

SACC *South Addition Community Council*

Minutes of January 16, 2014

I. The meeting was called to order at 7:05 pm by Bonnie Harris, President

- A. No Changes or Additions to Agenda
- B. Approval of November & December 2013 Meeting Minutes - see SACC web page at <http://www.communitycouncils.org/>
 - i. Cathleen moved and Melanie seconded acceptance of November meetings; minutes were accepted as written.
 - ii. Cathleen moved and Al seconded acceptance of December meetings; minutes were accepted as written.

II. Reports

A. President – Bonnie

Bonnie attended a recent meeting for improvements on the Lanie Fischer Chester Creek Trail; the Parks and Rec department will try to let us know when the improvements will occur; a majority of the funds came from last year's bond issue and another bond issue will be up for a vote this year which will come close to doubling the amount of funds.

She also attended the FCC meeting at which Assemblyman Traini reported:

- The city is considering relocating one of the fire trucks from our district to Muldoon, in the past the fire department has informed us that this district, which includes downtown, is the busiest in the city.
- A change in the use of the Valley of the Moon softball field is being considered for use as a dog-park (it was not clear if it's to be a small-dog park or a small dog-park). The subject will be addressed at our next Council meeting.
- The Loussac library is to get repairs and improvements for which \$275M in bonds were passed.

Community Council officer training is being offered by the Foraker Group on Saturday, March 1, 2014 at the BP Energy Center; Bonnie strongly encouraged each SACC board member to attend this important opportunity.

Changes to how community councils function as groups within the city are being considered by the city; further information on the city website at www.muni.org.

The FCC gets approximately \$80K from the muni to fund operations, that amount will increase to \$85K for 2014.

B. Treasurer – Melanie reported there is \$3,176.81 in the Council's saving account and reminded us dues are a voluntary \$5 each year, used for mailings and miscellaneous costs not covered by FCC

C. Cathleen reported on meeting with the city to discuss congestion in SACC neighborhoods related to running events; see her written report on the SACC web site; Wendy Linscu, Alaska Railroad, will be invited to attend a SACC meeting to discuss the possibility of opening access to the Coastal Trail at the end of Ninth Avenue, crossing railroad property.

D. Report for Anchorage Assembly Member Patrick Flynn by Joshua Spring.

- Improved parking notification to citizens when streets are being plowed, they hope to improve the use of email addresses to further improve notification.
- Bonnie asked Josh to notify Assemblyman Flynn of the city's intent to relocate one fire truck from our district to another and voice our objection.
- AO 2013-131 was raised as an issue for Flynn's attention, a change to this city ordinance would reduce the number of days for public participation in a transfer of land from 180 to 30 or 60 days. This change can be found on the city website.

III. Council Business (5-10 minutes each)

- A. **Anchorage Waterways Council:** Report from the creek clean-up people on how they implement their mission to protect, restore, and enhance the waterways, wetlands, and associated uplands of Anchorage- Matt Kays, Program Director.
- B. **Zoning Variance Request at 12th and Cordova:** Request for zoning variance from the R-3 Setback requirement where building encroaches at Cook Inlet Townhomes property. (MOA P&Z 2014-026; hearing Feb 13) - Tony Hoffman, Peterson Group

A resolution was approved by vote of the SACC: In favor 11, Opposed 0, Abstain 0.

- C. **Zoning Variance Request at 1112 P Street:** Request for zoning variance from strict application of the maximum 40% lot coverage under AMC 21.06.060 Table A, to permit maximum lot coverage of 41.3% for construction of a garage at the single family home located at 1112 P Street, South Addition, Block 27B, Lot 3D.

A resolution was approved by vote of the SACC members: In favor 11, Opposed 0, Abstain 0.

V. Open Community Comments

Al encouraged us to join Nextdoor, a private social media site set up for our SACC neighborhood, already 50 of the approximately 1,500 households in the council have signed up.

VI. Meeting adjourned at 8:47 pm