

South Addition Community Council

Regular Meeting

October 15, 2008, 7 - 9 p.m.

Anchorage Pioneer's Home

October Meeting Minutes

Called To Order: 7:00 p.m. 19 people present

I. Changes to Agenda No agenda changes. **Approval of minutes** –September meeting minutes approved as presented.

II. Reports:

A. Police/Fire report – Police not available. Paul Urbano and 5 other firefighters attended. Paul described programs the fire department is working on including presentations to schools to improve safety at home. He noted with winter coming that fireplaces, flues, chimneys, and holiday lights can be fire hazards. These along with unattended cooking and overloaded electrical outlets are the most common causes of fire. A SACC member asked about aluminum wiring as a fire hazard. The response was that while it is more corrosive, it is not necessarily a fire issue, however age and old connections may warrant a call to an electrician for review.

B. President's Report (Paul Provencio) – Paul said we need to work on the capital projects list. He has received several letters from members; one was concerned about speed on neighborhood streets, another from Senator Ellis on capital needs. Paul has not had a chance to deal with a wireless router for the Pioneer Home. Paul noted some community councils have emergency preparedness plans. The Office of Emergency Management will have a one-hour tour Monday evening (October 20) that SACC residents are welcome to attend.

C. Treasurer's Report - Doug Johnson reported we have \$2,795.90.

D. Assembly (Patrick Flynn) - Patrick reported on the ribbon cutting for the Bragaw Glenn interchange. He felt the effort, that involved a task force and adjacent neighborhoods, has resulted in a project that joins neighborhoods with good pedestrian and bicycle access. Patrick informed SACC of the Highway-to-Highway Project, encouraging members to get involved now. He said that AMATS has agreed to review the Knik Arm Crossing, which will now go through a public process to see if it is still a priority. As to the MOA budget, Pat indicated there will be a budget increase of \$7 million. The budget process includes three public hearings, one of which is finished. Pat discussed the CIP process from a MOA standpoint and noted that it mostly involved roads. Other projects are more likely to be funded through the State capital process. Pat said the Denaina Convention Center turned out good and people should see the fantastic views from the 3rd floor deck. Someone asked if the MOA should consider buying viewshed or air rights to protect the view from being lost due to development. Pat's next topic was the downtown wine store and how it operates under restrictions that benefit the neighborhood. There are two new liquor stores coming into the area, Grape Expectations and Crushed (?), Pat is working to assure the same type of restrictions will apply to them. Pat asked if there are specific projects SACC members know about that need to be done. Several people discussed the

need to fix the disc golf course that leads to players crossing Minnesota Blvd. in a very dangerous location close to the Lagoon. Pat noted the Disc Golf Association is looking into the issue. The 9th Avenue reconstruction project was discussed. How much of that should go on the ballot, the full project or portions? Members liked the idea of a split project and commented that more design and coordination is needed for the portion closer to SACC, it would be good to see how the Fairview sections look, and also, waiting will allow designers to better understand how the new parking garage and convention center will affect traffic patterns. Pat's email is flynnpp@muni.org.

E. Federation of Community Councils (Bonnie Harris) – Turnagin and Rogers Park have speed bumps that have not been successful; Fairview CC held a forum on chronic public inebriates and possible solutions. Brush removal along A Street has improved safety. Bonnie said the Spenard Fly-By-Night has new owners that are allowing their activities to impact adjacent neighbors, so the Spenard CC will recommend non-renewal of their liquor license. Spenard CC also noticed that the CIP list is not in priority order and questioned the proper way to present the list to legislators. The question of a neighborhood-wide mailing and if it is a good idea, what would be the best time to send something out? Who would be included? Bonnie will work on the topic. Someone suggested an area-wide mailing each fall might be a good way to improve attendance. Bonnie said there is a meeting on the Highway-to-Highway project at Fairview Elementary School on October 20th. It is important to get comments to John McPherson regarding the Purpose and Need Statement.

F. Legislative Reports – not available. SACC area includes House Districts 23, 25, and 26 and Senate Districts L and M with the following representatives: Senate: Johnny Ellis(L), Hollis French(M), House: Lindsey Holmes(26), Les Gara(23), Mike Doogan(25).

III. Old and New Business

A. Election of Officers- slate of candidates was approved unanimously. New officers are: President –Kathy Weeks; Vice Pres. - Elise Huggins; Secretary - Lisa Jamieson; FCC Rep (typically Past President) – Paul Provencio; Treasurer – Doug Johnson; Members-at-Large: Lanie Fleischer, Bonnie Harris, Ashley Kalli, and Nathan Visser. There was a question as to the duties/purpose of members-at-large. The response was they attend the executive committee meetings and are able to vote and help broaden the view on issues presented at the exec. committee. Members-at-large also learn how the CC operates and will be able step up into other leadership positions.

B. SACC Parks Committee – Those interested in local parks should attend the first SACC Parks committee meeting on November 6, at 6:30, Pioneer Home, 5th floor following the executive committee meeting. Call Paul Provencio if you are interested, but cannot attend.

C. Residential Parking Permits on 9th, 10th, 11th: Rick Onstott, MOA, not available. Patrick Flynn explained the parking permit was not properly documented and work will occur to fix it.

D. Westchester Lagoon: Brad Dunker, MOA Creeks Coordinator, reviewed flood control aspects of the project, which could reduce insurance bills for affected homeowners. The date for the culvert punch through has changed to October 31, which is better in terms of tides. There will be 96 hours for construction, work will be non-stop. Expect to see lowering of the lagoon, which will last for 2 weeks. Someone asked if the lagoon could be dredged while water levels are low. Mr. Dunker responded that the permit was not written to allow that. A concern was raised regarding the proposed birch tree sizes. The area has a lot moose traffic, birch should be larger (3.5" caliper) to avoid significant damage. Mr. Dunker will talk to others and see if tree sizes can be increased. The question of beavers was raised and a

discussion followed that beavers will eventually leave that part of the lagoon as they do not like salt water. Mr. Dunker said the new bridge will have a permanent fish monitoring system and that initially a graduate student will be studying the effects of saltwater on vegetation.

E. Code Changes, Wind Generators: Kathy Weeks spoke to a proposed ordinance that would allow wind generators in neighborhoods but no taller than an allowed building height. Go to the P&Z web site for additional information. Noise may be an issue in residential areas.

F. Speed Bumps at Inlet View Elementary: to be discussed at the next meeting.

G. Capital Projects Update: A full discussion will be at the next meeting. SACC needs to create a list with its priorities and make sure our state legislators understand what we want. Assemblyperson Patrick Flynn noted that capital requests go to the legislature not to the MOA. Once SACC makes its list and sets priorities, members should talk to their legislators. The question of teaming with other community councils on projects was raised and briefly discussed as beneficial.

IV. Community Comments- (max. 3 minutes each)

SACC officers for 2008 were thanked for their work.

V. Announcements- none.

VI. Adjourn- 9:00 (14 people present)

Meeting dates (meetings at Pioneer Home, 5th floor, room varies):

November 6, 2008; 6 pm Executive Committee

November 6, 2008; 6:30 pm Parks Committee

November 20, 2008; 7:00 pm Community Council