

## South Addition Community Council

### Membership Meeting Minutes for February 2005

**Call to Order:** Vice President Kathy Weeks call the meeting to order.

The Minutes for the January meeting were approved unanimously.

**President's Report:** Dale Nelson called in from Juneau. Dale provided copies of the newest Municipal Parks Plan developed by Eppley Institute for SACC members to review.

**Treasurer's Report:** Doug Nelson reported Account Balance of \$1037.97.

**Anchorage Assembly Report:** Assembly Member Allen Tesche reported:

- 1) Spring Municipal Ballot - Propositions will include (a) Hotel /motel Bed Tax – a proposition to raise the Hotel/motel bed tax 4% to pay for a new convention center in downtown Anchorage. (b) Museum Expansion Project and (c) Road Bonds \$43 – 46 million.
- 2) Federal Community Block Grants- There may be an adverse impact from the loss of these grants.

**School District Report:** none

**FCC Report:** none, but recent minutes will be emailed upon request.

**Legislative Report:** Senator Hollis French Reported:

- 1) Ethics laws - A review of the legislative ethics laws has revealed ambiguities in the laws similar to the executive ethics laws.
- 2) Education Funding – The Governor has allotted \$62 million to Anchorage Schools the need is estimated by Anchorage School District to be \$110 million.
- 3) Gasoline – Currently the Governor is in closed-door negotiations on the gas line.

Representative Eric Croft concurred with Senator French's analyses. Representative Croft added that he is concerned that the major oil producers are dragging their feet and may hope to stall the gas line.

**Convention Center Presentation** – David Ramseur from the Mayor's office gave an overview of the new Convention Center issue. The Convention Center will be capitalized via a 4% bed tax if the new tax is approved by the voters in the April Municipal election. If the proposition passes, the Convention Center will be built on the parking lot between the Atwood building and the Conoco building. The construction phase will create an estimated 1300 new jobs and, once the facility is open, 1900 new jobs are projected. Cost of construction is estimated at \$93 million.

### Zoning:

- 1) William Artus presented a replat and condo development he plans at 13<sup>th</sup> and A Street. Elaine Nelson moved to support the replat. The motion passed 7-0.
- 2) Re: 6<sup>th</sup> and N Daniel Olsen moved to oppose. The motion passed unanimously.
- 3) No comment on the skate park

Meeting Adjourned. Next meeting is March 17, 2005.