

SACC South Addition Community Council

Minutes of the General Meeting for Thursday, January 17, 2013; 7:00 PM

Prepared by Cathleen Hahn, Board Member-at-large

- I. Call to order: Meeting called to order at 7:05 PM by Bonnie Harris, President
- II. Minutes of December 20, 2012 were amended to correct for the spelling of Jeffry Manfull's first name and to correctly report that Kevin Gottlieb introduced the SWS resolution, Jeff seconded the motion. Hearing no other changes or corrections, Karen Cameron moved to approve, Kevin Gottlieb seconded; hearing no objections, minutes accepted as amended.
- III. Changes to the Agenda
 - a. Move SWS Curbside Trash Pick-up from item 3 to item 1
 - b. January 17, 2013 Minutes approved unanimously as amended
- IV. Reports
 - a. President
 - i. Bonnie reminded the members that Tuesday, January 22, 2013 is the last time we can make comments to the Anchorage Assembly regarding Title 21
 - b. Treasurer
 - i. The Council has \$3,055.25 in savings
 - ii. Member dues are \$5 per household and are voluntary
 - c. No representative present from the Police, Legislature and no report from Federation of Community Councils (FCC)
 - d. Assembly Member Patrick Flynn's staff extended his thanks to SACC for their comments at the Assembly meeting discussing Title 21 and remind the group we have another opportunity to make comments at the next Assembly: January 22, 2013.
- V. Council Business

SWS Curbside Trash Pick-up

SACC Board member, Albert Whitehead gave a progress update on the SWS Curbside Trash Pick-up issue. A multi-council committee - Save Our Alleys Task Force - is meeting with various members of the City to continue urging them to maintain alley pick-up, of which Albert is a member representing SACC. Lanie Flesher moved to approve a resolution asking the SACC President to write a letter to the editor in support of the Council's position to maintain alley pick-up. Mike James seconded the motion, which passed unanimously, no abstentions. Bonnie, with Mike James, will draft a letter-to-the-editor and distribute accordingly.

Bootlegger Cove landscape project

SACC homeowner, Kevin Gottlieb, introduced a resolution for SACC to support asking the Alaska Railroad Corporation to thin cottonwood trees and otherwise landscape a 425 linear foot stretch of land that lies between houses and the inlet west of Eleventh Avenue (six SACC homeowners are directly affected they the area). Homeowner, Fred Traber, seconded the motion for

discussion of the resolution. Kevin explained that the project would reduce vagrancy by eliminating potential camping areas, improve health conditions by reducing cottonwood pollen, and reduce the risk of camp fires from vagrants.

Holly Spoth-Torres, Parks & Recreation, spoke to the issue. The entire coastal trail, from Point Woronzof to Second Avenue, is being renovated this summer, including the area included in the resolution. The view-shed in the particular area is very important, and the City will have lots of work done to improve the various sites along the trail. Funding is coming from the State and from City bonds to accomplish the task.

Many homeowners at the meeting spoke in support of the resolution, none opposed, and Kevin is paying for the work out of personal funds. Motion carried: 32 in support, no opposition, no abstentions.

Snow machines in Kinkaid Park

Holly Spoth-Torres, Parks, spoke to the issue of Parks & Rec's consideration of a sno-cross track in the park. She commented that Sand Lake CC passed a resolution recently in support of a sno-cross track in the city bowl, not specifically in Kinkaid Park.

Holly noted that John Rodda, Parks & Rec Director, met with the Sno-X Lion's Club recently, which is interested in developing the track because there is no convenient place to train for the extreme sport in the Anchorage area. The Kinkaid Park Master Plan is to manage the community park as a Nordic ski park. At present, there is an area for dirt bikes and ATV's to race and otherwise operate within park limits, during the summer months only. The sno-cross group cannot predict use or winter noise levels, both of which are concerns to the local neighborhood. Alternative sites for a sno-cross track include local remediated landfills and South Anchorage Park (70 acres near the corner of O'Malley and Minnesota Drive). Parks & Rec advised the sno-cross group it needs more analysis, discussion and potential sites to further consider the subject.

VI. Community Comments

Train 556 on the Parkstrip – Holly explained that this beloved train, located at the corner of Tenth Avenue and E Street, is badly in need of repair and maintenance. The City provided \$50,000 to be used towards remediation and site improvement planning, the State provided \$250,000 towards actual remediation and site improvement costs. Bids were received last summer, with no successful contract awarded, and the contract will be re-bid this coming summer. The amount available to spend does not enable Parks & Rec to rehabilitate the engine to the point people will be able to play on the train, which is disappointing, but the cost to do so is well in excess of the funds available.

VII. Motion to adjourn was made by Lanie Flesher, seconded by Jeffry Manfull; no objections, meeting adjourned at 8:20 PM.