

South Addition Community Council

Meeting Minutes

Thursday, September 28, 2023 7:00-8:30 p.m. Meeting to be held by Zoom

1. Call to order - John Thurber called the meeting to order at 7:03 p.m.
 - a. Approval of the agenda, motion made by Moira Smith and seconded by Mackenzie Pope
 - b. Approval of June 22, 2023 meeting minutes, postponed to the next meeting to allow for review
2. Council Presentations
 - a. Residential Zoning Reforms – Assembly Members Daniel Volland and Anna Brawley
 - i. Context of South Addition Development numbers and costs
 - ii. Overview of Anchorage housing in Statewide context
 - iii. Changes in Residential Zoning and Intended Outcomes – updating use table to allow additional flexibility with what they can build
 1. Does not allow for 3-4 plexes under this ordinance
 2. Design standards and land use expectations
 3. Title 21 and the 2040 Land Use Plan guidance and how this ordinance works to achieve goals and needs set out in those documents
 - iv. An answer to urgent need, this is an answer to a need for responsive government – seeking a right-sized solution for Anchorage
3. Standing Reports
 - a. SACC President - John Thurber
 - i. Neighborhood Plan - will be scheduling a public presentation in November, tentative November 16th
 - b. Anchorage Police Department
 - i. Update on speeding cars on Minnesota
 1. Please call them in so we can patrol appropriately
 - ii. Patrolling tent city and chester creek camps
 1. Abatement will begin when winter shelter opens
 - iii. Question: When to call 311?
 1. You can always call 311 and the operator will help triage the situation
 - c. Legislature: Senator Tobin
 - i. Update on Travel to Conferences
 - ii. Upcoming legislation
 - iii. Open to scheduling constituent time
 - d. Assembly: Daniel Volland
 - i. Gearing up for budget process, South Addition submitted their CIP list
 - ii. A&C Corridor Grant Application thru DOT
 - iii. Naming Places Ordinance establishes a permanent naming commission

- iv. Emergency winter shelter
 - 1. Hotels renting rooms for emergency shelter, upwards of 400 units
 - 2. Former SWS admin building with lockers and showers, capacity for 150
- e. Anchorage School Board – Dave Donley
 - i. Bus service: recruitment and wages for full bus service provision to our schools
 - ii. Updating goals, revisiting the goals established about five years ago
 - iii. Developing new curriculum in the high school based on future career paths – reduces absenteeism and increases graduation rates in other places
 - iv. Budget process is beginning:
 - 1. Delays in FEMA reimbursement
 - 2. The projected deficit is approx 95 million, 30 million in a savings account as designated for capital, could be redesignated
 - v. Public process beginning on considering of school closures
 - 1. No schools specifically being proposed, but a possibility of 10 closures
 - 2. Administration suggestion in the previous year to close 6 schools,
 - vi. Questions:
 - 1. Is part of the savings ASD has (~30 million) that you mentioned being possibly moved to fill the deficit currently slated to rebuild Inlet View?
 - a. Yes, the funds for the Inlet View rebuild are currently in that bucket
 - 2. Will any elementary schools maintain K to 6th grades or will all 6th graders move to the middle schools?
 - a. Transition over 2-3 years
 - 3. Are they looking at closing both charter and neighborhood schools, or just neighborhood schools?
 - a. Charter schools provide their own buildings, with only two exceptions
 - 4. How does the cap on paying into our local education system work?
 - a. Local contribution is defined/limited by state and federal formulas and statute
 - b. District Cost Factor considerations, does not take into account the costs of living
- f. ASD:
 - i. Inlet View was able to hire an additional teacher starting in October
- g. Federation of Community Councils – Ruth Ann Jennings
 - i. Improved structure for meetings, hybrid meetings
 - ii. \$70 grant for each community council to use: in the past has been used for mailing and copies

- iii. NarCan availability and trainings available
- h. Transportation Committee – Anna Bosin
 - i. Comments on MTP 2050 plan – comments due Oct 9th (New Business)
 - 1. Draft comments sent to a subgroup of AMATS, the document is available online to view and give feedback on
 - 2. Move to approve these comments for submission on behalf of the CC is passed unanimously
 - ii. Walking audit of the Central Middle School area
 - 1. Takeaways and report available
 - i. Bylaws Ad hoc Committee - Harry Need
 - i. Upon approval of the June minutes, the updates will move on to be ratified
- 4. Council Business
- 5. New Business
 - a. Community Comments on Metropolitan Transportation Plan - Anna Bosin
- 6. Community Comments (3 minutes each)
 - a. Taylor Allen: flooding issues known to Muni passed onto property residents, asks for any suggestions, resources, or information
- 7. Adjournment – motion to extend the meeting time made by Moira and seconded by John, move to adjourn made at 9:15pm