



**South Addition Community Council
DRAFT Minutes
February 25, 2021 Meeting**

I. Called to Order at 7:00 p.m. via Zoom.

Executive Committee Members Present: Moira Gallagher, President, Hans Thompson, Vice President, Cathleen Hahn, Treasurer, Ruth Ann Jennings, Secretary, Jeff Manfull, Past President & FCC Representative, John Thurber, Member-at-Large, Cecelia Donelson, Member-at-Large.

Others Present: See Zoom recording posted of the Federation Community Councils (FCC) <http://www.communitycouncils.org>

Approval of Agenda: A motion was made and second to amend the agenda to add Sarah Switzer under New Business, her topic will be Proposition 2; motion passed.

Approval of January 28, 2020 Minutes: A motion was made and second to amend the minutes to correct the spelling of Cathleen Hahn's name. An objection was made to the statement in the minutes that Mr. Milspaugh, in his presentation at the January SACC meeting "[i]ncluded the opinion that "chat" should be disabled." The minutes were tabled.

II. Reports:

- A. President Report: Moira announced she will step down in June after four years of service. Pursuant to the Bylaws, she will, however, assume the FCC representative position. SACC's running Capital Improvement Projects (CIP) list will be posted on the FCC website and shared with Council. SACC had a success with one request submitted last year - improvements to the stairs at the 12th and M St. dead end. The CIP list will be an item for discussion on the March, the April, and the May agendas. The CIP survey is found at <https://www.muni.org/communitycouncilsurveys/homepage>
- B. Legislature:
Senator Begich stated there is chaos in the Judiciary Committee, which he then discussed. One issue is the attempt to rewrite state law regarding the appointment of judges. He stated this effort will die in the Rules Committee. The focus of the session is mainly on the budget: an income tax and an oil and gas tax based on depreciation of property will be introduced. The Senate president wants an "all in" discussions. He reported on the committed capital project fund and the essential workers' bill. He stated members of the House have reported being COVID-19 positive. The Senate had very minimal contact but his colleagues, the minority democrats, have asked to stay home and work online.



Representative Fields reported the House has organized similarly to last session - it is bipartisan, although with fewer republicans, but a strong pragmatic group that will fight for a reasonable budget. He was appointed to the Labor & Commerce Committee as co-chair, and a member of the Health & Social Services Committee. He reported on HB 76, a bill Extending COVID-19 Disaster Emergency. Rep Felds stated that on the floor of the House, he made a mistake when he commented on Rep Sara Rasmussen. He read the apology he made to Rep Rasmussen.

A motion was made and second to amend the agenda to move Assemblyman Constant to the slot before the Vice President's report; motion passed.

Assemblyman Constant reported the assembly meeting was calmer than it has been, and the Assembly was able to get a lot done. He directed people to the Municipal hotline - 243-VOTE. Ballots will be mailed on March 15. He summarized discussions regarding changing the emergency orders in place for COVID-19 into Municipal ordinances. He reported on an amendment pending before the AMCO Board which would extend outdoor services and street side dining. The Board's position is that it has the authority to amend the rules governing curbside sales. The plastic bag band will be reinstated on September 1st, which should give merchants time to stock up on paper. He reported on the CARES Act funding requirements. He directed people to the website <https://www.anchoragecovidvaccine.org> as a source of information for "how we come back after COVID." He wrapped up his report with comments regarding John Thurber's email requesting funds for the SANP. He stated funding from the Municipality for compiling the Plan is not feasible.

- C. VP Report: Hans had no new information to report on the Inlet Towers shooting. He encouraged the community to provide input to the CIP list.
- D. Treasurer: Next quarterly bank statement will issue on March 31. A motion was made and seconded to approve Hans Thompson, Cecelia Donelson, and Cathleen Hahn as signers on Alaska USA checking account; motion passed.
- E. Police & Fire Report: No report.
- F. Anchorage School Board: No report.
- G. Assembly Report: See item B.
- H. School Board: No report.
- I. FCC Report: Jeff Manfull, FCC Representative, reported the FCC met via Zoom on February 17. The acting Chair Felix Rivera spoke on rent and utility relief. Jeff informed that the Anchorage Assembly can be heard on radio channel 90 FM, is streamed online or may be attended in person. Margo Bellamy, ASD Chair, reported to the FCC that: K - 6 grades are now back in school; an outdoor, in person graduation is planned for spring; and all students will back in school by March 5. Jeff reported that the FCC will conduct a needs assessment regarding the roles and relations between community councils and the people in the community. There is



action to create a dedicated park rezoning district comprised of the presently dedicated 20 parks and would eventually bring in the non-dedicated parks.

III. Council Business

A. Old business:

- i) Cathleen: a motion was made and seconded to approve the Treasurer's request to set up online payments for SACC voluntary membership dues and SANP at the website Give Butter, an online platform for making payments to non-profits and foundations; motion passed. The addresses are <https://givebutter.com/sacc-membership> and <https://givebutter.com/SACC-plan>
- ii) Cathleen: a motion was made and seconded to move the SACC savings account from First National Alaska (FNA) to a checking account at Alaska USA; motion passed.

Cathleen stated the reasons for her request are that FNA charges the SACC account \$5 per month when the balance drops below \$2500, which it has and is, and that Alaska USA is more convenient for her to access.

- iii) Moira gave a South Addition Neighborhood Plan (SANP) update. The deadline for submitting comments is March 11. Next steps include incorporating comments from the community and the Planning Dept into the draft. Additional funding will be necessary to finalize the Plan. SACC has funds to hire a professional planner for input and the Municipal Planning Dept is an available resource available once the comments are incorporated into the draft. Assemblyman Constant volunteered to find Municipality funds for printing costs. A committee is needed to establish the next steps and process. Volunteers are needed. Patrice Parker volunteered for the SANP Committee.

B. New business:

- i. Sami Graham, candidate, School Board Seat E; introduced herself, made a statement and took questions.
- ii. Sara Sitzer summarized Proposition 2, senior centers and safety for our elders - libraries and took questions.

IV. Open Community Comments

- Alisha Hilde, incumbent, School Board Seat E; introduced herself and made a brief statement.
- Edgar Blatchford, candidate, School Board Seat E; introduced himself, teaches journalism at UAA, and made a brief statement.
- Carl Jacobs, candidate School Board Seat G; introduced himself and made a brief statement. <https://www.carl4anchorage.com>



- Mackenzie Pope spoke on behalf of Forrest Dunbar, candidate for Mayor. SANP reflects shared vision with policies and plan of the candidate.
- Elisa Vakalis, candidate, School Board Seat G; introduced herself and stated she can be reached at 223-5963 or find information at her website. www.elisa4schoolboard.com.

V. Next Executive Meeting

March 11, 2021 from 7:00 PM to 8:00 p.m. A link to the Zoom meeting will be posted on the FCC's web page.

VI. Next Regular Meeting

March 25, 2021 from 7:00 to 9:00 PM. A link to the Zoom meeting will be posted on the FCC's web page.

VII. Adjournment

A motion was made and seconded to adjourn the council meeting at 8:35 p.m.

Voluntary membership dues may be made online at:

<https://givebutter.com/SACC-membership>

Contribution to the SANP fund may be made online at:

<https://givebutter.com/SACC-plan>

Election Information found at:

<http://www.muni.org/Departments/Assembly/Clerk/Elections/Pages/BallotInfo.aspx>