

## South Addition Community Council

### Meeting Minutes

Thursday, January 25, 2024 7:00-8:30 pm

Meeting held on Zoom

1. Call to order - quorum established at 7 p.m.
  - a. Approval of the agenda, Harry Need moves, and Tom Begich seconds
  - b. Approval of December meeting minutes, Tom Begich moves, and Leila Wise seconds
  
2. Standing Reports
  - a. Order of the Day Change: Anchorage School Board – Dave Donley
    - i. 95-100 million deficit that ASD is facing, making up 71 million of that by bringing down their savings to the state-mandated minimum and using vacant position dollars. The school board is discussing with the ASD administration what/where they are willing to cut. No easy cuts to make. Bonds on ballot including partial cost of Inlet View School.
    - ii. Question re: Inlet View School Rebuild funding – past bond funding, state capital funds, and upcoming ballot bonds to be considered in April 2024
    - iii. Question re: how the ASD budget cuts are being decided – a variety of factors are being considered such as maintenance, the student population makeup, federal funding match
  - b. SACC President - John Thurber, no report tonight
  - c. Legislature:
    - i. Representative Fields: background on the capital funds from the State, working in Juneau to increase the base student allocation to avoid the cuts enumerated by the ASD admin/school board. Juneau legislative session: SB 140 debate in the House Rules Committee.
    - ii. Senator Tobin: working on how to make a bipartisan movement forward to get education funding, our public schools are struggling but they are doing so much with very little resources. Our NAEP scores are low because our schools, and our community, are in crisis. Senate Education talking about student homelessness next week. Announcing the formation of the Children’s Caucus to fight for all things that serve Alaskan kids. Bills working on: Renewable portfolio standards, parole board restructure, electronic backhaul bill.
  - d. Mayor’s Office: Trista Espe
    - i. APD bringing back downtown foot patrol from 7am-5pm. The Supreme Court is hearing a case on homelessness abatement. Homelessness

services: Anchorage is working on a pilot project to get people out of emergency shelter and into housing, currently working on extending emergency cold weather shelter until May, the Mayor is going to work over the summer to change ordinances to address unhoused folks in parks/trails. Application for mayoral arts grants are due Jan 26th.

- ii. Question re: mayoral legislative priorities, one priority is different from the Anchorage Assembly, will send over the legislative priority packet
- e. Assembly: Christopher Constant
  - i. Extending emergency cold weather shelter to the end of May. Legislative priorities were amended by the Mayor but the priorities are to be agreed upon by both the Assembly and the Mayor. Assembly has finished their ballot and bond work as of this week, ballots will go out in March and they are due back in April. The Assembly is working to ID cheaper/faster but effective traffic calming – 500k on the ballot for this increase to expand the work. Cemetery and public restroom bonds.
  - ii. Question re: shelter – are we moving to a year-round instead of only in winter if the MOA can get \$4 million in match funds from the State.
  - iii. Question re: legislative priorities – how are the MOA akleg process moving forward? The Mayor is out of compliance with the charter and we are at a bit of an impasse. We will be working the agreed-upon legislative priorities forward.
- f. ASD: Central Middle, Chugach Optional, Denali Montessori, & Inlet View
  - i. Spelling Bee at Inlet View on the 30th
- g. Anchorage Fire and Police Departments
- h. Federation of Community Councils
  - i. The position is vacant, members are invited to apply for this position!
- i. Transportation Committee – Anna Bosin
  - i. The Anchorage Assembly quarterly transportation meeting just occurred on Jan 17th to give an update on traffic volume numbers, and our fatal/serious injuries. Snow clearing and maintenance: buying attachments to make summer equipment to be able to be used for snow maintenance. Summer 2024 pilot project for a protected bike lane on 6th Ave.

### 3. Council Business

#### a. Old Business

- i. I and L Street Pavement Preservation Resolution – Anna Bosin, Rep. Fields
  - 1. DOT is going to resurface I/L Streets next year, this resolution is to support Rep Fields and Sen Tobin in talks with DOT to support

additional bike/ped facilities during that process while larger improvements are in process

2. Vote on the resolution: 17 yes, none opposed

ii. Neighborhood Plan Resolution- Tamas Deak

1. 9-year process, final draft comments from in-person event integrated into the plan and sent to SACC in the middle of Jan. Plan is open for comments online and via email through February 16th. Once that comment period is done, the plan will be reviewed and assessed by the Planning Department. Once the plan goes to the Planning and Zoning Commission and it is deemed adequate, the Assembly will adopt it.

a. Discussion on the process moving forward for the plan.

4. Community Comments (3 minutes each)

5. Adjournment – 9:05pm