

Sand Lake Community Council Meeting
December 11, 2023 6:30 pm - 8:30 pm

6:40 - 6:44pm

Welcome Call, Pledge of Allegiance, and Call Order by President Steve Gervel

6:44pm - 7:11pm

Representative Tom McCay

- The Oceanview neighborhood had challenges with water quality so they are working on city water.
- PFAS in Taniana water report has been received. Three wells had PFAS but they were under the legal threshold. There was one well in Spenard/Lake Hood that had high amounts of PFAS. That well is connected to city water.
- Voted to increase education budget to increase education formula. Currently still in the works.
- 55 executive orders have been made by the President to shut down oil projects in Alaska.
- State of Alaska only owns approximately 20% of the state. The remaining is owned by the Federal Government and Native corporations.
- Currently working on sustaining gas supply in Cook Inlet.
- Part of the issues we had with the delayed snow removal this season was the State of Alaska does not have heavy-duty graders that can handle all the snow.
- Put in for \$7.5 million for Sand Lake Water

7:11pm - 7:24pm

Senator Matt Claman

- There are regions of limited services for snow plowing and main services. Hillside, Eagle River, and statistically wealthier neighborhoods have contractors plow the snow.
- The challenge we face in snow plowing is when the snow comes, everyone is in need. When we call contractors, they already have current clients they need to prioritize first. The high-power graders are also very expensive and are not vast in quantity.
- Challenge between Municipality and the State of Alaska figuring out who takes care of snow plowing has been a challenge for a long time. The State of Alaska does not spend as much on plowing.
- If we have capital projects that a community wants work on, the community needs to decide on what to prioritize and let our representatives know by January so they can include them on the budget.

7:24pm - 7:34pm

Alexander Shroeder came in to present for Representative Andy Josephson

- Bills he has been working on. Over 10 bills now and will be submitting 10 more in next session.
- Pelvic Exam Bill. Currently people sign consent to get a pelvic exam during operation for educational purposes. The bill will have a minimum font for the consent message so people can see the message better.
- Institutional Vandalism Bill. Someone sprayed a nazi symbol on the mountain city church lawn and another Catholic Church was effected. They want to create something where intentional damage to a church will be a felony.
- Homicide Bill. If someone is killed by vehicle it is under manslaughter or murder. Wants to create a separate criminal code for that.
- Public State Pension Bill is currently in house state of affairs.

- Peer Support Program. Allows you to talk to an officer about traumatic experiences.

7:34pm - 8:14pm

Assembly Representative Anna Brawley

- Passed annual budget FY24 for municipality this passed November.
- Approved \$750,000 in operating budget for a pay boost for snow removers.
- Current issue in State of Alaska is vacancy in job roles of people who clear the snow and also repair the machines.
- In January, there will be capital budgets preparation for elections in April. What projects will go on the bond.
- Housing is also an issue. We are not seeing new buildings come up and it is getting harder to re-use existing buildings. Housing and zoning rules is a current priority for the assemble. Allowing people to build more stuff on their property.
- Zoning and Building code being looked at to help build more multiplexes and less expensive. They want to make is easier in the zoning and building code.
- There is a document on the SLCC website for community members to put in comments for the capital budget. You can add your projects on there.
- Many of the homeless from 3rd and Ingra were moved into various housing. There are still homeless people by the cuddy park.
- Very little property tax is going into supporting homelessness . Federal money and alcohol tax are a few things helping pay for it.
- We have approximately 1,200 homeless people here in Anchorage.
- About \$84,000 per year for the cost of a person in prison. Our jail service is the biggest provider of mental health services.
- City pays \$100 per day per room for a hotel room for homeless. Contract goes until end of April.

8:14 pm - 8:37 pm

Motion made to revise today's agenda. Move forward agenda item 11 about snow removal resolution. Motion approved.

SLCC Resolution 2023-04

- A resolution demanding municipal and state action to improve the timeliness of neighborhood snow removal with focus on access and public safety. Presented by Allie Hartman

Motion to pass a vote made by Denny Wells and seconded by Robert Hayes.

YES 9

NO 0

MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY

8:37 pm - 8:38 pm

Text message from School Board Representative Kelly Lessens

Currently working on budget. You can visit asdk12.org/fy25 for more info. She will also forward President Steve Gervel a link to a budget survey and webpage.

8:38pm - 8:49pm Ted Stevens Anchorage International Airport Report by Teri Lindseth

- The airport won a national award for great snow plowing efforts this season.
- One way flights to Detroit(Delta), San Diego(Alaska Air), and JFK(Alaska Air) starting next Summer.
- The airport has pushed out two RFPs for concessions and gift services in the Airport.
- Visit www.ancmpu.com for Airport Master Plan. A twenty-year blueprint for the airport to provide aeronautical and aviation services to Alaska. The last one was done in 2014.
- Sand Lake Community Council members had a tour of the airport recently to see the Northlink development. They will develop about five to six hardstands by next Summer.
- There are two cargo developments on They are going through NEPA environmental approval process.

8:50pm - 9:18pm

Airport Subcommittee Report by Linda Swiss

- Concerned about lots of de-icing being sprayed near people's homes.
- Noise, water quality, and particles from jet engines is a concern from neighbors.
- Anchorage International Airport is a part of International Airport Systems which includes Anchorage, Fairbanks, and Lake Hood.
- The Opens Meetings Law with Gordon J. Tans was an Anchorage attorney. You can learn more about laws for public access.

Nomination for officers postponed until January meeting.

Meeting Adjourned 9:18pm