

South Addition Community Council

Draft Minutes

March 18, 2010, 7 - 9 p.m.

Anchorage Pioneer's Home

Called To Order by President Elise Huggins at 7:00 p.m.

I. Changes to Agenda:

- Correction: Vote on the dog park will be in April
- Updated information regarding bylaws: Prior attendance at a meeting is not required to vote at a SACC Meeting
- Secretary requested copies of minutes from March – May 2006, which are missing from the website

Approval of February minutes (available at communitycouncils.org) Correction offered: Chris Constant is a member of Fairview Community Council, not SACC. A member requested that the minutes be changed to reflect when statements are made by presenters (ie "the presenter reported" instead of stating items presented as facts. Minutes passed as amended.

II. Reports:

- a. President's Report (Elise Huggins) reported that SACC has a regular mail list, and an e-mail list. President Huggins requests that any members who are receiving mailings from FACC sign up on the FCC website to receive e-mailed announcements instead, to reduce the cost of mailings.
President Huggins asked if there was interest in a presentation on hunger in Anchorage. There were no responses.
President Huggins stated that there is a proposed ordinance on Windmills, which the SACC Executive Committee will review.
President Huggins reported that Title 21 is being amended as to site condo requirements this will be reviewed at Exec Comm.
A document regarding the Knick Arm Crossing was passed around to the assembled group.
- b. Treasurer's Report (Doug Johnson) Balance 2872.12 an annual report was submitted (copy attached)
- c. Assembly (Patrick Flynn) flynnpp@muni.org.
Assemblyman Flynn reported on the status of the Knick Arm Crossing. He reported that Title 21 is almost completed, and that the Assembly is starting on 2011 budget. He responded to a question from the floor regarding the insurance payment for the elder Mayor Sullivan.
- d. Federation of Community Councils (Kathy Weeks)- Bonnie Harris reported on a presentation was made by the Coalition on Homelessness, and the Neighborhoods USA convention in Anchorage in 2012. Ms Harris reported that surveys regarding Capitol Projects will be sent out March 26, to be returned by June 1.

Floor ceded to Fire Department: Joe Albrecht Operations officer, offered to answer any questions on bond issues or anything else. He mentioned the proposed Sand Lake Station. Mr. Albrecht answered questions from the floor, and encouraged changing the batteries in smoke detectors, and being aware of ice on roads this time of the year.

- e. Legislative Reports –None

III. Old and New Business

- a. MOA Code Enforcement –Cora D. Weaver, MOA Code Enforcement Officer, reported that there are only three active code enforcement cases in SACC at this time. Two are fences, and one is a non-conforming triplex. Questions were raised about the fence at Central Junior High. Ms. Weaver responded that her office responds to complaints only. She provided her contact

information: complaints call 343-4144 or muni.org/development_services/land_use_enforcement; Cora Weaver 343-8331.

b. Nuisance Property Ordinance: Irene & Jessie Gobeli reported that they have been dealing for three years with a nuisance property. Irene stated that the current municipal ordinance provides that after 8 nuisance calls, police can fine owner for each call. They described ambiguity in the current law, and described their experiences, trying to address a problem property with this ordinance. Pat Flynn confirmed that there is ambiguity in the law. The Gobeli's asked SACC to pass a resolution to clarify and strengthen this ordinance. President Huggins offered to assist in drafting such a resolution. Patrick Flynn stated that Matt Claman is hoping to have a meeting in April to discuss this issue. Assemblyman Flynn will provide information on this meeting. He suggests that people track all events, police calls, etc.

c. Anchorage Tomorrow – April 6 Ballot Propositions presentation; Steve Kari brought a map of all projects. There were none shown for SACC. He described some of the bonds and answered questions from the floor.

d. Removal of Mayday Trees along Chester Creek Greenbelt/Valley of the Moon –Scott Stringer, MOA Urban Forester, Parks and Rec. reported on activities for the MOA, in particular this project to remove this invasive species along the greenbelt specifically at Valley of the Moon Park. Mr. Stringer handed out a report. Copies of the report can be obtained by contacting him at his e-mail: stringer@muni.org. Mr. Stringer also invited any tree-related questions.

e. Disc Golf: Tim Kosednar proposed single “Frisbee golf” targets to be installed in pocket parks, and entertained questions from SACC. He may be contacted at timkosednar@gmail.com. Bonnie Harris made a motion that SACC support Frisbee golf in Earl and Muriel King Park, and presented a resolution (attached).

