



South Addition Community Council Minutes

September 22<sup>nd</sup>, 2022

I. Call to Order at 7:03 PM via Zoom

**Executive Committee**

**Present:** John Thurber, Harry Need, Hans Thompson, Moira Smith, Tamas Deak, Tom Begich

**Excused Absence:** Barry Piser

**Others Present:** Video with attendance found at <http://www.communitycouncils.org/servlet/content/32.html>

**Approval of Agenda:** A motion was made and seconded to amend the agenda; motion passed with a voice vote.

**Approval of Minutes:** A motion was made and seconded to approve the minutes; motion passed with a voice vote.

II. Reports

- a. **President** – There are multiple committees that are open for community members to join including a transportation, a neighborhood plan, and a bylaws committee. John notes that the Urban Design Commission supports the inlet view design.
- b. **Fire/Police** – No report
- c. **Legislative** –
  - i. **Fields** – No current streets in South Addition currently qualify for traffic calming. This is due to a test that if less than 85% of vehicles are driving at or below the speed limit, than it does not qualify. He would like to see this changed since it is based on an anachronistic test from the interstate building era. Separately, he is inviting the community to participate in comments directly to the school board to encourage purchasing the inlet

view construction on 10/4. He's concerned Inlet View will close if there are more failed systems in the school district.

- ii. Begich – Wanted to include that we should be asking for an end on the state moratorium on non contributing to school bond debt (?).
- iii. Drummond – No report.

**d. Assembly**

- i. Volland – Working with the traffic department head to improve streets but they are saying we don't pass the 85% test (mentioned above). Recently approved a new Department and OMB directors but new muni attorney was not approved but we have an acting attorney currently. Looking into getting historic preservation grants for some of qualifying trail systems. There will be a ballot initiative to raise the residential exemption from \$50k to \$75k. Homeless plan to move people into existing rec centers has been eliminated. Looking into legislation that would limit rec centers used for that purpose outside of civil emergency. Would reach out to Hans on proposal to raise vehicle noise citations. Leading meeting on making walking and biking to school easier for students.
- ii. Constant – Andy Josephson to thank for residential exemption increase.

**e. School Board**

- i. Pat Higgins – Next board meeting will be considering the school bond. Waiting to hear back what the admin has to say on Inlet View Elementary.
- f. **ASD** – no report
- g. **Treasurer** – Tamas thanks Cathleen Hahn for her dedicated work for many years as South Addition Community Council treasurer. He has met with her to go over the finances and the funds in the bank are as they were.
- h. **FCC rep** – No report.\

III. Old Business

- a. **Neighborhood Plan** – Tamas presents on the possibility of money from AARPA for continuing the neighborhood plan.
- b. **Delaney Park Strip Plaza** – Hans presents that the status of the project is that the Parks department has plans to put it on the 2024 Parks Bond but has yet to go to the Parks and Recreation Commission for approval. The Parks department has stated that it will not have to go through the urban design commission and they would like to come to our October meeting with the design team to present the current design. Hans recommends that we bring up the what the community would like from this project and if it is what the community wants since there are no further steps the Parks department plans to take to ask for our approval of the project.

IV. New Business

- a. **Bylaw Amendments** – Harry invited the community council members to join a newly created bylaw committee to review potential changes.
- b. **Letter Opposing Mayor’s Homeless Plan** – After current developments with no longer using neighborhood recreation centers for shelter housing, this item will go back to being tabled.

V. Public Comment

- a. Hans commented that he hopes to work with Assemblyman Volland to move forward an increase in the vehicles noise citation amount and move forward a resolution from the council on raising the vehicle noise citation amount.
- b. Cheryl Richardson expressed that she would like to have time on the agenda to go over the transportation committee.
- c. Moira Smith expressed gratitude to Harry.
- d. Chris Constant is excited to travel to New York City for the World City Conference.

Harry moves to adjourn and is seconded and the meeting ends at 8:33 PM.