD

The other road project in South Anchorage that is of interest to council members is converting Timberlane Road to an arterial road. There was a public meeting held on November 19. The designers noted the comments made by the public for further consideration.

ELECTION OF OFFICERS

The revised bylaws, which were approved in September 2003 state that the current slate of officers is eligible to serve a year before staggering the terms that the officers serve starts. The current officers were elected to serve another year in starting in January 2004.

In December, Tim Bridgman, president the council was advised by the Federation of Community Councils that FCC bylaws prohibited an officer of a community council from serving if that person was running for an elected office. Subsequently, the president was informed by the FCC that this applied only to delegates elected by the community council to serve on the FCC board. Therefore Tim Bridgman will continue to serve as president of the council.

NEWSLETTER

We have been notified by the Federation of Community Councils that community council newsletters will no longer be mailed by US Mail. So please advise FCC of your Email address to councils@alaska.net and copy our treasurer Mary Whitmore at emwhit@alaska.net who maintains a database of Oceanview Community Council members. These measures are a result of recent cuts to the municipal budget.

Don't forget that community councils are the link in the local government chain between the resident and the municipal government and that community councils are only as effective as you, the membership want to make them by participating in the monthly meetings.

GENERAL INFORMATION

For those who want more information on what's happening in the City, consult the Municipality website www.muni.org

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