After several points of order and objections, Ms Harris stated that Roberts Rules allow a vote at this meeting since notice was given in the agenda. President Huggins stated that notice was not given with regard to a specific location and that there could be a vote on this proposal for Earl and Muriel King Park at the April meeting. She requested that the resolution be read, but not be voted on at this meeting. Ms Harris stated that per Roberts Rules, she can ask for a vote whether or not to take a vote on resolution: 5 in favor 7 opposed. Ms. Harris read her resolution supporting “Frisbee golf” in Earl and Muriel King Park. There were comments from the floor, including a friendly amendment to the motion, to consider all parks. Ms Harris stated that amendments could be made to her resolution at the next meeting.

f. Central Middle School Fence Update: President Huggins reported that she met with the Principal of Central. She stated that the Principal was apologetic for her accusatory tone at this body in a past meeting. President Huggins stated that they are looking at options for making the fence more attractive. Dale Nelson stated he is also following up on the fence. President Huggins clarified that a small group of SACC members have volunteered to work with the school to make improvements to the chain-link fence.

g. Earl and Muriel Dog Park: Christopher Constant made a brief presentation, and asked SACC to support his proposal for an off-leash dog park. Mr. Constant read his proposed resolution (attached).

Lisa Jamieson moved to extend the meeting. Lucinda Edlund seconded. Meeting was extended.

The President asked for input from all attendees. Questions from the floor were noted by the president and later addressed by Mr. Constant. Mr. Constant referenced a printed report he had prepared and stated it was posted on the website. President Huggins stated that the report had not

been posted prior to this meeting in her error, but will be posted prior to the next meeting. The President confirmed that the resolution will be voted on at the April meeting.

Question from the floor: How will this vote affect the process? President Huggins clarified that no matter what happens at SACC, this process could move forward, that it would likely be required to proceed through several commissions including the Urban Design, Parks and Recreation, etc, but that Community Council vote will weigh heavily in this process.

Bonnie Harris spoke at length against the proposed dog park, and urged opposition to Mr. Constant's resolution.

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

Dale asked questions about clearing brush at Valley of the Moon.

Phil Isley, spoke from the floor stating that he is from the Spenard area, and is considering running against Lindsay Holmes; he commended SACC members for participation.

V. Announcements: Executive committee will discuss how to handle the vote.

Kathy Weeks moved to adjourn. Bonnie Harris seconded.

VI. Adjourned at 9:55 pm

Meeting dates (meetings at Pioneer Home, 5th floor, room varies):
April 1, 2009; 6 pm Executive Committee
April 15, 2010; 7p.m. Regular meeting

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SOUTH ADDITION COMMUNITY COUNCIL RESOLUTION 2010-XX

**A RESOLUTION OF SUPPORT FOR THE CREATION OF AN OFF-LEASH
ENCLOSED DOG PARK AT EARL AND MURIEL KING PARK**

WHEREAS dog ownership and participating in daily exercise with a dog are activities that promote good health, and

WHEREAS, there are currently no enclosed public areas for people to safely exercise dogs off-leash with the South Addition Community Council area or anywhere near downtown Anchorage, and

WHEREAS, Earl and Muriel King Park is located within one block of the western boundary of the South Addition Community Council, and is considerably closer than the nearest existing dog park at University Lake, and

WHEREAS, an effort is underway to designate Earl and Muriel King as a fenced off-leash dog park,

THEREFORE, Be It Resolved that the South Addition Community Council go on record as supporting the creation of an enclosed off-leash dog park at Earl and Muriel King Park.

RESOLVED this ___ day of _____, 2010.

Elise Huggins
President

South Addition Community Council Resolution in Support of Frisbee Golf Facilities in Earl and Muriel King Park for use Beginning in 2010

Whereas Earl and Muriel King Park is an Anchorage municipal designated neighborhood park in accordance with the Anchorage Bowl Parks, Natural Resources Use & Recreation Facilities Plan with the purpose of providing the neighborhood with open space and facilities for the active recreational pursuits of neighborhood children, teenagers and young adults, older residents and families; and

Whereas Muriel King dedicated Earl and Muriel King Park to the Municipality of Anchorage for use as a designated neighborhood park with the purpose of providing open green space and facilities for the active recreational pursuits of the neighbors, and especially for children to play; and

Whereas designated neighborhood parks such as Earl and Muriel King Park are designed to include play equipment, open areas for organized games and sports, and practice fields for multiple recreational pursuits; and

Whereas Frisbee golf is an active recreational pursuit that is perfectly suited to the open green spaces of Earl and Muriel King Park and satisfies the purposes of the neighborhood park by providing a recreational area for children, teenagers, young adults, older residents and families; and

Whereas providing Frisbee golf facilities in Earl and Muriel King Park will not interfere with or preclude other recreational activities and pursuits in the park; and

Whereas it is in the interest of the community for members of South Addition Community Council to support active recreational activities for all residents of the South Addition area;

NOW THEREFORE, the members of South Addition Community Council support installing and implementing Frisbee golf facilities in Earl and Muriel King Park for use beginning in 2010.

Yes: _____ No: _____ Abstain: _____

By _____
President, South Addition Community Council

By _____
Secretary, South Addition Community Council

Date _____