

Old Seward/Oceanview Community Council
Regular Meeting Minutes
April 23, 2014

- 1) **Meeting called to order** at 7:03 p.m.
- 2) **Approval of minutes** for March meeting. Peter Johnson moved to approve the March minutes and Nancy Beardsley second. The motion passed.
- 3) **Treasurer's Report:** We have \$2012.47.
- 4) **Fire Station #9:** Members of Fire Station No. 9, including Capt. Steve Banburg, attended. The station would like to remind everyone that burn day is Wednesday and all burns must be permitted and contained. No burns are permitted during bans or when the wind is higher than 10-15 miles per hour.
- 5) **Federation of Community Councils Report:** The community council will need to rank its CIP list – this list was handed out at the meeting, and will need to be turned in at the next meeting. Assembly member Traini would like to put labels on liquor bottles indicating where they were purchased.
- 6) **Chester House** was recognized by the city for his outstanding 17 years of service to the community.
- 7) **Guest presentations:**
 - a) Assembly Member Jennifer Johnston attended.
 - i) She is working on an omnibus dedicated park plan. Hopefully, there should be a resolution within her term, and probably within the year.
 - ii) With the school budget up in the air, there is still some uncertainty how the city budget will go for next year, but property taxes could go down because appraised value went up.
 - iii) The city recently announced at 13 million dollar surplus. Parks and Rec, IT and other departments are saving money – more information can be found in the mayor's email on the subject.
 - iv) Tennis Courts – the money in Juneau is gone, but it's still a discussed topic. However, since that money now is going to road improvements, maintenance and drainage in the Turnagain area, their future is uncertain.
 - b) Neither Johnson's nor McGuire's office were on the line.
- 8) **Old business:**
 - a) **John's Road** – There is undulating frost heave in one section of the new construction and there will be some work on this issue.
 - b) **Furrow Creek** – No change this month.
 - c) **John's Road and Klatt intersection** – the project will have a wide apron like Huffman. No new information otherwise.
 - d) **VFW** – There are no new issues
 - e) **LED** – No new issues.
 - f) **120th Avenue, John's to Old Seward** – Nothing new to report.
 - g) **Fire Station** –The fire station is being moved to the land near Rabbit Creek Elementary, but construction does not begin until 2016, so they will be on Huffman for awhile.

- h) **MOA Parks and Rec Projects**- There will be fix it days for Oceanview Park on August 2 and Stephenson Park on August 23rd. Both events are from 9 a.m. to noon and lunch will be provided. Please tell your neighbors about this important volunteer opportunity. Stephenson Park upgrades will be out to bid soon and will be looking for donations of materials.

9) New business:

- a) **CIP Priority List** – 11 projects an area-wide. Each department takes a look at this and gets to have a first priority, second priority, etc., and it is not first priority overall. Each project was briefly discussed.
- b) **Community Council Bylaws** – Our by-laws must change to be standardized across the muni. We have released a draft and will be voting on it in May.
- c) **Railroad easements** – At the last meeting, Bob Gasrock spoke about a recent U.S. Supreme Court ruling and how it may affect the Alaska Railroad right-of-way, as well as the issue of railroad easements and pending changes to the Railroad Act of 1861. There is a concern the BLM's land determination for over 500 miles of track will adversely affect homeowners. A draft resolution on the subject was passed around to be voted on at a later date.

10) Meeting adjourned at 8:30 p.m.