

# **Sand Lake Community Council (SLCC) Meeting**

## **September 9, 2024 | 6:30PM - 8:30PM**

- 1. Welcome / Call to Order - 6:43pm**
- 2. Approval of the Minutes - Approved.**
- 3. President's Report**
  - a. Scheduling error online. Sorry for the inconvenience!
  - b. Our next meeting is October 21, one week after Indigenous Peoples' Day
  - c. September Forecast:
    - i. We will need a new treasurer, nominations will be held in Sept.
    - ii. Presentation on Judicial System.
- 4. Treasurer's Report**
  - a. Current Balance: \$847.05
  - b. Motion to spend \$160
    - i. Allie is getting SLCC organized to host hybrid meetings. Would like to purchase a 1-year Zoom subscription to have stronger security, longer meeting durations, etc.
    - ii. Robert moves to approve; Evan seconds, approved without objection
- 5. Election of Treasurer - No nominations, postponed to Oct. 21.**
- 6. Ted Stevens International Airport Report**
  - a. No report available.
- 7. Anchorage School Board Report, Member Kelly Lessens**
  - a. No report available.
- 8. Municipality of Anchorage Report - Kameron Perez-Verdia, Anna Brawley**
  - a. Member Perez-Verdia
    - i. Now chairing the Assembly Public Health & Safety Committee. Tracking the recent spate of officer-involved shootings and the Administration's approach.
    - ii. Interested in rewriting the code for the Public Safety Commission, which sunsetted earlier this year.
    - iii. Also co-chairing the Housing & Homelessness Committee. New Homelessness Coordinator in the Administration named Farina Brown. Suggested inviting her to an upcoming meeting.
    - iv. Winter is coming, looking ahead to developing an Emergency Cold-Weather Sheltering Plan for 2024-2025.
    - v. Prioritizing metrics to track progress on outcomes. For example, 177 people experiencing homelessness were placed in housing in the past year.

- vi. In the last Legislative Session, the Anchorage Caucus worked hard to secure a \$4M grant to fund low-barrier shelter in Anchorage. It's the first time the State has provided Anchorage funding for this purpose.
  - vii. The Homeless Leadership Council (HLC) a group of business representatives engaged in the conversation about homeless and strive to bring the weight of Anchorage's business community to identify solutions. Focused on right-sizing our shelter capacity.
- b. Member Brawley
- i. Co-chair of the Assembly Budget & Finance Committee.
  - ii. [120 Day Preliminary Memo](#) forecasts major changes, priorities of the Administration before it comes to the Anchorage Assembly for amendments and approval. The Memo includes the capital project priorities of the Administration.
  - iii. The CIP/CIB process is being reviewed and improved in collaboration with the Administration to move the timeline and make the process more proactive.
  - iv. Looking forward to the budget, the Administration will submit the budget to the Assembly by mid-October. Public hearings will be held in November before the budget is passed around Thanksgiving.
  - v. The 2022 financial audit (AKFR) was finally completed and paperwork type issues were resolved. The 2023 AKFR is now underway. We are behind schedule, but working to catch up.
  - vi. The Assembly recently renamed Sand Lake Park (behind Sand Lake Elementary on the way to the water) after our sister city, Chitose, Japan. A group of former Sand Lake Elementary students who traveled to Chitose proposed renaming the park in recognition of our companion city in Japan: "Chitose Park."
  - vii. The Anchorage Economic Development Corporation (AEDC) is proposing a sales tax in an initiative called "[Project Anchorage](#)." Liz has invited the Project Anchorage team to present at the October 21 meeting.

## 9. Alaska Legislature Reports

### a. Senator Claman (via Claire)

- i. Passed Legislation:
  1. To fill the gap between criminal and civil cases where someone is unfit for trial, drawing from a stabbing incident at Loussac Library
  2. To expand permitted telehealth services
  3. To ensure fair labor rates on auto mechanics and workers and ultimately improve service to motorists
  4. To allow Turo to pay a lower tax rate than other vehicle rentals; the Governor vetoed the legislation

- ii. Up for election in November.
- b. **Representative Josephson**
  - i. Summer Activities:
    - 1. Traveled to West of the Cook Inlet, visited a Hillcorp natural gas drilling rig
    - 2. Toured homeless camps, met with Alaska Housing & Finance Corporation and learned
  - ii. Passed Legislation:
    - 1. Spearheaded the \$4M investment for shelter in his district in the House Finance Committee.
    - 2. Assault in the Presence of Children
    - 3. Affording Workers' Compensation to employees experiencing PTSD
    - 4. Increasing penalties for vandalism of religious institutions
  - iii. Up for election in November.
- c. **Senator Gray-Jackson**
  - i. Provided a [written report](#).

**10. Ted Stevens International Airport Subcommittee, Linda Swiss**

- a. Linda is absent, provided notes to Liz. Working on scheduling a tour of the Northlink facility, the construction stalled.

**11. Homeless Camp on Dimond + Northwood, Robert Hays**

- a. Documented bullet holes in sign near Campbell Creek trailhead. Reported camp on AnchorWorks. Assembly Member Perez-Verdia committed to following up with ACEH outreach and APD.

**12. Federation of Community Councils Update, Evan Leaf**

- a. Not only our FCC rep, but now the FCC **Secretary!** Congrats Evan, we're proud to have you serving in this role.
- b. FCC is introducing a new [Town Hall series](#):
  - i. Sept. 23 - Demystifying Community Councils
- c. The MOA Planning Department is working on redrawing Community Council boundaries. [Learn more](#).

**13. Other Business**

- a. We will send an apology with our meeting minutes.
- b. If you'd like to add our meetings to your calendar, you can find a link to do so on our page: <https://www.communitycouncils.org/servlet/content/30.html>

**14. Move to Adjourn: 8:04pm**

Next Meeting: October 21