

SACC NEWSLETTER

JUNE 2004

PLEASE PLAN TO ATTEND THE JUNE SACC ANNUAL MEETING, Thursday, June 17, 7 PM, Pioneer Home, 11th and I, 5th floor. Agenda items include: Chester Creek Rehab Plans, Lagoon Parking and/or Playground, Museum Update, Election of 2004-2005

Minutes South Addition Community Council (summarized) – May 20, 2004 {Full minutes are e-mailed to e-mail members and are available at the monthly meeting.}

Meeting called to order by President Pat Flynn at 7:00PM.

Legislative Report: Representative Gara stated success in the Legislative Session with the passing of the School Funding bill. He further indicated that the Legislature has yet to resolve issues regarding State Budget and Financing and there is little incentive due to the high price of oil. Also, due to the State budget and Finance issues, there was very little approved in Capital spending and the Municipal Revenue Sharing program has been ended.

President's Report: Alaska Railroad is continuing to work on the Whistle Reduction Program, the Double Track Proposal, and that the seasonal use of the Airport Train Station has begun again for this season. The Anchorage Bowl Parks, Naturals Resource and Recreation Facilities Plan (MOA Parks Plan) is available for public review and comment. Copies are available on the MOA Website at <http://www.muni.org/planning/ParkPlanDraft>. Comment Period closes May 28, 2004.

Treasure's Report: Mr. Johnson reported the Account Balance is \$933.10.

Assembly Report: Assemblyman Tesche reported that the Anchorage School District is seeking Requests for Proposals for leasing of office space in the Municipality for administrative functions. Assemblyman Tesche indicated concern with this proposal due to current requirements of the Municipality 2020 Comprehensive Plan requires government functions be located in the Downtown area. Assemblyman Tesche also reported that, following a Supreme Court decision regarding the application of local zoning use laws to the Alaska Railroad Corporation, a task force will work on State legislation clarifying the issue.

Old Business:

Park Strip Master Plan: Mr. Dave Gardner, MOA Planning and Mr. Ken Pendleton, Project Engineer, Tryck, Nyman and Hayes provided information regarding the proposed Park Strip Master Plan Project. In addition, the Mayor has appointed a nine member Citizen's Advisory Board to provide input into the process. Scheduled are three public planning meetings with the first one scheduled for June 15, 2004; 5:30 to 8:00PM at Denali School. The Draft Plan is to be completed by February 2005; approval is the MOA Parks and Recreation Commission and the Planning and Zoning Board. The Master Plan is to vision the Park Strip to the year 2040.

Chugach Optional School Asbestos Abatement Project: Jack McKay, ASD Project Manager and Kevin Say, Janssen Construction provided information regarding the renovation of the school. Project is to begin in mid-June and last for one year. Project includes removal of asbestos containing materials from both the interior and exterior of the building. Construction activities will be six days per week and

will include street closures, specifically 12th Street. There will be a project office located at Central Middle School. Also introduced was the new Principal, Anne Salzer.

New Business:

Nominations: The following individuals have been nominated to serve on the SACC for the Year 2005. Dale Nelson, President; Kathy Weeks, Vice President; Bonnie Harris, Secretary; Doug Johnson, Treasurer; Pat Flynn, Past President; Elise Huggins, Executive Board; Sue Richmond, Executive Board; Becky Watson, Executive Board. General Elections will be held during the June Meeting.

L Street and 10th Avenue Traffic Calming Projects: Steve Noble, DOWL Engineers, provided information regarding these two projects. Public Comment period regarding these projects closes May 30th. Information can be located at: <http://www.dowl.com/projects/hsip>. Comments can be sent to: rkniefel@dowl.com.

4th of July Community Parade and Picnic: Darl Schaff provide a detailed briefing regarding this years Community Picnic and Parade. Events will start on the Park Strip at 8:00 AM with the Pancake Breakfast, the Parade at Noon and then the afternoon picnic. All events will end by 6:00PM.

Alaskan's for Fair Taxes: Peg Tileston provided a detailed informational briefing on the various tax proposals and the impacts the alternatives would cause.

Zoning Issues: #2004-079 Hearing June 10th, Variance requested to allow existing encroachment. Located on West 13th Street. No position taken. Short Plat S1126-1; combine three lots to one for future construction of a multi-unit located on West 10th Avenue. No position taken.

ADDITIONAL NOTES:

TIME TO TRIM BACK THOSE HEDGES ALONG THE SIDEWALKS. SACC can provide volunteer help for those unable to do it themselves.

COMMENTS FOR YOUR COMMUNITY COUNCIL can be addressed to President Pat Flynn at flatpynn@yahoo.com or to any of the following board members: Vice President, Dale Nelson, danelsonpe@earthlink.net; Secretary, Letha Schwiesow, bobletha@gci.net; Treasurer, Doug Johnson, lindoug@ptialaska.net; Past President and FCC Delegate, Kathy Weeks, Kathy@arctic.net; Members-at-large: Elise Huggins, ehuggins@earthscape.alaska.com; Sue Richmond, yhmetzger@aol.com; Becky Watson, beckyw@gci.net.

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