

Old Seward/Oceanview Community Council (OSOVCC)
Minutes of Meeting – December 16, 2020, 6:30 p.m. - Meeting Held Online via ZOOM
OSOVCC Website: <http://communitycouncils.org/servlet/content/25.html>

Board Members: President, Roselynn Cacy, Vice President Carol Fuller, Treasurer Stan Moll, Secretary Nancy Joseph.
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Meeting called to order at 6:32 p.m. **President Cacy** presiding. Quorum in place. **Agenda approved. Minutes of November 25, 2020 approved. Treasurer’s report:** Bank account balance is \$1,537.21 with no expenditures.

Committees: Nothing to report for E. 120th Upgrade; no FCC meeting during December; no Community Patrol report.

Anchorage Police Department (APD) Report: Officer Culp provided an overview of November’s response calls for our area. Neighborhood diligence in preventing crimes is encouraged. Contact APD when suspicious activity and crimes are observed and try to be a good witness with recollection of details. Quick stats: 24 security checks, 17 disturbances, 14 alarms, 12 suspicious activity, 12 welfare checks, 11 traffic stops, 7 car accidents, 5 mental health assistance, 4 burglaries. Crimes are being committed during the hours of 2-3 am, 9 am -12 pm, then late in the evening. Heavy stats at/around Carrs at Huffman and apartments on Deerfield Drive.

Representatives Report: We welcomed State Representative-elect Tom McKay, heading to Juneau for sessions on January 19, 2021. He is interested in learning about current OSOVCC projects, the Alaska Railroad issue, and would like to drive through the area to learn more about it. Please reach out to him at TomMcKay@gci.net. No report from Senator von Imhof, State Representative Kopp, Anchorage Fire Department. The Anchorage School Board report was provided in writing and is included as an attachment to the minutes. Highlights are: Joint Assembly/School Board Meeting, School Restart Update, New ASD Public Service Video “Put Education First,” CARES Act Vouchers for families’ daily expenses, the Support of a Central Website for Health and Safety issues, School Board Strategic Planning meeting schedule, and the continuance of Free Student Meals through December 31, 2020.

Assembly Report - Suzanne LaFrance:

- The Assembly is updating/amending Title 28 – Elections, regarding election integrity. Initially addressed in the December 8th Assembly meeting, it will be up for public comment December 22nd. The Clerk’s Office has proposed revisions pertinent to election security authority, including the timeframe for receiving and counting military and overseas absentee ballots, and the handling of people voting twice mistakenly, specifically, the elderly, the mentally disabled, and others who are voting twice erroneously. Language is proposed in AO 2020-131 which is available for review and comment. To find the document, search the web under muni.org AO 2020-131 amendment.
- The Assembly is still working to reallocate money to help with contact tracing efforts.

Anchorage Assembly - John Weddleton report:

- There appears to be confusion around the CARES Act funds and when they are available to the Municipality. \$20 Million was received the second week of November for distribution. This was not additional funding; this was anticipated and was delayed. Although there is not enough money anywhere to cover all losses in our city and state, the disbursement is going to COVID-19 related recipients now.
- The Assembly is developing a document for residents regarding what to expect at Assembly Meetings.
- The Assembly Committee on the Regulation and Taxation of Marijuana is currently making changes to the municipal marijuana laws.
- As reported in November, there is a draft ordinance in for homeless shelters under the Public Land and Institutions Act regarding licensing and standards of operation.
- Question from Steve Beardsley: When are the bond issues coming up. Answer: The deadline is mid-January; the Assembly has worked through the bonds to be on the April ballot already.
- Question from Larry Blachut about the Muni using the Small Business Administration’s (SBA) \$10 Million for COVID affected businesses. Answer: They are a separate entity apart from the Muni, so the funds are not managed by the Muni. Note: According to their website, the SBA is a cabinet-level federal agency. See the Alaska District Office website for further information on business assistance relating to COVID-19: <https://www.sba.gov/offices/district/ak/anchorage>

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Old Business:

- Update to Brandon/Old Seward Highway Coffee Shack Code Enforcement Issues – **Steve Beardsley**. Unsure what will come of the development of the lot and the placement of the coffee shack, but all seems to be within code standards. Luke Cleek from Muni Planning and Zoning has been contacted and has interacted with them onsite.
- Update on the Botanical Gardens illegal old growth tree cutting by a homeowner – **Stan Moll**. Parks and Rec and the State Refuge Manager are engaged to handle the violations. Comments from **Nancy Joseph**: Surely neighbors saw it happening and may be available for comment, and perhaps the Parks and Rec and State Refuge Manager should send all residents owning homes that border the Coastal Refuge that tree cutting in the refuge is illegal and will be prosecuted. Stan and Steve will continue to monitor and talk with Bayshore/Klatt Community Council. Other old-growth trees were cut but not taken down, which has killed those trees. The tree cutting has permanently environmentally damaged the area, the habitat for eagles and other birds roosting on the old growth trees, all to the detriment of the environment and the residents who use the area for enjoyment of the refuge.

New Business:

- **Roselynn Cacy** - Executive Order 16 (EO-16) is in effect and is being opposed by one or more Community Councils, including Spenard.
- **Nancy Joseph** – Quick overview - Ted Stevens International Airport Expansion: Plans are to Lease approximately 4,246,285 square feet to IC Alaska Airport, LLC, which is adjacent to Sand Lake neighborhoods, and involves the land immediately North of and adjacent to Raspberry Road between Sand Lake Road on the East and the road known as Beer Can Lake Road (entrance to Little Campbell Lake) to the West. The proposed development project includes construction of a maintenance, repair, and operations hangar for 14 cargo planes to include fueling distribution facilities, vehicle parking, and taxiways. The Sand Lake Community Council had a lengthy special meeting in early November to address residents’ concerns and passed Resolution No. 2020-02 concerning the Ted Stevens Airport Project along Raspberry Road 25-7. Area maps show that the neighborhood of homes is directly adjacent to the hangar and fueling distribution facilities. Residents are concerned with construction noise, the proximity to neighborhoods, future noise from cargo plane traffic at the storage area, an increase in air pollution from cargo jets, and the devaluation of their homes. Contact the Sand Lake Community Council for more information at <http://communitycouncils.org/servlet/content/30.html>
Residents have a Facebook Page with background information:
<https://www.facebook.com/groups/469043877396427/?ref=share>

Guests:

- Resident **Cynthia McMillan** brought a concern to the meeting regarding Parks and Rec staff’s exercise in cutting a downed tree in Oceanview Park. Four vehicles were parked and left running for over two hours while several employees observed the cutting of the tree. The wood and debris were not cleaned up when staff left. John Weddleton volunteered to help Cynthia get her concerns addressed with the Parks and Rec manager, and a suggestion was made to leave the debris in place for the manager to see rather than neighbors cleaning it up right away.
- **Kelly Lessens** – Candidate for School Board introduced herself and her ideas for serving on the Board, if elected.

Motion passed to Adjourn at 7:40 p.m.

Minutes taken by Nancy Joseph, Secretary

Motion to approve was granted _____.