

South Addition Community Council
Meeting Minutes
Thursday, October 26, 2023 7:00-8:30 pm
Meeting held on Zoom

- I. Call to order - Joh Thurber called the meeting to order at 7:03
 - A. Approval of the agenda
 - 1. Moira Smith moves to amend the agenda to include a resolution to support park bonds, added by unanimous consent
 - B. Approval of Sept and Oct meeting minutes
 - 1. John makes a motion, seconded by Ruth Ann
- II. Standing Reports
 - A. SACC President - John Thurber
 - 1. Next month Zack Fields will present a proposal for a boat rental shed at Westchester Lagoon
 - 2. November 16th, we will have an open house for the South Addition Neighborhood Plan – please invite your neighbors!
 - 3. November meeting has been moved to November 30th to account for the holidays and the open house event
 - B. Legislature Reports: Senator Tobin
 - 1. Touring service providers for housing and homelessness facilities, updating policies to help housing-insecure youth have access to vital documents
 - 2. Overview of work in upcoming session: Governor's Childcare Taskforce to introduce pilot programs to help solve childcare barriers in Senate H&SS, parole board bill, Renewable Portfolio Standards bill
 - 3. Merrill Field meeting coming up on Nov 2nd, the proposed idea of extending a runway over 15th Ave – the proposed plan would increase air traffic and larger planes flying over neighborhoods.
 - C. Mayor's Office: Trista Espe – No Report
 - D. Assembly: Christopher Constant
 - 1. Our top priority right now is the budget process, in the middle of that work. All hearings and meetings are recorded and available online, please give comments and feedback on the proposed budget. The vote on the budget should be at the November 21st Assembly meeting
 - 2. Upcoming bond proposal: 30 “Portland Loos” to be put around the Municipality. Locations have not been ID'ed yet, but looking at parks and places with a lot of foot traffic. These bathrooms will be free to the user.

3. Stormwater Utility was passed but the current administration halted that process – stormwater causing issues for residents
 - a) Question: Can you talk about the reduction of the park bond?
 - (1) We won't exceed 4 million for that bond
 - E. Anchorage School Board – Dave Donley – No Report
 - F. ASD: Central Middle, Chugach Optional, Denali Montessori, & Inlet View – No Reports
 - G. Anchorage Fire and Police Departments – No Reports
 - H. Federation of Community Councils – Ruth Ann Jennings
 1. Transition to new management
 2. Upcoming Housing Action Week (Oct 30- Nov 3) hosted by the Anchorage Assembly
 - I. Transportation Committee – Anna Bosin
 1. Submitted MTP comments from the community council last month after they were approved at the September meeting
 2. Open invitation for people to volunteer at our neighborhood schools as crossing guards to ensure safe access on their walks to school
 - J. SACC Neighborhood Plan - Tamás Deák
 1. Agnew::Beck's draft is not complete yet and they are aiming for it to be complete by the community meeting to get comments and feedback on that draft
 - K. Bylaws Ad hoc Committee - Harry Need
- III. Council Business
- A. New Business
 1. I and L Corridor Pavement Preservation Project – Zack Fields
 - a) The resolution would support increasing pedestrian facilities on I&L streets including more crosswalks and slower speeds
 - (1) Question: What is an enhanced crosswalk?
 - (a) An enhanced crosswalk uses increased striping and signage for each crossing
 - (2) Question: What happens to traffic and how does DOT feel about removing a lane?
 - (a) Cheryl R: we already see the third lanes on both I&L being closed/ending that traffic already adjusts to.
 - (3) Question: Can we consider putting in flashing school zone signs for pick-up and drop-off times? We should also add additional lighting.

(a) For Chugach Optional they are outside this corridor, and the current flashing lights might need to be updated since they're quite old.

2. Neighborhood Plan and Assembly Zoning Proposals – Cheryl Richardson

a) I would like more discussion on the proposed zoning ordinance, the changes are not prescriptive enough for the setbacks, landscaping, etc. The assembly process is not adequate, and the public needs more time to ask further questions.

(1) [Link to Cheryl's comments here](#)

(2) Open discussion on this issue

3. Park Bond Resolution

a) The language of this resolution attached

IV. Community Comments (3 minutes each)

A. Taylor Allen, I will be getting on next month's agenda to talk about a stormwater drain failure

B. Veronica Slajer, stormwater issues and hit by flood last year

V. Adjournment – 8:30 pm; motion by Moira S to extend the meeting to 8:40pm, seconded by Susan H – motion to adjourn by John Thurber, seconded by Tom Begich