

SACC *South Addition Community Council*

Meeting Minutes for September 15, 2005

Vice-President Kathy Weeks called the meeting to order. June meeting minutes unanimously approved.

Treasurer reported an account balance of _____.

Assemblyman Alan Tesche: ---SUE, I MISSED THIS PART OF THE MEETING---
FCC funding this year \$105,000

SACC Board Elections: The membership elected the following members to serve in 2005/2006: Kathleen Weeks, President
Bonnie Harris, Vice President,
Doug Johnson, Treasurer
Susan Richmond, Secretary
Elise Huggins, Laura Bottger, _____, Members at Large
Dale Nelson will hold the position of Past President and FCC Delegate.

New Business:

1. Harvey Prickett, Dean Architects: Explanation of excess lot coverage variances sought for construction of high-end five-unit condo project on corner of "E" Street and 10th Avenue that is over 40% lot coverage, and four-plex condo complex in Bootlegger's Cove that is 3.8% over 40% lot coverage.
2. Barbara "Doe" Anderson, Northwest Park District Manager for Municipality, and Mary Steinback, Parks Committee, introduced themselves.
3. Discussion of Municipality's Long Range Transportation Plan:
Cheryl Richardson: Project # 514 would add a fourth lane to A and C Streets; Project #510 would add a north-bound lane on Minnesota between 16th and 26th.
Allen Kemplin: Fairview Community Council supports a "cut-and-cover thoroughfare" on the Hyder Street Corridor (Project #603). Also supports redesign of the length of Ninth Avenue to make it more pedestrian friendly.
4. Cheryl Richardson: Title 21 zoning rewrite will have comment periods and hearings in November 2005 and spring 2006. Members commented that the draft rewrite greatly reduced or omitted the stream bank and wildlife protection buffers.
5. Cammy Taylor: regarding request that the SACC by-laws be added to the October agenda.

Public Comments:

1. Ruth Moulton – noted that there is a business sign displayed at a house at 1004 West 11th Avenue, which may not be consistent with the zoning code.
2. Paul Provencio – is forming a group concerned about residential encroachment onto public lands at Westchester lagoon.
3. Bonny Headly – interested in controlling the alder and cottonwood growth along the bike trail

Adjourn 9p.m.

SACC board and officer elections are in October. The board is putting together a slate of candidates to present at the September 15 membership meeting. Please contact the president or a board member if you wish to run or to nominate someone.

Legislature: Representative Les Gara reported that the Governor deleted \$250,000 from the budget that was designated for upgrading the Anchorage Pioneers' Home.

Municipal Assembly: Gene Storm reported for Assembly Member Allen Tesche concerning amendments to the sign ordinance, ordinance concerning assisted living facilities in residential areas is in process, bike safety ordinance, ethics code proposal, neighborhood planning, and sales tax proposed by Assembly Member Coffee. More information is available on the Assembly's web site:

www.muni.org/assembly2/index.cfm

APD: Officer Cindy Stanton reported on a new police gang unit and on panhandlers and homeless camps in public parks. For homeless camp clean-up call Ed O'Neil 563-3815. Report graffiti at 343-GONE.

New Business:

1. David Frain, administrator of the Anchorage Pioneers' Home addressed concerns raised by employees parking on 11th Avenue. Mr. Frain said that API was not moving into the Pioneers' Home, but there is need to upgrade portions of the Home to accommodate residents who needed greater care than what is now available.
2. Art Clark spoke on behalf of the Anchorage Lutheran Church's proposed Early Child Development Center at 1420 N St. The facility is planned to be much larger than previously described, accommodating up to 106 children and 24 staff. The proposed facility is not consistent with area zoning and the Church is seeking a zoning variance.

There was much discussion of the potential negative impact of the proposed daycare on area traffic and safety. Virtually all of the public comments were negative toward the proposed facility because of expected increase in traffic using area that has limited access, parking, traffic safety concerns with the children at Inlet View School, the facility would be a business in a residential zoned area, and character of the neighborhood. The following three resolutions addressing this matter were approved at the meeting.

Adjourned at **Resolution Number: 6-16-05A:**

It is hereby resolved: Based on the fact that the creation of an 8,000 square foot day care business housing 106 children and 24 or more staff members will have a great and negative impact on traffic, parking, safety and health in our neighborhood, the South Addition community Council strenuously objects to the approval of the application for site plan review, Case No. 2005-081, petitioner, Anchorage Lutheran Church, and recommends to the Planning and Zoning Department that they reject the application.

Approved by vote of South Addition Community Council voting members present at the meeting: In favor 14, Against 2, Abstain 1.

On request, a “straw poll” was taken of concerned South Addition Community Council residents who were present at the meeting, but were not eligible under the South Addition Community Council by-laws to vote at the meeting: In favor 48, Against 2, Abstain 0.

Resolution Number: 6-16-05B:

It is hereby resolved: The South Addition Community Council recommends to the Municipal Planning and Zoning Department that a traffic impact analysis be done for the affected streets before any movement is taken on the application for site plan review, Case No. 2005-081, petitioner, Anchorage Lutheran Church. The vote was: In favor 12, Against 0, Abstain 1.

On request, a “straw poll” was taken: In favor 49, Against 0, Abstain 0.

Resolution Number: 6-16-05C:

It is hereby resolved: The South Addition Community Council requests that Anchorage Lutheran Church work with the Community Council and the Church’s neighbors to develop a proposed alternative use for that site that will be an asset to the neighborhood and the Church.

The vote was: In favor 12, Against 1, Abstain 1. There was no “straw pole.”

SACC’s Next Membership meeting is September 15, 2002 – 7 p.m. at the Anchorage Pioneers’ Home, 5th Floor.