

## South Addition Community Council

### Meeting Minutes

Thursday, December 14, 2023 7:00-8:30 pm

Meeting held on Zoom

- I. Call to order - John Thurber called the meeting to order at 7:02pm
  - A. Approval of the agenda
    1. Motion by Harry, seconded by Anna Bosin – unanimous consent
  - B. Approval of previous meeting minutes
    1. Motion by Harry Need, seconded by John B – unanimous consent
  
- II. Standing Reports (15 minutes maximum)
  - A. Legislature: Representative Fields, & Senator Tobin
    1. Rep Fields: Next Wednesday (Dec 20th) there's a school bond fundraiser on Atwood Drive to support the school bond, our district has many schools on the bond. The Anchorage Assembly adopted the Park Foundation recommendations for the parks bond, which includes improving the playgrounds and trail connectivity around Eastchester. The gas supply shortage is something we're aware of, and looking to support grid resilience funding (GRIP funding, \$2.5 million match to federal funds) to invest in energy infrastructure - reducing energy costs is important. Governor released his budget today, and anticipates it will change a lot as it moves through the legislative process. Is continuously reaching out to DOT/Muni to talk about snow clearing.
      - a) Question: Will imported natural gas raise costs? Yes, it would double costs for a lot of people's electric/heating bills.
    2. Sen Tobin, staff Mackenzie Pope:
  - B. Mayor's Office: Trista Espe (Not in Attendance)
  - C. Assembly: Christopher Constant & Daniel Volland
    1. Dan Volland: the Anchorage Assembly has a meeting upcoming on Tuesday – looking to pass a resolution to support the restoration of the Eklutna river, hopefully approving a new bargaining agreement with our police, will be discussing a possible renaming of the port, consideration of an ordinance for Assembly approval of the city's chief medical officer, two housing ordinances (both about 3-4 plex development, one for title 21 and one related to title 23).
      - a) Specifically regarding the 3-4 plex ordinance: I have heard from constituents wanting more time. The s version takes into account some fixes, and I will propose two amendments, including snow storage requirements and the other amendment concerns setbacks

based on structure size. The public hearing is going to be proposed to move to the second meeting of January, depending on a vote of the whole body.

(1) Question: What action is going to be taken regarding Airbnb/short-term rentals? The action being taken by members Zaletel and Sulte will be taken up in January, and they're looking to register units and charge a fee, in addition to other things.

(2) Question: What is going on downtown with the empty parking lots? We overhauled the downtown code and plan, which is aimed at creating more development. Surface parking is no longer an acceptable use in downtown.

D. Anchorage School Board – Dave Donley (Not in Attendance)

E. ASD: Central Middle, Chugach Optional, Denali Montessori, & Inlet View

F. Anchorage Fire and Police Departments

1. Make sure you have your smoke alarms with good batteries – check them today. If you have a wood stove or fireplace, please get them inspected and cleaned. Please also check your boilers. Make sure you're graveling/sanding/salting walkways to prevent slips and falls. Encouraging folks to participate in PulsePoint, and please clear the area around your fire hydrant to save crucial minutes when responding to a fire. 22 new applicants have been offered positions!

G. Federation of Community Councils

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H. Transportation Committee

1. Draft MTP has been passed, funding has been redistributed from a larger project to some smaller projects around town – here's the list of quarterly projects active. I/L pavement preservation project team is including non-motorized facility improvements in their cost estimate for the project.
  - a) Question: Whats the status of the corridor study of I/L? They've selected a contractor and are moving forward shortly.

### III. Council Business

A. Old Business

1. [SACC Resolution](#) on Triplex and Fourplex Dimensional and Design Standards - Harry Need
  - a) Moira seconds the motion made by Harry Need to postpone a vote on the resolution until January. Debate on motion due to the conflicting timelines of the assembly meetings and the community

council meetings, and whether there has been enough debate/information provided.

- b) Motion to table by Harry Need, seconded by Ryan Webb
- c) Vote on the resolution, roll call vote asked for by Harry Need
- d) Motion to oppose the resolution, motion made by Stephanie Rhoades and seconded by Patrice Parker

(1) Vote:

2. Neighborhood Plan Final Draft - Tamas Deak

- a) Overview of the public process moving forward with this draft document, and how it will be adopted/what other opportunities for public comment there will be upcoming

IV. Community Comments (3 minutes each)

- A. Jeff – I suggest using the Yes/No options for voting moving forward.
- B. Moira – We might not see things the same way, but we are neighbors and please be civil even in disagreement.
- C. Sami – Other community councils have moved to a hybrid format, I think we should do that.

V. Adjournment – meeting extended 15 minutes at 9:15 to 9:30pm