

SACC ***South Addition*** ***Community Council***

Minutes, January 18, 2007 Membership Meeting

Meeting called to order at 7:05 p.m.

I. Minutes from the December 23, 2006 meeting were approved as submitted.

II. Reports

President's – Bonnie Harris:

- a. Planning and Zoning activities for January and February:
AMATS Long Range Transportation Plan public hearing
Off Street Parking Ordinance
Capital Improvements Projects - Anchorage School District
Motorized Sports Facility – definition
Health Care Facility – definition
See more at <http://munimaps.muni.org/planning/home3.htm>
- b. Items of potential interest:
B5/B6 Sewer Improvements along Chester Creek (between Seward Highway and Lake Otis Parkway)
Chugach Electric Mid Hillside Power Lines – the utility is planning a 50-foot wide swath to do the work, several community council's are not in favor and want SACC support
Emergency Watch Program – steps to improve community preparedness

Treasurer's report:

Doug reported that we have \$1,305.78. This comprises the Annual Treasurer's Report.

Assembly – Allan Tesche:

- a. Westchester Lagoon – Assemblyman Tesche is involved in the immediate issue of encroachment at the Lagoon as well as development of a long term policy. One member questioned if there really was a 20 year old agreement to allow the encroachment. Assemblyman Tesche said he was working on a compromise, but did not know if there would be a public process.
- b. 4th Avenue Theater needs support. Bonds in the amount of \$5.4 million will help keep and preserve the theater as a community asset. Right now \$250,000 of state money is available for historic preservation.
- c. The April 3 ballot includes the following: 1) Initiative measure to repeal smoking ban; 2) School Bonds; 3) Two park bonds totaling \$4 million; 4) Initiative to repeal the taxi cab permit system. This will increase the number of cabs, but reduce the value of permits; 5) Six of 11 assembly seats are up for election; 6) Advisory vote on the equal application of state workers' insurance benefits to same sex couples.
- d. Title 21 changes (Chapters 1-4) will be reviewed at an assembly work session, it includes boards and commissions. Some assembly members hope to get rid of the Urban Design Commission.
- e. The assembly will have a work session on the Long Range Transportation Plan that will include a discussion of the Knik Arm Crossing and MOA funding

Police:

Sgt Cindy Stanton has new assignment; new officer will be assigned to community councils.

Federation Of Community Councils (FCC):

Kathy Weeks reported on ASD bonds for the upcoming April election; a community leadership training session; request to put an ADA notice on the agenda; and Neighborhood USA (NUSA) which hopes to have a national convention in Anchorage in 2010. There may be opportunities for neighborhoods to win NUSA awards. Kathy also said that there was a request to the MOA to improve web site links related to planning and zoning including links to view completed applications and to see the results of action taken. FCC members were interested in seeing more of the Park Strip Plan drawings and questioned whether they took into account community comments.

Legislative – A teleconference was not available.

III. Old/New Business

- a. Representatives from Fire Engine Crew No. 1 introduced themselves and said they would like to be a part of the regular meetings. Discussion with the SACC included: station personnel appreciate open space opportunities at the Park Strip for training and recreation; their facility is beautiful and the landscaping is appreciated by many; their free children's bicycle helmet and child car seat installation programs are valuable for the community on a walk-in basis; Fire department assists with inebriates when either 911 is called or when Community Service Patrol (CSP) needs additional assistance.
- b. The resolution (attached) to name Town Square Park after Ruth Moulton was discussed and unanimously approved.
- c. A membership outreach committee was formed. It will work to increase membership and attendance at SACC meetings. Ideas were discussed including sidewalk sandwich board for meeting day; moving meetings to local school; neighborhood picnic on the park strip; notice banner at City Market. Fran Durner will chair the committee and report at regular meetings.
- d. Capital project list for state funding was discussed. Ideas from those present include: fix sidewalks and pedestrian ways; fix the stairs to Valley of the Moon Park; provide irrigation at Delaney park Strip; reallocate capital funds from the Knik Arm Crossing project to more needed projects; underground utilities; provide a curb cut at the west end of 15th to improve access to the sidewalk and Chester Creek trail.
- f. Delaney Park Strip alternative designs are available at the MOA web site. There are significant changes to the Park Strip shown in some of the alternatives. The proposed memorial policy may affect the alternatives so coordination is suggested. The next Park Strip Citizen's Advisory Committee meeting is January 30, 2007, noon. Discussion included the desire to improve the dialogue between the community and the MOA.

IV. Community Comments

1. The Downtown Plan is available at the MOA web site for comment.
2. Dean Architects has public information regarding their 10th and E Street design. They will be invited to provide an update at a SACC.
3. The community should be aware that the assembly may abolish the Urban Design Commission.
4. The 4th Avenue Theater needs community support. There is a large group who will try and stop expenditure of MOA dollars on the project.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:45 p.m.