

## **SACC Membership Meeting Minutes for 17 April 2011**

SACC President Bonnie Harris called the meeting to order at 7:05 PM.

March 17, 2011 meeting minutes approved with no opposition.

**President's Report:** (1) Solid Waste Services continues updating to automated trash removal, not sure when this will affect more SACC customers. (2) Volunteers needed to help with NUSA Community Council Convention and South Addition Tour / Dinner on May 26 from 4 to 8 pm.

**Treasurer's Report:** \$ 2,908.32; Treasurer collected \$ 45.00 dollars in annual membership dues. The dues were deposited on 22 April 2011.

### **Anchorage Assembly:**

(a) **Heather Aronno, for Assembly Member Flynn**, reported the assembly has implemented the conditional use of Universal Card Check & Advisory for liquor sales, due to alcohol issues in Anchorage. These issues are of great concern to Patrick and the SACC. A second issue regards the types and amounts of alcohol that can be sold at liquor stores. Currently, there are restrictions downtown (e.g., no high-content alcoholic drinks like Mad Dog, Boones Farm or cheap wines sold), which have been successful. Merchants selling alcohol wonder if it will extend throughout the city.

(b) **Assembly Member Patrick Flynn** introduced new assistant, John Aronno, [John.Aronno@hotmail.com](mailto:John.Aronno@hotmail.com). John and Heather Aronno will help Patrick, who has to be at Government Hill and SACC meetings on same Thursdays. Patrick discussed his continuation on the **Port Committee**, which oversees plans for rebuilding Anchorage's Port. There have been many costly missteps up to this point, which is why oversight was deemed necessary.

**Fire Department** - Captain and two fire fighters from Station #1 discussed that this is brush burning season. Citizens can burn but must get a permit, so as not to be cited. This is the most dangerous time for brush fires, as there hasn't been any rain and the brush is extremely dry from wintering over. While burning, one must have a working garden hose hooked up to water, a phone on hand and wind gusts cannot top 20 mph. Burn permits available on Municipal website or call **Burn Hotline at 267-4980**.

**Land Use Enforcement** - Cora, land use enforcement, discussed that SACC is one of her cleanest districts; however, if one notices trash or junk piled up call **343-4141** to report. Also, there is an abandoned junk program called "Rust in Peace", which is federally funded to get old rusty things out of our community. *Let's get the junk out while there is Federal money to do so!*

**FCC** – No report - Elise Huggins wasn't at the meeting.

### **New Business:**

1. **USAKH - Martin Luther King Memorial renovation** – Memorial on Eastside of "L" Street on the Park Strip, is in need of improvements. Old pavers are buckling, cracked and the whole memorial needs upgrading. The memorial's "footprint" will not be expanded. Improvements funded by non profit effort and Senator Betty Davis has come up \$150,000.00; however, another \$80,000.00 is needed. Draft drawings of improvement plans include concrete walks replacing pavers and a new granite half-wall on "L" Street to recognize donors' names. New historic plaques will replace damaged ones. The granite wall raised concerns from the meeting attendees, due to the height (around 4 feet). Many folks felt the wall is too high and transients may camp behind it and use it as a rest room. These issues are being considered by USAKH. There are plans to have the lower limbs of the Spruce trees trimmed up, so there will be a clear view into the memorial space. The design incorporates rocks and boulders to mitigate sleeping and hiding places. Another question was why the Granite is coming from Outside? Response is that it is cheaper to mine and finish it Outside of Alaska, as opposed to inside Alaska where it has to be shipped out for finishing. A motion to approve the improvements plan was made but not seconded: no action was taken.

**2. Neighborhoods USA Convention and SACC Tour** - SACC member Mary Mearig reported on May 26<sup>th</sup>, a part of the FCC Neighborhoods USA Convention (NUSA) in Anchorage this year from May 25-28, the SACC and Turnagain CC will host the Coastal Gems Tour, where conventioners will tour both neighborhoods ending with a dinner at the Aviation Museum. Both SACC and Turnagain CC are trying to find sponsors to provide entrees for the dinner; however, if no sponsors are obtained, then food will be purchased for the group of about 60 to 70 people.

Mary introduced a resolution asking that SACC donate up to \$300.00 dollars for SACC's share of the NUSA Tour dinner; funds that are not used for the dinner will be returned to SACC based on its share. Motion to approve resolution by Kathy Weeks and seconded. Resolution passed six in favor, zero opposed, no abstentions.

Albert Whitehead (Star's owner and handler) generously agreed to have Star the Reindeer would be available for photo opportunities during the SACC community tour.

**3. Tom Davis, Anchorage's Historic Commission Survey of South Addition.** Tom, City Planner and member of the Historic Preservation Commission, reported that historic Oscar Anderson House/Museum needs a \$25,000.00 appropriation to stay operational. Also, within SACC, there are areas that could be recognized as historic, but without inventory this won't happen. Currently, there is money the Knik Arm Crossing must use do a survey to identify Historic Properties in South Addition as part of the bridge planning. The funds will identify historic properties; the Historic Commission will place them on a local register, and manage incentive programs to maintain historic places. The due date for all historic information is December 20, 2012. Tom also mentioned that Title 21 is a process we all need to be mindful about changes that may be made. The Title 21 rewrite was adopted last spring by the Assembly. The Administration hired Dan Coffey to bring recommendations to the Assembly this May. There may be a "public process" in July.

**Community Comments:** Todd from the Tudor Community Council spoke about the NUSA convention. He mentioned that there are 200 slots for local attendees. NUSA encourages locals to attend by offering a \$50.00 dollar discount off of registration fees. He passed out literature about the NUSA convention and explained how the SACC tour and dinner with Turnagain CC is going to make Anchorage shine at the convention. He thanked everyone for their efforts and help and encouraged us to attend the convention.

**Adjourn:** Motion to Adjourn by Kathy Weeks at 8:35 PM and was seconded by Jody Plikat.