

**SLCC April Meeting Agenda**

Monday, April 12th, 2021 - 6:30 PM

Quorum – 26 in attendance.

1. Meeting was opened by President Parker Haymans.
2. Motion was made to approve agenda, passed.
3. Minutes from March 2021 Meeting, approved
4. Patriotism Moment – Parker Haymans
5. President’s Report – Parker Haymans
  - a. Federation of Community Council’s update
  - b. Sand Lake Community Patrol Update given by Jason Mellerstig
  - c. Sand Lake Watershed Studies March Report given by Jim Munter. Sediment showing up in Dodd well. Wants to host a 1 hour presentation in August. South pond is an exposed aquifer. Urban run off contains things that should not go into drinking water. Bioswale has been selected by muni as an alternative. Kimberly Frey asks if earth is natural filtration. Jim says the site is an old gravel pit. Water can move through it with very little filtering. Robert Hayes asks about 1964 earthquake spilling contaminants into earth. Jim says Sand lake area water level were adjusted quite a bit.
  - d. Miscellaneous items (i.e. MOA Capital Improvement Program, etc.)
  - e. Solicitation of feedback from Community: What events would you like to see occur?
6. Municipality of Anchorage Assembly Report – Assemblyman Kameron Perez-Verdia. Federal recovery funds expected. Assembly is trying to decide how funds should be allocated. Stake holders have been invited to share input on priorities. Vaccine update,– 46%, 36% second shot (84,000 second shot) in municipality. New EO 20- “Do it for summer.” 70% vaccination goal – at 70% all EOs go away. 20 opens

graduations. Allows parents to watch sports. April 13<sup>th</sup> meeting. Mayoral runoff between 2 candidates. Special election.

- a. Robert Hayes is concerned about homeless.
- b. Linda Swiss wants IC airport developer to put city water to streets on wells (Tanaina, Kitlisa).
- c. Mark Nusbaum – Jamie is going to bring a resolution to Assembly tomorrow on 13<sup>th</sup>. Mark suggests that masking and distancing restrictions be lifted. Kameron responds – mask and distancing indoors mandates are the few that remain. Alaska Club Robert Brewster – manager likes masks still. People should know that restaurants and downtown is “open” We want people to go out and go to stores. Some say that mandates are destroying them economically.
- d. Jason Mellerstig asked about the last round of rent assistance and utility assistance. - Kameron responded that he shares the goal of incentivizing good choices and good behavior.
- e. Devona – advocates for more homeless funding and resources.
- f. Irene Quednow – not in favor of extending emergency orders. Irene clarifies that private businesses can enforce their own mask mandate if they want without municipality involvement.
- g. Jennifer Todd asks why is 70% vaccination level considered good to end EOs? Kameron explained that that level appeared achievable and good for public health.
- h. Dave Hilmeyer – in favor of masking and social distancing.
- i. T. Frank Box went out to Club Paris. He has been vaccinated and is in favor of masking.
- j. Kimberly Frey is 100% against ongoing mandates. She says that masking should be up to individual choice.

7. Local Anchorage School Board Report - ASD School Board Representative Alisha Hilde – not present.
8. Alaska State Legislative Report –Senator Mia Costello,
9. Representative Matt Claman spoke about - disaster declaration – revisions in Senate Finance. SNAP funding – food assistance. Governor getting economy back on track.
  - a. Linda Swiss – repeated request for city water south of airport. Put burden on developer to pay.
  - b. Alexandria McCormick- asked about Hawaii processes.
10. Representative Sara Rasmussen’s office – Scott Herdman- finance HB 99 – physical therapy bill moved out of finance. HB 117 – extend board of midwives. American rescue plan act. – money coming into state. New account for fishery. SB 22 repeals hunting surcharge. HB 26.
  - a. Robert Hayes suggests a bill to prevent illegal immigrants from being relocated to Alaska. H
11. Treasurer’s Report – Eugene Cho – Thanks to Sara Rasmussen for the \$603 donation
12. Ted Stevens Anchorage International Airport Report – John Johansen, Planning Manager – DHSS is planning on vaccination clinic at airport – ticketing level near A concourse – near Ravn ticket counters. Open to residents and non-residents for free in May. Career fair was hosted on Saturday – employers looking for summer employees. Cell phone parking lot is easy, use it.
  - a. Feb 2019 156,000 passenger numbers.

