

South Addition Community Council
Minutes for February 23, 2023 Meeting

I. Call to order - quorum established at 7:05 p.m.

- A. Approval of the agenda (Begich; Smith)
- B. Approval of January 26, 2023 meeting minutes (Begich; Deák)

II. Standing Reports

A. SACC President - John Thurber

Tamás Deák treasurer report: \$6,800 in SACC funds

B. Legislature: Representative Fields, & Senator Tobin

Mackenzie Pope (staff to Sen Tobin)

- New Sagaya City Market meeting Saturday Feb 25th 10am-12pm
- Submitted CAPSIS projects yesterday
- Heard from Sen. Murkowski and Rep. Peltola
- Sen Committee on education: SB 29 and 24, re Civics and Mental Health in schools; committee working on BSA and major maintenance
- Sen. Tobin met with DOT Commissioner Anderson to talk about Fairness for Fairview.

C. Mayor's Office

No one present

D. Assembly:

Christopher Constant

Summarized work at last meeting including adopting work plan and setting goals for the upcoming year. Priority is housing policy.

Passed resolution to ask State to look at highway plan for \$135 million Rabbit Creek to 92nd Avenue. State said they would revisit it, but AMATS Policy Committee declined to do so.

Assembly passed resolution supporting BSA increase; introduced resolution to allow for child care leave; permanentized certain emergency ordinances that expired post-pandemic; authorizing increase in fuel purchases; provided for emergency snow storage; passed resolution providing for public checkbook; acknowledged public holiday for indigenous People's Day and Juneteenth.

Municipal Election is April 4, ballots go out March 15. Will consist of a regular election and concurrent special election. Assembly will likely move forward with a complete streets policy.

Fairview, working with NeighborWorks, got a grant for a policy called Fairness for Fairview. Got \$500,000. South Addition may be able to do the same if it organized.

Daniel Volland

Updated on today's AMATS policy committee; discussion of complete streets. "The arc is long but it's going to bend toward safety for all users." Discovered today that there is an AMATS policy on complete streets – but not a municipal policy.

F. Anchorage School Board - Pat Higgins

Anchorage School Board approved budget Tuesday 2/21/2023. Increased PTR and used reserves. This means the District is "on the cliff for next year" if no BSA increase by the Legislature.

Voted to move 6th graders into middle school over a two-year period. Member Higgins did not vote to support.

Inlet View – was being reviewed again. Haven't brought up the issue of the 6-year capital plan for IVES. Wanted to pass the budget.

We have \$800 million in deferred maintenance. There may be support for a major renovation rather than a new school.

Bond proposal: does not have info here.

Sen. Begich asked re the School Bonds Yes effort; Member Higgins stated he would report back.

G. ASD: Central Middle, Chugach Optional, Denali Montessori, & Inlet View

Not present

H. AFD/APD

Not present

I. Federation of Community Councils – John Thurber

Muni elections coming up- parks bond package from which South Addition will benefit.

Specific to South Addition is the Tony Knowles Coastal Trail connection to the Fish Creek Trail in the Port Area including a plaza with Indigenous Interpretation signage

School Board President Margo Bellamy was present and when asked about IVES, she stated that it would go on 2024 bond.

J. Transportation Committee - Cheryl Richardson

Ms. Richardson not present

K. SACC Neighborhood Plan - Tamás Deák

Planning dept has allocated funds to a contract to Agnew-Beck consulting to help us to move to the next phase, based on discussions we had prior. Stay tuned for discussions this summer and fall.

L. Bylaws Ad hoc Committee - Harry Need

Plans to have redlined bylaws available for review at next meeting.

III. Council Business

A. New Business

1. Protected Bike Lanes Resolution –

Motion to adopt resolution made by Deák and seconded by Smith

Member Volland speaks to resolution. Pilot study – goal is to research pilot project. DOT wants muni to be the champion of this; waiting to hear back from muni. Uses federal funds. Dedicated research funding.

Question from Thurber: if funding came through, what would it look like? If funding came through, put out RFP to design firm, could take many different forms. Would then result in data collection around how bikes are used.

Resolution has been circulated to other CCs

Member Constant: what is necessary from muni?

DOT requires certain information/support before allowing pilot project to proceed. This is one of the items – to get CC support. Another was to have administration agree that they support protected bike lanes. DOT wants support in writing.

They want support from freight community and others.

2. Complete Streets Resolution – Cheryl Richardson and Anna Bosin

I / L / Minnesota corridor studies are scheduled for 2023 – for A/C studies, moved and passed that it should abide by the AMATS Complete Streets policy.

Tudor Road corridor and Northern Lights and Benson

TIP passed today; heavy lift to get A/C complete streets included.

IV. Community Comments (3 minutes each)

Ira Slomski-Pritz: please support Proposition 14 on the Municipal Election ballot, which would dedicate marijuana funds to support child care and early education

Harry Need: please consider supporting University of Alaska today

VII. Adjournment – 8:30 p.m.