

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

NEWSLETTER February 2004

The Legislature is in session, the Permanent Fund Conference is meeting in Fairbanks, and there's a city election in April. In other words, there are lots of discussion topics for our February meeting.

We will be collecting membership dues this month: five dollars for an individual, ten for a family.

This month's meeting is February 11 (Wednesday), 7pm, at the Ocean View Elementary School (Multipurpose room) on Johns Road.

We are scheduled to meet through May, break for the summer, and meet again in the fall.

LEGISLATIVE & ASSEMBLY REPRESENTATIVES

Senator Ben Stevens (Senator.Ben.Stevens@legis.state.ak.us) will provide updates on SB 260 that seeks to add more accountability and legislative representation to AMATS and other items before the Senate.

Representative Lesil McGuire (Representative_Lesil_McGuire@legis.state.ak.us) will provide updates on her bills to shorten the Legislative session and require a vote of the people to fill federal legislative vacancies.

We will also hear the latest from our Assembly representatives Janice Shamberg (jcshamberg@gci.net) and Dick Tremaine (tremaied@ci.anchorage.ak.us). What are their views on the Mayor's bond proposal of \$79.4MM?

From both our Legislative and Assembly Representatives, we would like to hear about the proposal to remove AWWU from the jurisdiction of the RCA. What's the motivation behind the proposal along with the benefits and/or detriments to AWWU customers?

FCC SPECIAL MEETING

Report from Vicki Hudson on the future of the FCC.

ANCHORAGE POLICE DEPARTMENT

During last month's meeting Ken Spadafora gave us five easy tips on how to make our neighborhoods safer:

- Call 911 if you see anything suspicious
- Keep outside lights on at night.
- Keep your house locked
- Put valuables out of sight and keep an identification list
- Don't leave your keys in the car
- Make eye contact with strangers in the neighborhood

If you have any questions concerning neighborhood safety, you can contact Ken Spadafora by phone 786-8835 or e-mail KSpadafora@ci.anchorage.ak.us

REZONE PETITIONS

We notified both the Assembly and Mr. Duryea (petition to rezone his home on Venus Dr. to R-2M) that we did not support the petition based on feedback from his neighborhood.

Eric Rounds is seeking a lot size variance to allow an 8-plex on a lot that has less than the required 20,000 square feet. The lot is located at 13441 Old Seward. The hearing on this petition is scheduled for Feb 12. Let us know if you have any concerns.

AMATS

AMATS still has not provided information on how much money it has been spent on Enhancement Projects in the last three years or how much it will spend during the next budget cycle. How AMATS spends our federal road dollars is of particular interest since the Mayor is asking us to bond \$46.5MM in Road Projects in April.

BOND PROPOSALS – APRIL ELECTION

Both the School District and the Municipality will be sending representatives to our March meeting to discuss their Bond Proposals for the April Election. We have asked them to provide a financial picture of the city's current bond indebtedness and rating both with and without the proposed bonds and a schedule of bond retirements. Of course, we want to know what these bonds are for and why they are needed.

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

CONTACT US

If you have any questions or concerns, contact your Community Council officers listed below:

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Oceanview/Old Seward Community Council meets on the second Wednesday of the month at the Ocean View Elementary School on Johns Road. Meetings start at 7:00PM.

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