



South Addition Community Council Minutes

October 27, 2022

I. Call to order

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

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A. Approval of the agenda

- i. A motion to amend the agenda to add an item of new business was moved and seconded; motion carried by voice vote, agenda approved as amended.

B. Approval of September 22 meeting minutes

- i. A motion to approve the September 22 meeting minutes was moved and seconded; motion carried by voice vote A motion was made and seconded

II. Standing Reports (3 minutes each)

A. **SACC President.** Significant clear cutting / forestry going on north of Chester Creek, in the Valley of the Moon area

B. **AFD / APD** – no report

C. **Legislature:** Representative Drummond, Representative Fields, & Senator Begich

- a. Rep. Fields speaks to intent of AK Legislature in appropriating \$\$ for Inlet View.
- b. Sen. Begich
 - i. Inlet View – reiterated with Rep. Fields' comments re Inlet View. Met with Supt. Bryant, advocated for Inlet View and explained state funding. Explained that the Alaska Reads Act lifted the cap on the amount of federal funds school districts could carry over. Expressed concern that the decision by the school district to announce school closures prior to funding Inlet View was unfortunate.
 - ii. Implementation of Reads Act – concerned by Department of Health to try to grab resources out of the Reads Act to try to grab funds to dumb down pre-K. will be watching for next two months in this job.
 - iii. Budget passed based on conservative estimate of price of oil. Now facing ~\$500 million deficit. May result in an erosion of the forward funding of education.
- c. Representative Drummond

- i. Running to represent S Addition, comments on issues of concern to her and her past public service.

D. Mayor's Office – not present

E. Assembly report

a. Member Volland.

- i. Is co-chairing Health Policy Committee, which is working on alcohol tax funding implementation, including how to streamline process for non-profits and community partners to work on substance use treatment, prevention of child abuse, and domestic violence. Alcohol tax can only be used for some things. Trying to work on prevention. Next meeting 11/2. Next focusing on mental health.
- ii. Transportation – Is participating in [transportation committee], working on 2023-2026 plan. Volland's goal is have robust public participation. 5 member voting body – 2 assembly members, mayor's office, DOT, and DEC.
 1. Alternate on AMATS policy committee.
 2. Overlaid on ten-year MTP.
- iii. Tuesday Assembly meeting. Started budget process; had first public meeting on budget. We have received mayor's office proposed budget. No testimony. Next step is work session.
- iv. Discussed resolution regarding vacancy in assembly chair's position.
- v. Informed SACC there would be small increases on SWS (5%) and AWWU bills.
- vi. Homelessness.
 1. Assembly voted not to approve \$4.9 million for navigation center on Tudor & Elmore.
 2. Have had recent successes. Closing on sale on Guest House to keep 130 people housed. Rasmuson will soon close on two hotel properties to convert for housing – both in Spenard. 98 units and 45 units. In meantime, the Aviator Hotel will cease being used as homeless shelter in December/January, resulting in a loss of 175 units. Mass congregate shelter at Sullivan has taken a toll on that neighborhood. Members Rivera and Volland working on trash removal, etc.
 3. Project Anchorage Task Force. Roger Brooks – engaged by AEDC – comes up with specific recommendations to improve experience of tourists and draw working age population. Came up with 77 recommendations.
- vii. Working on eliminating the 85% traffic flow requirement for traffic calming.
 1. Harry Need – nominated to be alternate on AMATS community policy committee, haven't heard back.
- viii. Noise violation citation increase: Member Volland is working on it. APD will going to change internal policy. Member Volland hopes to introduce a resolution at the Nov. 22 assembly meeting.

- b. Member Constant: not the first time have heard complaints about appointments – this is an executive function.

- i. One more opportunity to comment on budget – now is time – we’ve had six opportunities but only one more. Bronson trying to move mobile crisis team to mobile response team. Not at tax cap. Still time – communicate priorities.

F. Anchorage School Board – Pat Higgins

a. Inlet View –

- i. last year on bond over strong objection of superintendent. Not much support in admin at that time.
- ii. At this time, w/ add’l money from the state, money has been allocated to safety issues.
- iii. A significant amount, close to Inlet View, not allocated. Voting on December 5 on that.
- iv. I was one of the people who thought we should just do it. Some people are on the fence. If superintendent is going to close schools... in September 2024, have to have spent federal funds. So limitations on using those funds to stretch it out longer. Had a decline in state funding because of decline in student population. Went from 175-150-125 funding, step down.
- v. Previous administration using funds to keep status quo.
- vi. Pushing admin on how to improve academics. Audit curriculum, operations. Need comprehensive plan. I’ve asked for early reports on where we are. We have been flat funded from BSA.
- vii. Inlet view not among six schools they’re proposing to close. I don’t know how board will vote.
- viii. Money issues are real.

- b. SACC Treasurer – Tamás Deák- attempting to get ARPA funding out of the municipality so we can fund neighborhood plan.

G. Federation of Community Councils – Ruth Ann Jennings – no report.

H. Transportation Committee - Cheryl Richardson

- a. Assembly voted 11-1 to modify to change the two-year transportation budget that AMATS works under – the TIP. Mayor’s rep and DOT/DEC reps voted against it.
 - i. Got postponed until 11/3. Finance complete street study for all arterials in downtown core.
 - ii. Anna: draft resolution for next time. Update resolution on lowering speeds and improving ILAC couplets
 - iii. Nationally, DOTs are getting challenged all over.
 - iv. Folks that want to get engaged w/ DOT, there are plans out for comment.

I. SACC Neighborhood Plan - Tamás Deák

- a. Harry Need spoke with Sheila Selkregg to create abstractions – elements are responses to satisfy Municipality’s concerns from introduction to initial draft. Next steps = drafting and editing. Hoping to have revised draft at end of fall. By early winter, will kick over to rest of committee then executive committee. Working with city to get ARPA money that went to planning instead of neighborhood.

- i. Member Constant – if Planning says it uses ARPA funding on anything other than what we want, tell Volland and Constant ASAP.

J. Bylaws Ad hoc Committee - Harry Need

- a. Edits made, goal is to present a redline at next SACC meeting.

III. Council Business

A. Old Business

1. Delaney Park Strip Plaza Update – Tanya Hickok
* delay this to next meeting.

B. New Business

1. Vehicle Noise Citation Increase – Member Volland addressing this.
2. Motion supporting Johnny Ellis Naming Commission - A/C Park & 15th Street bridge
 - a. A motion was made and seconded to authorize the SACC President to sign a letter in support of naming the 15th Avenue bridge crossing A Street the “**Johnny Ellis Rainbow Bridge**.” Motion carried by voice vote.
3. Inlet View resolution – Moira Smith introduced resolution in support of full and prompt funding of the rebuilding of Inlet View Elementary School.
Recommends SACC vote on this at next meeting.

IV. Community Comments

- A. A member of the Girdwood community council spoke requesting SACC’s support of area-wide bond proposal for cemeteries in Anchorage.

V. Adjournment:

- A. A motion to adjourn was made and seconded, which carried on voice vote.