

Draft Minutes

South Addition Community Council (SACC)
December 16, 2021, 7:00 p.m. via Zoom

Executive Committee Members Present: John Thurber, President; Daniel Volland, Vice President; Cathleen Hahn, Treasurer; Tamás Deák, Fran Durner and Harry Need - Members at Large; Ruth Ann Jennings, FCC Representative

Excused: Patrice Parker, Secretary

SACC Members Present: Lois Epstein, Kathryn Veltre, Hans Thompson, David Hansen, Jeffrey Manfull, Deborah and Martin Hansen, Veronica Slajer, Linda Swarner, Trish O’Gorman, Tom Begich, Ryan Webb, Marilyn Heiman, Cheryl Richardson.

Guests: Paul Baril, Nvision Architecture; Charlie Peters, ASD Project Manager; Portia Erickson, Mayor’s Office; Mercedes Colbert, Senator Begich’s Office; APD Officer Lambert; Margo Bellamy, Anchorage School Board

Call to Order

Mr. Thurber welcomed everyone and called the meeting to order at 7:05 p.m. via Zoom.

Mr Thurber asked if there were any changes to the Agenda. None were offered.

Mr. Volland moved to approve the November 18, 2021 minutes. The motion was seconded and passed.

Reports

Mayor’s Office: Portia Erickson, Municipal Director of Community Engagement, provided updates on events sponsored by the Mayor’s Office, including the Winter Solstice Festival at Cuddy Park and the Winter Wonderland event at the Loussac Library, She also reported on the Covid Testing Resources and the vacancies on Boards & Commissions. For more information: <https://onboard.muni.org/> <https://anchoragecovidtest.org/> 907/343-6636.

Anchorage Police Department: Officer Lambert offered to answer any questions and provided a link to the Crime Map: <https://communitycrimemap.com/>

President Thurber: The final version of land use plan was adopted by Assembly in 2017. SACC continued to provide responses, comments, public testimony and resolutions to R-2 amendments. The Executive Committee created a new SACC sub-committee to manage responses for Title 21 land use plan to ensure continuity and coordination of efforts. Mr. Deák will chair the committee. Please contact Mr. Deák directly if you’re interested in serving on it: tdeak@kpbarchitects.com.

Mr. Thurber also announced that the Bree’s Law Memorial project is soliciting for more members. If interested, please contact Mr. Van Le, Manager, RM Consultants: VLe@rmconsult.com, 907/646.9659.

Vice President Volland: No report.

Treasurer Hahn: Ms. Hahn submitted the November balance sheet and profit and loss statement to the EC and and it is posted at the SACC website. SACC has \$1,750.43 in the checking account and \$1966.41 in savings. The GlveButter Fundraising Platform has \$1,175 for the Neighborhood Plan and \$170 from SACC membership voluntary dues. There is also \$1,665 remaining from the MOA grant for the Neighborhood Plan.

Ruth Ann Jennings, FCC Representative: The Federation of Community Councils met on December 17 without a quorum present. The Anchorage Assembly Chair spoke on the budget process and veto overrides. School Board Member Dora Wilson spoke to the upcoming bond package and the search for a new superintendent. Assemblyman Pete Peterson spoke to the reapportionment issues. He stated that the vote for the new Assembly member from District 1 will not happen until April 2023. Assemblyman Weddleton discussed the progress on homelessness. A representative from the Municipal Planning Department spoke to fee structure changes. Darrell Hess presented information on noise control assessment. The FCC Zoom account has been upgraded to a 300 person capacity. Fairview Community Council is going to hybrid meetings with Zoom and in-person participation. They'll assist other councils if interested. All community councils are encouraged to submit their CIP lists because COVID money is available for but it's only available for a short time. All information is included on FCC's webpage.

President Bellamy, ASD: The upcoming ASD meeting will discuss the Superintendent's recent change to COVID mitigation, allowing voluntary masking, and the search and contract for the new superintendent. The budget planning process will begin in January. There is a live stream for all the school board meetings. They've added a standing report from Anchorage's diverse communities.

Senator Begich: He discussed reapportionment and the five lawsuits that have been filed. He said the Governor's new budget fully funds school debt reimbursement. The House and Senate Majorities will pursue an increase in the base student allocation. He said CAPSIS projects should be submitted soon - the deadline is February 1. It is one-time funding that will leverage money for the future. Identified priorities are Workforce Development, Education Pre-K Reading, Clean and Safe Communities and Public Safety.

Old Business

ASD IVES Project Manager Charlie Peters gave an update on the Inlet View Elementary School Rebuild. The Building Design Committee met twice in early December and made changes to the site layout. Paul Baril added information about the new layout. The number of parking spaces have been reduced and the hockey rink has been relocated. The new school design will have 4,600 square feet of green space and more sunlight exposure than the present school site. A short discussion followed the presentation.

President Thurber announced that Sheila Selkregg, a professional planner, has offered to work with the Moving Forward subcommittee to revise the draft Neighborhood Plan. The subcommittee decided the plan needs continuity and consistency, and a single point of contact would provide that.

Loud Vehicle Noise Resolution: Mr. Thompson spoke to the Noise Reduction Resolution. Mr. Thompson made a motion to bring the resolution forward. It was seconded. The motion passed unanimously, 16-0.

New Business

Dr. Ryan Webb, an Internist, introduced a resolution to give the Assembly confirmation authority of the MOA Chief Medical Officer. The resolution was tabled until the next general meeting of the SACC. Members can send suggestions or comments to either Dr. Webb at ryan.g.webb@gmail.com or Mr. Need at hwneed@hotmail.com.

Open Community Comments

Ms. Hahn provided the link to the SACC CIP list that we presented to the City last May. We have a tight deadline and people may want to talk about it pretty quickly. <https://www.muni.org/communitycouncilsurveys/homepage/>

Senator Begich said he and Rep Fields submitted their letters of intent to run for office. It's confusing with the lawsuits, but they're hoping to have answers by this spring.

Mr. Volland made a motion to adjourn. It was seconded. The meeting ended at 8:25 p.m.