

SACC *South Addition Community Council*

Membership Meeting Minutes for March 17, 2005

Call to Order: Treasurer Doug Johnson called the meeting to order. February meeting minutes were approved unanimously.

President's Report: Doug reported notice of:

1. Proposed inclusion of neighborhood plans in Title 21 of the Municipal Code, SACC has already begun developing a plan.
2. Benihana requested a liquor license change from local owned franchise company to national Benihana Corporation.
3. Downtown and "E" Street redesign – More information regarding this issue is planned for the April General Meeting.
4. The Anchorage Parks and Recreation Park Plan – The MOA Planning and Parks and Recreation Departments issued for Public Comment and Review the January 2005 "Draft Anchorage Bowl Park, Natural Resource, and Recreation Facility Plan. More information can be found at the following website:
<http://www.muni.org/planning/ParkPlanDraft.cfm>

Treasure's Report: Reported Account Balance of \$1041.95.

Anchorage Assembly Report: Assembly Member Allen Tesche reported:

1. Assembly approved ordinance creating an informal review process for a public safety committee to hold public hearings to address reports on problem liquor stores; the intent is to make it less difficult to deal with problem locations.
2. Neighborhood plans in Title 21 are very important and will become part of the city's comprehensive plan; Assembly's draft ordinance for neighborhood planning will probably have public hearing later this year.

School District Report: Jake Metcalfe reported the Legislature's proposed education budget is 4% less than the School District requested and will mean increased class sizes and reduced programs. Anchorage is 30th among the 50 states in its level of education funding.

FCC Report: Doug reported that the FCC has received a consolidated report on alcohol related issues in Downtown.

Legislative Report: Representative Les Gara reported:

- 1) Adequate education Funding remains an important issue.
- 2) Legislature proposes to change and reduce public employees' PERS and teachers' TERS retirement programs.

- 3) Representatives Gara and Berkowitz and Senator French introduced legislation to limit the financial interest a public official may hold in a matter the official may influence.

Knik Arm Crossing Project Presentation – Kevin Doyle and Lisa Loy Gray presented environmental impact statement and permitting process report. As projected, the estimated cost of the project is \$400,000-\$600,000. Anticipated funding sources are 1/3 each – Federal appropriations, State revenue bonds, State funding/user fees. The project includes a bridge across Knik Arm from Point Mackenzie to an area north of Elmendorf, with a coastal road extending along the bluff to Anchorage, cutting through Government Hill and Downtown to enter the “A” – “C” Streets couplet.

The Knik Arm Crossing project will have a huge impact on Anchorage, especially Government Hill and Downtown businesses and neighborhoods. Public comments should be emailed to Knik_Bridge@dot.state.ak.us

Anchorage Tomorrow Road Bond Presentation – Jacques Boutet spoke in support of the road bonds and drainage propositions on the April 5 municipal ballot.

Meeting Adjourned. Next meeting is April 21, 2005. Executive Meeting is May 5, 2005.