

SACC *South Addition Community Council*

Minutes of November 21, 2013

The meeting was called to order in the Anchorage Pioneers' Home, 5th Floor conference room by Bonnie Harris, President, at 7:00 pm.

Bonnie introduced members of the Council who were present: Jeff, Cathleen, Albert and Melanie, and announced there is one seat open she can be filled by board appointment.

Jeff moved and Albert seconded acceptance of the minutes as written, hearing no corrections or objections they were accepted as written.

Reports

President's report

1. The Council will meet at a location to be determined for December, Bonnie will notify members of the location.
2. Comments for the general land-use planning review/design criteria manual are due to the Municipality December 13, 2013
3. Skinny Raven is hosting the Turkey Trot on Thanksgiving Day at 11 am, the route is around the Park Strip on Ninth and Tenth between P and E streets.

Treasurer's report: Melanie reported the Council has \$3,166.41 in its savings account, and reminded everyone that dues are voluntary and recommended to be \$5 per year per residence as suggested by the Bylaws.

Assembly Member Patrick Flynn - reported on various items and took questions.

Representative Les Gara - reported on various items and took questions from those in attendance.

Council business

Improvements to Coastal Trail "Mile 0 at Westchester Lagoon

A presentation was made by Mary Fisher, Alaskans for Litter Prevention and Recycling (ALPAR), and Maeve Nevins, MOA Parks, on a plan for landscaping and installing a sculpture at the small triangle of land where the three branches of the trail meet near the new playground and Chester Creek Outlet; they're seeking a SACC resolution approving the basic design of a sculpture before moving forward. All design work has been donated by the artist, Rebecca Lyon, and other costs of approximately \$20,000 have all been funded by the Anchorage Parks Foundation. The changes are expected to be completed the summer of 2014. Melanie moved and Sharon seconded a resolution be drafted to support the Coastal Trail Confluence at Westchester Lagoon Conceptual Landscape Design. Thirteen in favor, three opposed, no abstentions; motion for resolution in support was approved.

Capital Improvement Projects List

Gary Jones, MOA, explained the purpose and process of the CIP list, and how councils can use it. The list consists of projects that are identified as important to the community but have not yet been funded. The top 3 – 5 of a council's list are considered for inclusion in overall prioritization; it's very helpful to MOA to have a narrative rationale of the project from the community's perspective. Cost estimates are then developed and various departments within MOA rank them on a city-wide basis; once a determination of funding availability has been made by MOA, the projects are scheduled.

Pavement Preservation Project

Sean Baski, Project Manager, ADOT&PF provided handouts to explain a State road project in our neighborhood next summer. This is a preventative maintenance project to preserve the roadway by resurfacing L and I Streets. It will include, as necessary, guardrails, drainage, signalization, ADA curb ramp improvements, signs and striping. Sean said the lane striping they do will not change traffic patterns, he said their work will not increase traffic, and that the speed limits are not changing. Night construction is planned.

"South Addition Nextdoor" Social Network

Albert introduced us to a reputable social network, limited to a specified neighborhood (South Addition), for connecting with neighbors, posting safety and other information, events, etc.; password protected and limited to area residents. He reports there are over 20 of the neighborhood social sites in Anchorage, and ours has over 40 members already! Albert requested the Council, which they approved, to allow him to send out an invitation via Federation of Community Councils to join SouthAddition.Nextdoor.com for the people within SACC for which we have an email address.

The meeting was adjourned at 9:20 pm with a motion by Sharon, seconded by Jeff, no objections.