

Sand Lake Community Council Meeting
Monday, October 16, 2023 6:30pm - 8:30pm

Call to Order and Pledge of Allegiance 6:41pm

Meeting minutes from September meeting approved 6:42pm.

Treasurer's Report by Steve Gervel 6:43pm

Representative Andy Josephson 6:43 - 6:59pm

- Sits on the Ethic committee as an alternate. A new ethics member has been hired.
- Ethics committee works on financial declarations, rules, proper office usage, and many other topics related to ethics.
- Donna Mears and James Kauffman(South Anchorage) met with the Mayor, Assembly, and School Board. They met at UAA Sports Arena for Career academy role out coming next year.
- There is a new Providence senior housing facility off of West 48th which he toured.
- Policy change: The attorney general and lieutenant governor would work on ethics complaints in the past but now the AG has written rule making stating the AG could now work on ethics issues.
- Currently thinking about working on a trapping bill which would allow you to deactivate a trap if you have children and pets nearby.
- Possible Bill to protect woman, a pelvic exam can not be made on a woman when they are being operated on, for example their shoulder.
- AFN conference is coming up soon.
- The Mining and Oil industry have a big meeting a week before Thanksgiving.
- The Cook Inlet Renaissance. CINGSA, we were paying them to find more natural gas. We have threats to our supply and Hillcorp contracts that will expire soon.

Representative Tom McKay Representative 15. Bayshore, Campbell Lake, and Sand Lake. 6:59pm - 7:13pm

- Came to Alaska in 1980 as a Petroleum Engineer from Montana.
- Cook Inlet Gas is his current highest priority. Hillcorp aren't really an exploration company. They buy existing fields and squeeze what they can get out of it. We are in need of finding new gas right now.
- There's still a lot of gas in Cook Inlet, but need to find a company to explore it and set it up.
- Enstar did a survey and there is 70% local support for Cook Inlet solution to bypass having to import gas.
- Oil prices are up right now, which is good for Alaska.
- Biggest accomplishment in House of Resources was passage of the Governor's Carbon Bill. There was the Tree Bill and Carbon Storage Bill.
- Tree Bill, you could take an area of state forest that is not being used and trade for carbon credits. It passed the house and in Senate now.
- Carbon Storage Bill . CO2 has not value and is a waste product. If we build a gas line from Prudhoe to Nikiski, we would need to extra gas at Prudhoe. We would inject that CO2 into old depleted reservoirs. The Carbon Underground Storage Bill allows the drilling of special wells for injecting of CO2. Companies would pay to use those wells before the CO2 was moved.
- \$174 Million was vetoed by Governor. It went from \$1,400 per student to \$700.

Senator Matt Claman 7:14pm - 7:29pm

- We will be the first airport in country with recycling de-icing.
- Ethics Complaints: If you had an ethics complaint, you would need to hire your own lawyer. Then you could apply to get re-imbursed. We have the highest rate of sexual assault and

sexual abuse in the country. We need more prosecutors in rural Alaska. Currently, the attorney general office can defend the Governor and office.

Kelly Lessens School Board 7:29pm - 7:37pm

- ASD is re-envision high schools through The Academy System. Partnering with United way, UAA, AEDC, Chamber of Commerce, and other businesses and non-profits to help kids get ready for life after high school.
- Next year there will be The Freshman Academy in the Fall where group of teachers will help students with workplace success.
- You can find more information about The Academy at www.k12.org/ccf
- ASD partnered with Catholic Social Services and Refugee services to help with hiring.
- This year hiring incentives has been made for substitute teachers who already have hiring credentials.
- The board received a goal monitoring report at their recent board meeting. They are currently screening reading skills and will have results soon.
- Parent Teacher Conferences on October 25 and 26th.

Airport Update from Teri Lindseth 7:37pm - 8:49pm

- The parking garage project will be wrapping up this month. Parking availability will open up for the Holidays.
- Alaska Cargo and Cold Storage Project NEPA public open house will be October 31st. Fedex will have theirs tomorrow 10/17.
- Master Plan Update. It is a two-year study. They have forecasted the growth for the next 10 years and also completed inventory. In the last public open house they went over forecast and facility requirements. The meeting will take place in December or January depending on the analysis. At the end of the two-year study, community members will be able to review and speak on topics related to airport layout and development.
- Anchorage International Airport and Fairbanks Airport work together to support each other. Having another airport near us helps provide a security option for emergency landings.

Other News 8:49pm - 8:53pm

A community member who moved from the east side and now is a sand lake resident was asking for feedback on seeing if we wanted to create a neighborhood halloween display to help homeless teenagers.

Meeting Adjournment 8:53