

**Sand Lake Community Council Special Meeting, BP energy Center
05/22/2023**

Sand Lake Community Council Meeting Guidelines with Host Alan Milspaugh
President Steve Gervel makes motion to discuss Resolution 2023-02
Motion approved

Linda Swiss and Matt Sanders Airport Subcommittee Introduction

- Linda Swiss introduced the North Link Aviation Cargo Airport Improvement Project
- Lease signed in 2021 between IC Alaska and the Airport.
- Matt Introduces himself to help with ethical development.

List of concerns presented by Linda Swiss

- Impact of PFAS on drinking wells and not wanting it in drinking water.
- PFBS and PFAS has been found.
- Increased noise from airplane taxi .
- Decreased property values from development.

Linda Swiss shares where we are today with two years of work.
Public Meeting Tuesday May 29th at Northland Aviation
Public Meeting Lake Front 6pm - 7:30pm

Lind shares what they would like:

- Support completion of studies before development
- Support safe drinking water for the community

Senator Matt Claman encourages people from Sand Lake Community to come up and share their thoughts.

Community member Alexander Searney community members shares his family lives in Sand Lake and they drilled into the ground and shared he did not find PFAS. He would like the project to be supported to help job growth. Shares there is much more noise on Arlen street from cars passing by.

Community member Francis Andrew (sp?) not in support of the resolution. She shares need to trust the agencies to do their jobs. It comes down to the value of the property and the needs for job growth. This project will bring in approximately 2,300 jobs. She is also on a well but does not drink the well water.

Community member Sylvia Panserella resident on Tanaina drive. Her husband is Vietnam vet who suffers from cancer due to being exposed in Vietnam war. Shares the important of value of property, but also value of living. She is concerned about toxins effecting air and water. She is not sure how they will contain the chemicals. If it was Government project, they would need to re-imburse people affected. Since it is by North Link Aviation, she is concerned about them not taking responsibility.

Community member Pat Felen resident since 2005. He encourages this project and thinks there needs more action since Coos left. This project will help the economy and jobs.

Community member Michael who lives off of Arlen. He shares Alaska needing more infrastructure other than oil production. This project will help construction workers and people get more jobs.

Community Member Andrea Snowden from Tanaina drive cargo pilot. Air transport down 8% and thinks the number was based on COVID numbers. 25ft bern needs to be higher. Tail of a 747 is up to 65ft high. She doesn't think the noise modeling is accurate. She would like a more accurate study of the noise.

Community member Moore Bokensset. Shared the resolution is too long to follow and understand. It did not depict the full story of the project. In 2020 a resolution was passed to ask North Link to run tests. She said that should have been shared. She does not support the resolution.

Community member Rhonda Grove shares she supports the resolution. Shares many think they want to shut down the project, but they are not. Should recycle the glycol and remove it further from the homes.

Community member Matt Sanders shares he is not against development, it just needs to be refined. The noise study is debunked. Our own noise study is reaching triple digits in decibels. The big concerns are the repeated requests of noise, air pollution, and waterway being denied. Asked for a watershed survey but it was denied. There are three water tables below the area which will be disrupted. Matt is in support of the resolution.

Community member Grace Pierce has a Well and drilled into it. She worked at the airport documenting international flights. She has concerns about de-icer but knows airport will grow no matter what. Airport can't put in lighting that does not reflect into the sky. A watershed report needs to be done. She supports the project/

Community member Lewis Cosby is an aircraft mechanic. He does not want chemicals near his family as it can cause cancer. He is concerned about how they will handle the chemicals. He is also concerned about emissions from air quality. The aircraft noise rattles the house and wakes him up. Every aircraft leaks chemicals that can spread.

Community member Julie Schneider. VP of the Carpenter's Union speaks in opposition of the motion. Sand Lake resident since 2011. The jobs will be important and the infrastructure is deeply needed. She understands the concerns of the people speaking in favor.

Community member Keith Hand 40 yr Sand Lake Resident. He thinks we should not temper the potential economic benefits. We should focus on what is legal and what the rights the airport has. He is concerned about noise as well. He is concerned about his kids jobs.

Community member Christopher Mills. Sand Lake Resident who represents a few unions. He supports the project moving forward. Over \$5 million in money in jobs. He worked at Alyeska Pipeline. It was his choice to live near the airport.

Community member Alan Thornhill. He has worked with Jim Munter who monitored 8-10 wells. There is arsenic in the wells. He works at the airport working on planes. The de-icing trucks are not in a contained area. Shared need to contain the de-icing. He would like to see things made better to enforce growth. If we do this project, it has to be done right.

Community member Joey from Cornerstone Contractors. Need to stop with fear and focus on the design of the project. We are not getting into the water table with the construction. The water is being captured and drained back.

Community member Liz Vasquez lived on Taniana drive for over 25 yrs. She does not mind development but doesn't think the impact of traffic congestion, water quality, and noise is insufficient. She is in support of the resolution.

Community member Kevin Engineer for State of Alaska. He worked on the Sand Lake gravel pit project. He is in support of the resolution. The Airport and North Link were using a 1995 study. He said the way the ground water is moving is not correct in past studies. He found so many problems with past plans. He heard North Link was recycling the de-icing but the plans were shut down with no information or details on the recycling process.

Community member Tyler Swiss lives across the street from development. He does not think adequate studies have been completed. It is too close to the houses. The studies are showing opposite of what they said. The project is 700 ft away from homes. Concerned cutting the trees down will make noise even worse. He also shared concerns of the air quality being polluted and supports the resolution.

Community member Chris Maynard. Sand Lake resident since 2008 who worked at Coos. He said he made a choice to live in Sand Lake despite the airport being close. He also believes they will do it responsibly and we should help them do it. He is not in support of the resolution.

Community member Peter Hanisher lives in Tanaina Drive thinks the project is being pushed through without the proper studies.

Community member Margaret Duggan lives in Sand Lake for over 40 years. Need to have 100 - 150ft berm but is not realistic. People who purchased homes in Sand Lake should be aware of the expansion.

Community member Jill Maxwell. She heard about this project recently. People who live near airports have shorter life and higher chance of cancer. She does not want to stop construction but wants it to be transparent and thoughtfully. She is in support of the resolution.

Community member Mariath spoke earlier. She shared she is in support of the resolution.

Mike Sheckter attorney from North Link Aviation. He does not work on anything that he thinks will hurt the community. There will not be pilings on the construction site with pile driving. There will be properly constructed ground power. We are the only airport with no solution for glycol recycling. It is going into cook inlet. Airport permit expires in 2024 and this will allow them to create a recycle process. The NEPA FAA process has the applicant North Link with Airport as sponsor all went through the process with comments and drafts and a final environmental assessment. Shared well monitoring will be happening to check for PFAS. They are not touching ground water and only moving soil. People who did the noise study understand noise. Most noise is from taking off and landing. There can also be humming but ground power will reduce the noise. This is responsible development that is good for the community. The North Link project is about 128 acres.

Steve Gervel calls a vote for resolution 2023-02.

YES 15

NO 37

ABSTAIN 1

Resolution 2023-02 did not pass.