

Draft Minutes

South Addition Community Council (SACC)
January 27, 7:00 p.m. via Zoom

Executive Committee Members Present: Daniel Volland, Vice President; Patrice Parker, Secretary; Cathleen Hahn, Treasurer; Tamás Deák, Fran Durner and Harry Need - Members at Large; Ruth Ann Jennings, FCC Representative

Excused: President John Thurber

SACC Members Present: Bonnie DeArmoun, Seth Anderson, Jeff Manfull, Martin Hansen, Deborah Hansen, Leslie Need, Kimberly Pace and Sheri Heritage, Kathryn Veltre, Cheryl Richardson, Zack Fields, Diane Moxness, Jennifer Hazen, Veronica Slajer, Sheila Selkregg, Lois Epstein, Leila Wise, Hope McGratty, Tyler Jones, Anna Bosin, Tom Stevens, John Pharr, Mitch Collum, Lynn Hallquist, Brian Kirchner, Mary Hilcoske, Dr. Ryan Webb, David Hansen, Mark Hansen

Guests: Bradly Coy (Municipal Traffic Director), Löke Gale Tobin and Mercedes Colbert (staff to Senator Tom Begich), Rep. Zack Fields, Tristan Walsh (staff to Rep. Zack Fields), Anchorage School Board President Margo Bellamy, Portia Erickson and Terry Shanigen (staff to the Mayor), Paul Baril (NVision Architecture)

Call to Order

Presiding Officer Daniel Volland called the meeting to order at 7:03 p.m. He asked if there were any changes to the draft Agenda. Changes offered: Chris Constant is excused and won't be giving a report tonight and a report from the Mayor's Office was added (and it was announced a regular monthly report from the Mayor's Office will be added to future agendas). Mr. Deák made a motion to approve the agenda as amended. It was seconded and approved.

Tamás Deák moved to approve the December 16, 2021 Minutes. The motion was seconded and passed.

Reports

Representative Zack Fields reported on the start of the 2022 Legislative Session. He discussed the State of the State, the Defined Benefits Program, the Education Bill in front of the Senate that is expected to go the House, and the Fiscal Plan.

Portia Erickson spoke for the Mayor's Office. She discussed the recently mailed Municipal Property Tax Assessments, new COVID testing resources, and the upcoming School Choice K-12 Fair and a "Hope for Tonga" event.

Cathleen Hahn presented the Treasurer's Report. The reports are posted to the SACC website. The December 31, 2021 report lists profits and losses. There are restricted assets for the Neighborhood Plan.

RuthAnn Jennings gave a report on the Federation of Community Councils. FCC is requesting the community councils review the guidelines for posting meeting recordings. Following a

resignation, Linda Chase is the new Vice President of the FCC. She discussed the FCC Treasurer's Report. There is a FCC representative on the Homelessness Committee. Margo Bellamy, President of the Anchorage School Board, reported that the ASD Bond was passed by the Assembly. The Inlet View Elementary School's Building Design Committee continues to meet. The search for the ASD Superintendent is ongoing. She posted a link in the Chat to a survey that is open until February 2, 2022. The ASD Spring Lottery for Optional and Charter Schools closes on February 1. Anchorage welcomed 100 Afghan families and many attend school. The mask mandate is still in place. The next ASD Board Meetings are on 2/8 and 2/22.

Terrence Shanigan from the Mayor's Office reported there are over 70 Boards and Commission vacancies. He encourages everyone to take a look at what's available. A link is posted in the Chat.

Old Business

Harry Need and Dr. Ryan Webb presented the proposed Resolution in support of the Anchorage Assembly Confirmation of the MOA Chief Medical Officer. Dr. Webb then made a motion to pass the Resolution. It was seconded and passed unanimously, 21-0.

Sheila Selkregg updated the Council on the draft Neighborhood Plan. She plans to describe each action taken by the SACC, including intent, outreach, participation, and process for outreach. It was done, but needs to be explained in the Plan. She will present it to the SACC, section by section, to ensure everyone is comfortable with it.

Bradly Coy discussed the plan for the IVES Replacement Traffic Study. Several things will be studied, including site access, street intersections, safety conventions, and parking. He met with the developer and identified a few things that could be simplified and changed in the parking areas. Members asked questions about green space, number of necessary parking spaces, pedestrian safety, crosswalks and crossing guards, the need for traffic calming, and the possibility of teaching students lessons about safely crossing streets.

New Business

Capital Improvement Projects (CIP) Requests are made to State of Alaska for FY 2022 funding. The list of SACC Priorities, previously approved by the SACC, was reviewed. RuthAnn Jennings made a motion to move 15th Avenue Traffic Calming Study from #3 to #1, moving Complete Streets to #2 and the 15th & E Turn Signal to #3. Underground Overhead Utility Lines would become #4. Cathleen Hahn made a motion to approve the change. It was seconded, and hearing no objection, the motion passed.

Mitch Collum made a motion to build a noise barrier wall between 13th and 15th on L Street. The motion was seconded and failed, 10-7.

Jeff Manfull made a motion to extend the meeting to 9:30 p.m. It was seconded and, hearing no objection, the meeting time was extended.

Cheryl Richardson presented the Anchorage Metropolitan Area Transportation Solutions (AMATS) Report. She discussed Complete Streets. She said noise and traffic are the number one complaints downtown, and calming I and L and A and C is a priority. The list of transportation priorities is due on February 14. Martin Hansen moved to create a SACC Transportation Subcommittee. It was seconded and passed 14-0. The new Transportation Subcommittee members are: Cheryl Richardson, Sheila Selkregg, Martin Hansen, Tamás Déak,

and Anna Bosin. The deadline for Transportation Improvement Projects (TIPS) nominations is February 3. A form has been posted to the Chat. The subcommittee will be tasked with it.

Open Community Comments

Deborah Hansen commented that she has tried three times to sign up for the Inlet View School newsletter but has still not gotten on the list, and expressed frustration with the whole IVES notification timeline.

Adjournment

Jeff Manfull made a motion to adjourn. It was seconded and passed.

The meeting adjourned at 9:29 p.m.