

## South Addition Community Council

### Regular Meeting

November 19, 2009, 7 - 9 p.m.

Anchorage Pioneer's Home

## November Meeting Minutes

**Called To Order:** 7:00 p.m. 15 people present

- I. Changes to Agenda** Agenda changes were made to accommodate schedules.  
**Approval of minutes** –October meeting minutes approved as presented.

**II. Reports:**

**A. President's Report** (Elise Huggins) – Elise said the executive committee and several members would like to make the December meeting one where new people are encouraged to attend. Ex. Committee members will walk the neighborhood with flyers; posters at local shops and a neighborhood mailing were suggested. Joette Storm volunteered to provide daycare during the meeting. People who are interested in helping are encouraged to attend the next executive committee meeting on December 3.

**C. Treasurer's Report** - Doug Johnson reported we have \$2,850.32.

**D. Assembly** (Patrick Flynn) - Pat was unable to attend, he did check in to say his assembly efforts are all budget related. Pat's email is [flynnpp@muni.org](mailto:flynnpp@muni.org).

**E. Federation of Community Councils** (Kathy Weeks) – Kathy was not present.

**F. Legislative Reports** –Amory Lelake representing State Senator Johnny Ellis was available for questions and noted the opening of Clithroe Center and that preparation was being made for the beginning of the legislative session in Juneau. Rose Foley, representing Les Gara, was available for questions.

**III. Old and New Business**

**A. Chain Link Fence, Central Middle School** – Lisa Zelenkov, principal, described why the new 8-foot-tall chain link fence was important to the school. It supports one of their two career clusters, construction trades (the other is pre-med). She said the fence's location was important due to the location of the shop inside the building. Ms. Zelenkov apologized and said she understood the fence was ugly and that it detracted from the school, however she said that cost prohibited anything nicer. She spoke gravely regarding vandalism to the fence, stating it was an adult who hung a sign labeling the space as a prison and who also damaged the lock with glue. She noted the fence is taking too much of her time and the vandalism was taking resources from important programs. Attendees suggested that the kids come up with a way to beautify the fence, one member suggested slats, another wood posts. (After she left, at the end of the meeting, a suggestion was made to donate money from the SACC account to assist in beautifying the fence with the offer of a match from a local business. The principal will be contacted to see if SACC can be of help in working to solve the problem)

**B. Chester Creek Pump House** – Juan Ania, architect with Kumin Associates, was available to listen to concerns regarding the design of the pump house. Doug Johnson, SACC neighbor, presented issues related to the project's design, in particular the

proposed chain link fence that will enclose the large grassy area south of the pump house. Mr. Johnson questioned the need for improved security after AWWU said there had been no vandalism in the past ten years. After some discussion, Todd Carroll, AWWU Project Manager, agreed that the fence could be moved closer to the building. A sketch was developed that will guide the designers, it was noted the intent was to save the alder mass by locating the fence further south. At the end of the meeting, Doug Johnson presented a reworded letter that was unanimously approved by motion.

**C. Highway to Highway (HtoH)** presentation was made by ADOT representative Jim Childers. Jerry Ruehle, with the project team was also present. Mr. Childers discussed that the EIS process will be complete in 1.5 years and that the options presented to the public to date will be reviewed and winnowed down by early spring. Mr. Childers expressed the idea that this is a 40-50 year vision project, part of “Connect Anchorage”. After his review of the project and alternatives, the audience asked several questions. There was concern that the project depends on the Knik Arm Crossing being installed and that connections to the port are not obvious in the HtoH options.

**D. Dog Park:** No discussion since the project leader did not show up. One member voiced concerns for both parking and impacts to adjacent neighbors. She had contacted her neighbors who also had concerns.

**E. Delaney Park Master Plan:** In general the plan appears to be what the committee approved with the exception of the mention of a 30-foot tall building noted in the design standards. A motion was made by Bonnie and seconded by Laura to send a letter to the MOA informing them a 30-foot building was not discussed by the committee and is an inappropriate use on the Park Strip. SACC will check with committee members to assure that is correct.

**F. Valley of the Moon Park:** Kathy has been tracking the project and was not at the meeting. Members felt a letter of support written by Kathy and sent to the MOA would be good.

**G. Westchester Park:** Design plans were available showing playground and parking improvements. One member commented that the neighbors had suffered a lot from construction activities for the past two years and requested that any construction not impact the local streets.

**IV. Community Comments-** (max. 3 minutes each). None.

**V. Announcements-** People were encouraged to bring new members to December’s meeting.

**VI. Adjourn- 8:50** (motion Lara, 2<sup>nd</sup> Nathan)

Meeting dates (meetings at Pioneer Home, 5<sup>th</sup> floor, room varies):

December 3, 2009; 6 pm                      Executive Committee

December 17, 2008; 7:00 pm              Community Council