

South Addition Community Council
Meeting Minutes
Thursday, February, 2024 7:00-8:30 pm
Meeting held on Zoom

1. Call to order - quorum established at 7 p.m, meeting facilitated by Vice President Harry Need
 - a. Approval of the agenda, moved by Tom Begich, so moved
 - b. Approval of January minutes, moved by Tom Begich, so moved

2. Standing Reports
 - a. Anchorage School Board, Dave Donely
 - i. Upcoming vote on the operating budget, looking to fill budget gaps in order to not cut IGNITE and other important programs. Retiring debt faster than taking on new debt: looking to build a new Inlet View building, and to improve vestibules in the district in the next round of school bonds.
 1. Q: How long since maintenance has been in the budget? A: The Anchorage School district makes a huge commitment to maintenance every year. We have a 6 year capital plan depending on which things need prioritized for the building and maintenance department.
 2. Assembly members working to find additional dollars in the budget for ASD, school board and assembly working closely together.
 - b. SACC President - VP Harry Need
 - i. Special meeting on March 14th on the Housing Initiative going to Planning and Zoning Commission
 - ii. Neighborhood plan notification: a mailing is going out to residents to let folks know about the upcoming regular community council meetings
 - c. Legislature:
 - i. Representative Fields: aide Evan Anderson doesn't have much of an update, please be in touch
 - ii. Senator Tobin: aide Mackenzie Pope gave update about Senator Tobin's legislation, the STIP, and SB140 on the House Floor.
 1. Sen Begich gives update on SB140 debate happening on the floor right now, and an update on the AK Reads Act after a meeting with DEED staff
 - d. Mayor's Office, Trista Espe: Cook inlet gas shortage and the formation of a new task force on that topic. Mayor Bronson is supporting utilities plan for Eklutna

hydroelectric. Please be aware of snow load stress on rooves! \$25,000 from Dominoes to snow plowing. Mayor's Community grant awardees announced.

- e. Assembly, Chair Constant: next meeting will have the ordinance on short-term rentals, but the vote might be delayed to have additional worksession/research done. Ordinance allowing independent planning department review. Port financing ordinance will be up, but might be delayed one more meeting. Other ordinances to increase pay for snow plow operators, to protect front line transit staff, and the Girdwood trails plan. Assembly special meeting (2.23.2024): three items including introducing an item that will protect the ombudsman, an authorization to litigate an Eklutna case, and an executive session regarding legal strategy
- f. ASD: Central Middle, Chugach Optional, Denali Montessori, & Inlet View
- g. School Bonds: Rachel Barinbaum and Ira Slomski-Pritz form School Bond Yes
 - i. Bond selection includes health and safety rankings, impacting approx 10% of the student population (10k kids). Deferred maintenance continues to rise in the ASD. Bonds are the most common way school projects are funded.
 - ii. Q: Are you looking for monetary support? A: Yes
- h. Anchorage Fire and Police Departments, no report
- i. Federation of Community Councils, no report
- j. Transportation Committee, no report

3. Council Business

- a. Old Business
 - i. Neighborhood Plan Comments and Resolution, Eleanor Andrews and Patrice Parker
 - 1. Informal committee of approx 10 residents to review the neighborhood plan and submission of comments to the plan to propose removing certain aspects of the plan
 - 2. Moved by Tom Beigch, seconded by Moira Smith to be discussed and voted upon in March meeting
 - 3. Neighborhood Plan Resolution, Harry Need, postponing until the March meeting
- b. New Business
 - i. Challenge Grant Application Valley of the Moon Singletrack, Rep Zack Fields presented by staff Evan Anderson. Applying for 20k to design and plan the new pump track. Match funding will be in volunteer labor from the communities – looking to be built in Summer 2024 if funded. Looking for support from North Star CC and from South Addition CC.

1. Moved by Tom Begich, seconded by Moira Smith, to be voted upon in the March meeting.
- ii. Chugach State Park Bond Access, Mark June
 1. Presentation on the State Park Bond: \$4 million dollar bond proposal to pave the last half mile of Canyon Road (access to the back side of Flattop Trail, Peak two, and others). The road is in a state of disrepair and is being utilized beyond it's current capacity/maintenance levels. Approx. \$1 for every ~\$100k of property value. Encouraging to vote yes on the bond. Ongoing maintenance will be taken care of by the LRSA.
- iii. North District Homeless Resolution Public Nuisances, John Thurber
 1. Delayed to next month
4. Community Comments (3 minutes each)
 - a. Tom Begich, thank you to Sen Tobin for all her work on education and SB140
5. Adjournment – 8:26pm motion to adjourn by Tom Begich, so moved