

**South Addition Community Council**  
Special Meeting Minutes  
Thursday, March 28, 2024 7:00-8:30 pm  
Meeting held on Zoom

1. Call to order - quorum established at 7:02 p.m.
  - a. Approval of the agenda
    - i. Motion to change the order of the day by Deborah Hansen, motion passes 4-2
  - b. Approval of February 22 and March 14, 2024 meeting minutes, moved by Harry Need, second
  
2. Standing Reports
  - a. SACC President John Thurber: No Report
  - b. Legislature: Representative Fields, & Senator Tobin: No Report
  - c. Mayor's Office: Trista Espe: No Report
  - d. Assembly: Christopher Constant & Daniel Volland: No Report
  - e. Anchorage Fire and Police Departments: No Report
  - f. Anchorage School Board - Dave Donley: No Report
  - g. Transportation Committee – Anna Bosin: No Report
  
3. Council Business
  - a. Old Business
    - i. February 22, 2024 Resolution – Patrice Parker
      1. Patrice was not present, so Deborah and Martin Hansen spoke to the resolution. Request for a meeting to review of the plan from some residents to address their comments. The volunteers helping with the neighborhood plan met with the residents. Tamas Deak spoke to the notes and changes in the plan.
      2. Question from Daniel Volland regarding some specific requested changes listed in the resolution. The changes requested were not all adopted, but the request for a meeting was fulfilled.
    - ii. Neighborhood Plan Final Draft – Tamas Deak
      1. Tamas goes over the plan process through the planning and zoning commission, Assembly
        - a. Chair Constant added clarification regarding public hearings and further process
      2. Question from Deborah Hansen regarding page 44, incentives to developers. Tamas: We do not have the resources to offer incentives, but we support those kinds of policies and programs.

- a. Question regarding the development of commercial centers. Tamas: small commercial centers already exist in SACC (e.g. Inlet Towers) and that language speaks to their presence.
      - b. Question regarding language on zoning standards for multi-family housing. Tamas: This language speaks to how we would address that kind of development or change if those zoning changes come. Design standards are important to include.
    - 3. Thank you to Tamas Deak and the Neighborhood Plan Committee members for all their years of work on this plan!
  - iii. Neighborhood Plan Resolution – Harry Need
    - 1. Postponed a few times to increase participation
    - 2. Harry Need move to approve, Anna Bosin seconded
    - 3. Resolution passed 19 yays and nays 5
- b. New Business
  - i. Protected Bike Lanes – Lucy Wittlinger from Huddle working with the MOA and AKDOT&PF
    - 1. <https://anchoragepbl.com/> is the website to see maps of the pilot project for the protected bike lane along 6th ave to A St and connect the Coastal Trail to Chester Creek Trail. This will be an opportunity to collect data from mid/end-May to the end of Sept
    - 2. Brad Coy: partnering with Assembly, Bike Anchorage. This effort is funded by federal grant funds
      - a. Question: What metrics will be used to decide if a permanent bike lane is feasible?
        - i. Brad Coy: The next step would be to address what a winter installation would look like, this summer project is our first step. The usage, speeds, traffic effects, and effects on businesses will be taken into consideration, and possible study of the economic effects.
      - b. Question: What barrier will be used?
        - i. We are looking to use flex posts, which unfortunately won't fully prevent cars from coming into the lane, but in phase 1 we saw success. These builds are determined by the permitting process and grant funds, which cannot be used to build permanent facilities.

- c. Question: Will putting this PBL on a high-traffic road be setting up the community to reject a permanent bike lane?
      - i. We are evaluating traffic patterns, using data, and working to make this project as safe as possible for users.
    - d. Question: How will you be counting bike traffic?
      - i. We will be using video feeds and traffic cameras
    - e. Question: How will we protect cyclists from red-light runners and speeding?
      - i. In the first phase, we saw speeds go down. Since cyclists are not allowed on sidewalks, they are already in vehicle lanes of traffic right now so this will hopefully reduce conflict.
      - ii. Transitional Housing – Julie Graham: not present, we will ask her to come to a future meeting
- 4. Community Comments (3 minutes each)
  - a. Deborah Hansen: I would love to consider going back to in-person meetings. I testified in front of the Planning and Zoning Commission.
  - b. Lois Epstein: I also wanted to support in-person meetings.
  - c. Eleanor Andrews: I would also like us to consider in-person meetings.
  - d. Martin: I would also like in-person meetings. I move that Rabbit Creek Community Council come to present to us, Eleanor seconds. 10 yays - 3 nays
- 5. Adjournment – 8:45 p.m, motion to extend by Harry Need and seconded by Mackenzie Pope