

Sand Lake Community Council Meeting
Monday, January 8th, 2024 6:30pm - 8:30pm

Welcome Call to Order by acting President Liz Vazquez 6:45pm
15 people present at start of meeting

Meeting minutes from December meeting will be posted by next meeting in February.

6:47 - 6:59pm Sand Lake Community Council Board Nominations

Liz Vasquez nominated Eugene Cho for Secretary. Seconded by Matt Sanders
YES 8
NO 0

Eugene Cho elected Secretary

Linda Swiss nominated Matt Sanders for Treasurer. Seconded by Robert Hayes
Yes 8
NO 0

Matt Sanders elected Treasurer

Eugene Cho nominated Robert Hayes for Vice President. Denny Wells seconded.
Yes 8
NO 0

Robert Hayes elected Vice President

Robert Hayes nominated Liz Vazquez for President. Seconded by Irene Quednow
Yes 8
No 9

Liz Vazquez elected President.

6:59pm - 7:16pm Representative Tom McCay

- Gas in Cook Inlet is a big priority right now.
- Currently Chair of House Resources and will be working on extending gas supply in Cook Inlet and possibly importing LNG Liquefied Natural Gas at Nikiski terminal.
- Expects to have more funding for the Port of Alaska here in Anchorage. The earthquake damaged the port and ensuring it is sturdy is a focus right now. People in the valley also want work on Port McKenzie.
- The Governor put his budget out in the middle of December. He requested a full PFD but there is close to a billion dollar budget deficit. Will leave it up to the people for how much the PFD should be.
- There is a push for BSA Base Student Allocation. Would like an increase for it.
- There is a team working on the Natural Gas Pipeline on the slope. He would like a small bullet pipeline that is 10 billion instead of 45 billion to bring gas from slope to Cook Inlet for lower cost energy.
- Santos and Conocco Phillips would like to take advantage of carbon credits.

7:16pm to 7:29pm- Senator Matt Claman

- Open session on Tuesday in Juneau. Budget questions will be a big topic of discussion.

- The two largest developments in Alaska are Kennicott Mine and North Slope oil fields. They were not built with Government money. Companies built them with resources.
- Discussed the importance of utilizing the most efficient and cost-effective ways to move minerals. Transportation by ships is a efficient way of transporting.
- Anchorage has 40% of the population, but we are minority in Juneau.
- There has been discussions o moving the capital to Anchorage but there isn't much push for it, other than from the valley.

7:30pm - 7:48pm Representative Andy Josephson

- Today was first release of pre-filed bills. It is a way to prepare for something that is coming. Give you extra days to file a bill into law/
- Criminal mischief in third degree. Recommended by Anti-defamation league. They fight anti-semitism. If someone defaces are church, mosque, synagogue, it is a felony.
- A bill for first responders who suffer from PTSD.
- A bill that undoes rule making by the Attorney General. When an agency rights a law through Alaska administration code regulation.
- A bill mirror by Washington state bill. The state of Alaska will not turn over individual data or healthcare information about a woman's treatment from a gynecologist.
- A bill to add a small surcharge to refined fuel surcharged. We pay less than a penny per gallon at whole locations on refined fuels. It pays for spill prevention and response.
- A bill to create a new consent form for women where they should not be subject to a pelvic exam when doing an exam on another body part not related to the pelvic.
- A bill with all the parental rights that exist and a resolution where as many as 11 orcas die in nets within the Bering Sea every year.

7:45pm - 7:55pm School Board Representative Kelly Lessens

- First day of school today.
- Parents interested in district choices, there will be a lottery on February 1st and closed in mid-march. www.asdk12.org/lottery
- Board members will vote on a proposed boundary change tomorrow. Students in Dimond Estates bussed to Goldenview and South Anchorage may be moved to Mears or Dimond.
- The board will accept or amend the administration's budget guidance for 2024 and 2025 budget. Classes sizes, large structural deficit, and special programs will be discussed.
- There will be discussion tomorrow about making and filling an extra board seat which will include PTA.
- In two more weeks: memorandum on a lease extension on an education center. It will reduce the amount paid on the space by 15% and savings of \$700,000.
- Tomorrow there is a memo for a tracker called transfinder which will allow parents to track buses on the way two and from school.

7:55pm - 8:10pm Teri Lindseth from Ted Stevens Anchorage International Airport

- Erik Peterson is the new communications director who will communicate to the community council going forward.
- The 20-year Master Plan is currently getting worked on. The third public open house will take place on February 6th from 5:30pm to 7:30pm at The Coast International Inn.
- They are looking for new concessions in C Concourse.
- The FAA will be demoing the current tower at the airport years from now and building a new one in front of the post office by postmark drive/
- March 2nd there will be a job fair in the North Terminal to hire for the airport.

8:10pm - 8:16pm Airport Subcommittee Report by Linda Swiss

- Trying to find someone to attend the master plan meeting on February 6th as Matt and Linda will be out of town. The meeting information will also be available online in case someone doesn't make it. The upcoming meeting will discuss the draft alternatives for the masterplan.

Other Business 8:16pm - 8:26pm

- Bruce from Brown Jug joined us today to connect with the community and share if there is anything they can do to support us. They let us post our donation flyer in their store last year. He mentioned shoplifting has been a challenge lately and people littering near the shop. Brown Jug was purchased by Afognak Native Corp and return to Alaskan ownership a couple years ago.
- Title 9 is being worked on and was supposed to go into effect in January 2024 but will actually not happen until June. Most of the regulations are the ones that bring Alaskans regulations in align with federal regulations.
- Currently the law itself says that rules are being written to be aligned with federal law. Some laws being written by AMCO are going a bit further for large businesses. Setting dollar limits for some larger chains and how much can be spent on displays in the stores.
- Store will be able to apply for an endorsement to provide strict limited in-store samples. The portions will be very small and must have to follow laws.
- In federal laws there is no limit for giveaways. AMCO regulations are a low dollar limit though.

Robert Hayes made a motion to adjourn meeting
Seconded by Matt Sanders

Meeting Adjourned 8:34pm.