

## South Addition Community Council

### Meeting Minutes

Thursday, October 24, 2024, 7:00-8:30 pm

Meeting held on Zoom and In-person (Anchorage Lutheran Church, 1420 N Street)

1. Call to order - 7:02pm
  - a. Harry N moves to approve the agenda, Jim A seconds
  - b. Motion to approve the Sept minutes, Harry N, Rosemary seconds
  
2. Standing Reports
  - a. SACC President John Thurber
    - i. Abatement occurred near Cook Inlet school
    - ii. The stairs have been repaired and opened
    - iii. Hope people can participate in the [Thanksgiving blessing on Nov 25th](#) at the Food Bank of Alaska
  - b. Legislature: Representative Fields & Senator Tobin
    - i. Senator Tobin: Governor's taskforce on childcare [public comment period is open right now](#). State Education Board education board [comment period](#). Invitation to join our neighboring community of Fairview this saturday for a clean up event!
  - c. Assembly: Christopher Constant & Daniel Volland
    - i. Report from Chair Constant: Assembly in the budget process, the second public hearing is on Nov 6th (special Wednesday assembly meeting) and hoping to finalize the budget on Nov 19th (it must be finished by the end of November). There are also [additional worksessions coming up](#) to discuss proposed amendments. Update on the municipal attorney and the city's prosecuting capacity – they are aggressively hiring new attorney's to solve this issue.
      1. Comment: Thank you for supporting the efforts to fix this, as we saw the police department even hesitating to charge people due to the backlog.
      2. Question: Is the process of community councils changing?  
Constant: We increased funding to the Federation of Community Councils, and we are exploring the idea of affinity community councils to increase representation (e.g. Alaska Native Community council)
  - d. Anchorage Fire and Police Departments - No Report
  - e. Anchorage School Board - Carl Jacobs

- i. The Board has been focused on math proficiency for students this month. The upcoming election day is a remote learning day for many of our schools. The next meeting is Nov 4th.
- f. Transportation Committee – Anna Bosin
  - i. Minnestoa Dr I/L Corridor Plan: there was a mobile workshop last night hosted by
- g. Neighborhood Plan Update
  - i. Planning department is still finalizing our plan and adding maps as well as data

### 3. Council Business

#### a. Old Business

- i. Inlet View Construction Update – Charlie Peters
  - 1. Finished the building foundation, putting up steel on Nov 4th and putting the walls up throughout the winter
  - 2. Question: Will construction be outside the 7am-6pm hours of operations? Peters: We will be welding and placing steel but we will be keeping to the noise ordinance hours as best we can – the one time the team had to go outside those hours were due to a concrete saw broke and there was a time constraint.
- ii. Inlet View Playground Pavement – Mitchell Cullom
  - 1. Mitchell is a parent of a future Inlet View student and is concerned about the recycled asphalt material being used on the school grounds. [Link to the resolution](#) – the second page was mistakenly not included online and it is included here.
  - 2. Question: When will this temporary surface will be replaced? Peters: The play area will be replaced in the Spring.
  - 3. President Thurber received a response from the School Board President Andy Holleman who does not believe the material poses a health risk to our students and is in agreement with the project site manager.
  - 4. Representative from Anchorage School District, Thomas Fenoseff: Reclaimed asphalt is used throughout the country and is safe for use according to the Director of Capital Projects for the Anchorage School District. There is an OSHA data sheet states that the material is safe for use out of its heated, application state. The OSHA considerations are for the workers installing the recycled asphalt materials, not the end product safety.

5. Question: Has the RAP (recycled asphalt) been used in other school projects? Answer: not in this application because we've never needed a temporary installation like this.
6. Comment: It sounds like there has been some miscommunication about this process and the material.
7. Mitch Collum moves to adopt the motion, Martin Hansen seconds
  - a. Discussion on the motion:
    - i. Harry N – I have not heard enough data to inform a vote on this. Due to these unresolved issues I will not be in support at this time although grateful to open the discussion.
    - ii. Mitch C – I haven't found data to support its safety.
    - iii. Vote: 5 Yea 6 Nay 1 Abstain

b. New Business

- i. Proposed Council Boundary Changes – Tom Davis
  1. Update on the every 10 year required evaluation of the community council boundaries. There was a public meeting process that identified parcels that might need to be adjusted. [The link to more information is here](#) and maps will be updated online this week. The planning department is seeking a resolution from the community council on our community councils thoughts on these changes and hopefully will be submitted to the Planning and Zoning commission in February. We will review in November and vote in December.
- ii. DOT Pedestrian Safety Action Plan – Eli Keaton Brackett (postponed to next meeting)
- iii. No on 2 Campaign – Juli Lucky
  1. Basics: in 2020 the voters put in place the ranked choice voting, open primaries, and a number of campaign finance changes. Primaries were closed in 2000 after previously being open, and we wanted to move back to that. The idea behind ranked choice voting is to get to majority rule and that avoids the “vote splitting” issue that allows candidates who are not aligned with the majority of voters to succeed – RCV in Alaska basically allows for an “instant runoff.” Open primaries allow for voters of all parties to express opinions in the primary even if they are not the same party as the candidate. We are campaigning to retain the system adopted in 2020.

- a. Question: what are the motivations for trying to repeal this?  
Lucky: My only interpretation is the party's have more strength and we would return to a first past the post system. The 2022 election was also costly, but that aligned with a special congressional election, a poll worker raise, and redistricting changes. Some stated that RCV was confusing, but only around 300 ballots challenged out of the 188k ballots voted.

4. Community Comments (3 minutes each)

- a. Please come to the In Our Backyard open house at Central Lutheran church from 11am-12pm.
5. Adjournment – John moves to adjourn, Rosemary seconds.