

Old Seward/Oceanview Community Council

Regular Meeting Minutes

October 25, 2013

1. Meeting called to order at 7:03pm by President Steve Beardsley
 - a. A quorum of members was present
2. Resolution 2013 #5 added to the new business on the agenda
3. Approval of Minutes
 - a. Jaime Fink moved to approve the August minutes and was seconded by Carolyn Wells. Voted on and approved.
 - b. Jaime Fink moved to approve the September minutes and was seconded by Guy Hudson. Voted on and approved.
4. Report of Officers
 - a. Treasurer - \$1,897.02 current balance. A bill for \$186.00 was paid for the Post Office Box rental and we earned \$.07 interest on the account.
 - b. Secretary's position still vacant, Notes taken by Nancy Beardsley Mark
 - c. FCC Report – Assemblyman Dick Traini reported on the new Mayor's Budget proposal. He would like to raise bus fares and fees for ambulance service. On Nov. 5th the assembly will address the Mayor's proposal to divert Project 80's fix up monies to build a new indoor tennis court. The assembly has learned that if you defer maintenance on your city buildings and have a catastrophic event you cannot receive FEMA funding for rebuilding. The Mayor would also like to move the Bus Transfer station at a projected cost of 8 million dollars.

The Community Councils duties rewrite will not go before the assembly until December. All Community Councils will need to submit a copy of their bylaws.

The ASD School Board was represented by Tasha VonImhoff. They are currently putting together their bond issue proposal for the next election. They will also be retiring 57 Million in bonds this year. ASD is going to decide if they want all Junior High Schools to become Middle Schools. If they do this would lead to boundary changes and possible closures of elementary schools.

The Federation of Community Councils has a budget of \$80,000 per year. The committee suggested this be raised to \$105,000 with an increase to keep the manager there all year and increase money for mail outs.

Training for Board members will be in January. This is being organized by a committee lead by our Ombudsman to give all Community Councils the training needed to run an effective meeting.

5. Visitors

- a. Amy Saltzman representing Senator Maguire reported they had just completed the Alaska Women's Summit with US Senator Murkowski in attendance. The Alaska Legislative TV has this recorded. The focus was on more accessible and affordable child care and Work Force development. They are also getting ready for the next session in Juneau. They are also planning another summit for 2014.
- b. Representative Johnson was unable to attend but Debbie Higgens was there on his behalf.
- c. Assemblyman Chris Birch mentioned a book written by Kip Krittenden was about the Alaska Railroad right of way. He stated that they had their first public hearing on the proposed budget. They are trying to keep taxes down. They had testimony on AL37 and voted. He said AL 37 pulls together 9 bargaining units by trying to make everyone with the same holidays and reduce 600 payroll units down to a dozen or so. They also propose having the unions pay for their shop stewards and not the city. The City budget is flat with the ASD budget at 900 million.

Jennifer Johnson was unable to attend as she was on Grandma duty.

6. Report by Pete Johnson

- a. John's Road, the paving is complete but the asphalt plant shut down today. Striping will be done next spring with the remaining landscaping. Soil and seed next spring and the equipment will be gone by the end of the week. They will work next week and be out by Halloween. Gentleman stated they had more changes than any project he had worked on as well as the rain. He liked the positive attitude of the neighbors.
- b. Furrow Creek – Beachcomber, Clippership and Mariner Drive will receive new culverts. A new culvert was installed on John's Road. The culverts on Furrow Creek are large until you reach the Railroad and they have a back up of water due to the smaller size. The new design will include treatment swales to capture the street water runoff. A public presentation will be given when the design is done by the end of the year. The trees that were down along the creek, were cleared by the neighbors. We ask that the money for this project be moved forward to 2014 instead of 2015.
- c. John's and Klatt round a bout will be big enough for belly dumps to make it around. Sean Holland will be the manager and they are still designing it.

7. Other Old Business

- a. VFW – the sound level has improved and is much more livable for the neighbors
- b. 120th, we would like this as our top priority to redesign this complete road
- c. Fire Station 9 Our community council has already passed a Resolution to keep the station where it is and rebuild on the current site.

Assemblyman Birch said they will be addressing it in the near future.

- d. Park Projects – we will have a report at our next meeting, have had one meeting with the planner and all went very well and new neighbors to help with ideas for the designs

8. New Business

- a. Election of Officers in November we need a Secretary and if anyone is interested in being on the board please contact Steve Beardsley @ beardsleysn@ak.net
- b. Traffic Calming introduced 2013 No 4. We are asking for an assessment of several areas of Community Council and added Daily Street. Will vote on this in November. Bob Gastrock moved to except the resolution with Daily added from John's to Daily and Guy Hudson seconded. Eleven voted yes and one person abstained.
- c. Resolution # 5 for the Alaska Railroad right of way issue. Bob Gastrock gave an overview of the history of this and why it is of importance. Many members were not notified including our State Representatives about a public meeting that was held the week prior to our meeting. We asked people to contact Wendy Lindskoog with the Alaska Railroad to voice their concerns and spread the word to others who were not notified and live along the Railroad Corridor.
The contact information is Wendy Lindskoog 265-2498 or lindskoogw@akrt.com October 25th was listed as the deadline for comments. The meeting of their board for presentation of this plan will be on November 12th. We will contact the Federation of Community Councils for help spreading the word about this meeting and the chance to give your opinion.
Resolution #5 was not introduced or voted on.