

# **SACC** *South Addition Community Council*

## **- Meeting Minutes May 15, 2014 -**

- I. Meeting called to order at 7:01 PM by President, Bonnie Harris
  - A. No objection to change the order of council business to accommodate presenters and add Christine Bunnell, Historic Preservation Officer.
  - B. Approval of the April 17, 2014 Meeting Minutes was obtained after a motion from Jeff, seconded by Cathleen, and no objections made.

## **II. Reports**

- A. President – Bonnie Harris ([tavi2@gci.net](mailto:tavi2@gci.net))
  - Nominations are open for June 19<sup>th</sup> Board member election; Jeff has accepted the nomination for President; Melanie as Treasurer; Cathleen as Secretary; Anna and Albert as members-at-large.
  - SACC does not meet in July or August
  - Preparation for the Anchorage Centennial Celebration is on-going until July 2015, visit the [muni.org](http://muni.org) website for further details
  - The Chester Creek Improvement Project will continue this summer, while 95% of the Tony Knowles Coastal Trail work is complete.
- B. Treasurer – Melanie San Angelo reported council has \$3,212.20 in savings and reminded that voluntary dues are \$5 per year.
- C. Legislature
  - Representative Gara was represented by Rose Foley. She extended Rep Gara's invitation to stop by this summer to meet with him and informed us of several projects he was able to support and have passed this last legislative session: funding for technology improvements at Denali Montessori Elementary; playground improvements at Chugach Optional; funding for 10<sup>th</sup> Avenue widening project; funds to upgrade and improve the Loussac library
  - Senator Ellis was represented by Amory LeLake and reported the success the senator had with funding school district request which prevented the lay-off of Anchorage area teachers, he worked on a corrections reform omnibus bill, and completion of the funding for the UAA Engineering building, among other projects.

## **III. Council Business (5-7 minutes each)**

- A. Solid Waste Services (SWS) Automated Alley Trash Service Preparation. Automated alley service starts September 2014 in South Addition, new containers, new procedures, etc. – Paul Alcantar, Director, Solid Waste Services was present to discuss this topic and answer questions and concerns. This is a mandated roll-out for SACC neighborhoods estimated to begin September 29, 2014; alley service is a commitment according to Paul. Mid-June SWS will drive our alley's to evaluate every house and its particular situation with respect to placement of the new containers.

Members of SACC will work with SWS to facilitate this evaluation. Paul said that in his opinion Public Works (aka snow removal) did an excellent job of clearing alley's, making our present alley pick-up much easier for SWS. For requirements and other information see:

<http://www.muni.org/departments/sws/curbside/Pages/default.aspx>

A member asked that our area be given the opportunity to choose which solid waste service we use; Paul advised us that Patrick Flynn would have to introduce an ordinance to make this possible.

**B. Historic Preservation Update – Christine Bunnell, Officer**

- The draft interpretive design is ready for public review and comment at [muni.org/departments/planning/longrangeplanning](http://muni.org/departments/planning/longrangeplanning); comments are due to the city by May 31, 2014.
- The Oscar Anderson house will open for the summer on Memorial Day Weekend.
- The Preservation Office is looking for new commissioners

**C. Update on I & L Street repaving project this summer – Ann Brooks and the Project Team updated SACC on this project slated to begin this summer.**

- The paving will be from curb-to-curb and will include restriping the lanes and installing new corner ramps. The entire project is expected to be completed next summer (June 2015).
- Several downtown streets will be affected by construction this summer, see map at [www.alaskanavigation.org](http://www.alaskanavigation.org).

**D. Denali School Playground Use Issues – Ruth Dene, Denali Montessori Elementary School Principal, was asked to attend and address possible changes to the use of the school yard, including: closing the yard at 9PM, instead of 11PM, to deter rowdy users whose behavior displaces children and families and disrupts neighbors, removal of benches to deter inebriates and related problems, modify the basketball hoops, and improve trash control.**

- Principal Ruth Dene reported that the benches had been removed by the date of the council meeting and trash containers put in place and monitored. The school district has concerns about closing the playground earlier and modifying basketball hoops because it will affect all users, but will try measures to reduce problem use and continue to work with the neighbors and council.
- Several members commented regarding their experience and concerns about the above issues; it was suggested affected homeowners set-up a community patrol to monitor the situation and request a live-in summer camper for this school. [NOTE: *Principal Dene has since informed us that the School has gotten a summer camper on the school grounds.*]

**E. Valley of the Moon Planning Update:** Update on park redesign status

- Lanie and Anna reported observations of meetings they've attended with the North Star Community Council (NSCC) and listed suggested modifications to the park:
  - Making the soft-ball field into an official dog-park
  - Install an adult work-out area similar to the one located at the Westchester Lagoon
  - Install fencing along 16<sup>th</sup> Avenue for safety near the road
  - Increase off-street parking
  - Removal of the dug-outs
  - Move the east-side bike trail further east
  - Add bike-racks
  - Add and move port-o-potties
- Affected NSCC homeowners are involved in the process

**F. Municipality's 5-year Capital Improvement Planning**

- A group of SACC members met to prioritize proposed projects within South Addition CC for the Municipality's 5-year capital project funding; the list is reprioritized yearly
- Members discussed the priorities and made a few changes
- Visit SACC's CIP priority list at:  
<http://www.muni.org/Departments/Assembly/Pages/CommunityCouncils.aspx> - go to: "*items of interest*" and "*2015 Capital Improvements (CIP) Survey Results*" and click "[You can view the status of all 38 surveys.](#)"
- Members are able to make their own comments about the list by accessing the muni.org website

**VI.** The meeting adjourned at 9:09 PM, after affirmative vote to extend the meeting to 9:15.

**Next Meeting, Thursday, June 19<sup>th</sup> – 7 pm at Pioneer's Home, 5<sup>th</sup> Floor**