- b. Feb 2020 165,000
- c. Feb 2021 85,000

FedEx and UPS public notice period just ended for both. They have a year to sign a lease. All developers are working on their business plans. 2 leases: 6A on west side and Alaska cargo and cold storage across from Post office.

Ground water flows West and North West away from the communities.

Robert Hayes asks about Luggage theft issues. -Has been around forever – no news on worse or not. Squatters in vacant buildings. Inebriates on bus to airport – sleeping in airport – open 24 hours – a warm place to be.

13. Vote of No Confidence Resolution proposed by Robert Hayes (discussed in detail during March 2021 meeting) – Robert Hayes. Proposed vote on no confidence for the performance over the last year.

- a. Mark Nusbaum appreciates the effort.
- b. Dave Hilmeyer is opposed.

Vote of No Confidence passes 12-5. Email will be sent to Assembly with the 8 points.

Kimberly Frey asked when we can meet in person. Robert Hayes suggested keep the church location as an option. Kimberly asks for September meeting to be in person. Jennifer Todd and Allie Hartman like the hybrid in person and zoom option.

14. Anti-political violence Resolution proposed by Dustin Sherman (discussed and read during March 2021 meeting) – Dustin Sherman

- a. Robert Hayes believes this resolution is not needed.

- b. Alexandria McCormick – Chris Constant has been toxic and horrible to people who have attempted to speak at Assembly meetings. It is ironic that Chris Constant, who has been such a horrible example of how to behave is attempting to tell others how to behave.
- c. Robert Hayes reports that Chris Constant “called a woman the C word”
- d. Dan Smith does not see a need for this resolution. This is a political pat on the back. It is an attempt to limit people’s ability to speak.
  - i. Motion tabled until May when Sherman is back in town.

15. Other Business – Welcome any points of information from the community

- T. Frank Box, Alaska Move to Amend; update on efforts since SLCC Resolution was passed in 2012
- Russell Biggs, SLCC Member proposing a discussion (and later on, vote to consider adoption) Resolution opposing B3 Rezoning by MOA. Russell owns a house in SLCC area. He believes most important change in title 21. This is not a good idea because – as vice chair of tutor area – 800 comments opposed. 3 in favor of this change. The city is attempting to change the development of land. Title 21 steers development to have communities of character and shape. Protections to home owners. The protections of PROCESS are undermined. Inadequate public engagement to the affected neighborhoods. B3 zones are traditionally close to residential neighborhoods. Alaska club the Assembly wants to turn into homeless shelter is directly adjacent to residential housing. 911 calls - 2400 calls, 8 per day at Brother Francis shelter. But the municipality did nothing to stem the tide. City sued twice. Grubstake auction company sued the city twice for disruption to business and won both times. This is about protecting current property owners ensuring their ability of having a say in where the shelters are placed. Historically transient shelters have never been put in residential or business zones. Historically –

each change of zoning for a shelter had to go through the full process and get community input. Planning and Zoning committee sent this to the Assembly despite the public and Community Councils not being adequately informed. Russell is highly distrustful of the process.

- Robert Hayes retold of prior similar losses and stated that the city doesn't listen to the people anymore.
- Russell says 3900 properties are affected by this. Why doesn't the city look at Fireweed, Native hospital location, lots of other land that could be used. Assembly is putting shelters into existing hotels. The problem with that- \$300,000 for private security for two private hotels. There is a clear disruption that can only be mitigated with a huge outlay of public money. Why import the problems into residential neighborhoods? It will cause more hostility toward the homeless population. It takes away from the title 21 process.
- Mark Nusbaum states that this is a broad stroke. There are other properties available for this use.
- Sense of the council voted upon and passes opposing the change of B3 zoning. We oppose B3 re-zoning that adversely affects homeowners.
  - Passes - 16 in favor, zero opposed.
- Erin Whitney, Candidate for Chugach Electric Board of Directors – online voting. Member owned co-operative. Affordable, reliable, sustainable energy for all. New electrification possibilities.
  - Robert Hayes asks what she thinks of New Green Deal. Erin answers that we need to diversify energy sources. She wants to transition away from natural gas.

## 16. Upcoming 2021 Events

- a. May 10<sup>th</sup> SLCC Meeting

17. Good of the Order, meeting adjourned 9:11pm