

**South Addition Community Council
DRAFT MINUTES**

March 24, 2022, Meeting Via Zoom & Recorded

I. Called to Order at 7:01 PM via Zoom

Executive Committee: John Thurber, President, Daniel Volland, Vice President, Cathleen Hahn, Treasurer, Fran Durner, Member-at-Large, Harry Reed, Member-at-Large, Tamas Deak, Member-at-Large and Ruth Ann Jennings, Secretary

Others Present: 34 people in attendance <http://www.communitycouncils.org/servlet/content/32.html>

Approval of Agenda: A motion was made and seconded to amend the agenda as follows 1) move Anchorage Fire Department, Chief Schrage to the top of the agenda; 2) under Old Business, delete the item for Inlet View Elementary School (as the study is not yet complete); and 3) under item 3, add discussion for parking; motion passed unanimously.

Approval of Minutes: A motion was made and seconded to approve the February 24, 2022, minutes as submitted; motion passed unanimously.

II. Reports

Legislature: Senator Tom Begich: Spoke to the status of the budget; the windfall of oil funds coming into the state which could be about \$4 billion. He stated that the state has an additional \$.5 billion left over from the American Recovery Act. He touched on the status of PFD and the reapportionment decision handed down by the AK Supreme court. He stated that a memorial service will be held in Anchorage for Congressman Don Young on April 2. Please contact his office if you'd like to attend.

Representative Zack Fields: Reported that the Finance Committee passed HJB149 - which will give childcare providers a voice. He stated he is also working on a bill to pre-fund education.

Assemblyman Constant: Stated the first quarter budget revisions will be published soon. These numbers will provide the community with an idea of the breadth and depth of executive level positions in the Bronson administration. The Assembly is considering filing a lawsuit against the state over the base student allocation. Assemblyman Constant spoke about the upcoming elections and stated he's observed opposition to school bond for Inlet View Elementary School (IVES.) He stated that we need to get it done. Regarding homeless camps, the municipality has funds for camp abatement and clean-up as well as housing. The assembly has adopted a reapportionment map for Anchorage. Assemblyman Constant said our district now is shaped like a moose and that it will grow from 25,000 to 45,000 people. The district now includes Government Hill, Downtown, South Addition, North Star, a portion of Spenard and east on DeBarr Road to Turpin Road. The expansion boundaries passed by a 9-2 vote. The new assembly seat for our district will be voted on in the June 21 vote.

Doug Schrage, Anchorage Fire Department Chief: Provided updates regarding the AFD. Chief Schrage stated there are 26 new Firefighters and two of the bonds on the ballot are for AFD. Chief Schrage spoke about the Mental Crisis Team, stating that the program prevented many calls from being taken to the emergency room. (douglas.schrage@anchorageak.gov)

Mayor's Office: No representative from the Mayor's office attended in March or in February although having been invited.

Anchorage School District Board, Margo Bellamy: Stated there are three finalists for the superintendent who will be named. She stated she supports Proposition 1, and that graduation dates are on calendar.

• Community Town Hall

Tue, Mar 29, 5:00 PM - 6:30 PM

Superintendent Candidate Search: Community Town Hall

Link:<https://asdk12.zoom.us/j/97446185123?pwd=dGtETjZPOVJ4T1gxdC9zL2xkOGhRdz09>

President John Thurber: Stated that Patrice Parker resigned from the Executive Committee position of secretary. He thanked her for efforts, contributions, and insights into issues facing SACC. He announced that Ruth Ann Jennings was appointed, and accepted the appointment, to the Executive Committee. Her appointment was made with the full support of Executive Committee. John briefly summarized the Urban Design Commission's (UDC) meeting regarding the IVES design. The next UDC meeting will be held on April 13. Keep up with IVES developments at SACC FCC webpage. John briefly addressed Title 21, R2 amendments.

VP Daniel Volland: Reported Solid Waste Services is re-launching its Curbside Compost program for the season.

FCC Representative Ruth Ann Jennings - No report.

Treasurer Cathleen Hahn - February financials are on the SACC website.

South Addition Neighborhood Plan: No report.

III. Council Business

Old business

Bree's Law memorial - Hans Thompson stated that last June an advisory committee was formed by Parks and Recreation. Members from the South Addition neighborhood are Izzy Fredricks, Hans Thompson, Pam Tesche, and Tom Begich. The advisory group came to a consensus that the corridor on the Park Strip from 9th - 10th along G St would be unnamed, and that ideas for any improvements would be concentrated on the 9th St (north) side with a reflection space for historic and indigenous lands and people. Two more group meetings will be held.

Tamas Deak and Tom Davis, Planning and Zoning, addressed the parking amendments, which will be submitted to the Assembly along with the R2 amendments. A decision was pushed out about a month so to receive more input from mid-town community councils. Tamas stated all other items had been resolved. He gave kudos to the Planning Department for the tremendous improvements to the Municipal Code. Tamas & Tom Davis, Planning and Zoning Department, summarized the status of the response to Title 21 R-2 Heights and Bulk amendment. Tamas suggested it would be helpful to have another meeting with Tom Davis who might lead us through the major points of the ordinance.

New business

Harry Need addressed a proposed resolution, posted on the SACC website, for an *Affordable Housing Trust Fund*. Harry requested consideration of and a vote at the next community council meeting. Discussion ensued.

Open Community Comments

- Martin Hansen standing report for transportation committee
- Jeff Manful made a pitch for People Mover
- Bonnie DeArmoun stated that the Salmon Run is scheduled for May 7 and it's looking for volunteers
- Deborah Hansen commented that she looked for past references /notices in the Inlet View newsletter regarding the Inlet View school design and found none.
- Harry Need shared comments regarding the Urban Design Committee meeting of April 13
- Cheryl Richardson commented regarding Alaska's transportation spending and how it affects our communities. The Anchorage Assembly is on record as favoring more transit and safer bike and pedestrian routes. She stated we need our transportation planners to follow the Assembly's direction and the public comments. Comments are due by May 5 on the short term transportation plan

Next Executive Meeting: Thursday April 14, 2022, 7:00 PM. The Zoom link will be posted on the FCC SACC web page

Next Regular Meeting: Thursday April 28, 2022. The Zoom link will be posted on the FCC SACC web page

Adjournment: A motion was made and seconded to adjourn the council meeting at 8:48 PM.

Submitted, Ruth Ann Jennings, SACC Secretary

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