

Called to order at 7:05. No previous minutes to approve.

Treasurer Bob Brock's report: we have about \$1250.

Monthly Business: Assemblyman Chris Birch said this was still a good time to present community/municipal proposals to the legislature given the state's cash position. He suggested the council think of items to suggest for funding. Mr. Carter noted that the People Mover system does not serve the Klatt area and asked what, if anything, was being done to expand service to our area. Mr. Birch did not know. In response to another question, he did say that he was not aware of any assembly member whom he thought would be opposed to expanding People Mover service.

There was also discussion regarding sports fields and land ownership, the details of which were not recorded in my notes. Craig Johnson, state representative, discussed some issues relating to a land swap involving the golf driving range. He also discussed the work being done on 100th.

Mr. Carter noted that Mr. Johnson (as well as Ms. McGuire) had told Mr. Carter that he was not in favor of the 1250 payment to everyone, and was asked how he and Ms. McGuire voted. Mr. Johnson said they voted for the extra payment. He said this ultimately was more of a vote from the heart than the head. Mr. Carter commented that there would be heartstring appeals in the future now, and that folks will want to sweeten the PFD next year. Mr. Johnson seemed to think this would not happen, and that he was not going to turn this into an annual program. We will see.

Eugene, staff person with Lesil McGuire's office, stated that Ms. McGuire was in Europe for a month. She was selected for a Thurgood Marshall Fellowship program, which Eugene said was a highly competitive program. He also mentioned that the Senator would be working on a regulations review committee next session. Presumably, we will hear from Ms. McGuire about her trip and her plans for the upcoming session when we meet in November.

The Fire Station 15 report was brief. It was noted that the city had CPR training resources available through the fire department, and that if the group was interested in having a training session, one could be arranged. There was general agreement that this would be useful. No date was set for training, but a training event will presumably occur sometime in the next several months.

Frank Kelly, with MOA Development Service/Code Enforcement, introduced himself. He handed out cards and noted that there was a Hotline phone number for complaints (sorry Bob, did not copy it in my notes, although if you want it for the minutes, and you did not grab a card, I may still have it at home).

The FCC rep was at the meeting and indicated that the MOA was looking for comments/suggestions from the community councils. Mr. Hoffman observed, as a point to pass along to MOA, that MOA does not listen to comments from community councils. Far too often, MOA presents information to community councils well into a project. Often, this is after certain decisions had been made, and money spent, which would preclude citizen comments from receiving favorable consideration. This point became abundantly clear later in the meeting when Don Porter, an engineer with R&M Consultants, advised that the design process for some changes to bus and vehicle traffic at Mears JHS was about 65% finished. The project team had not interviewed residents who lived next to the school. The design involves significant cutting of trees/buffer vegetation. Mr. Hoffman, who is quite familiar with the traffic issues at the school, then made a number of comments, both about the design issues and the basic issue of lack of interaction/communication between MOA and affected residents/neighborhoods at the initial stages of projects or potential projects.

In a pleasant contrast to the above, Ray Amsden, Anchorage School Dist Facilities Administrator, provided information on plans to acquire a 25 acre parcel in the Sand Lake gravel pit which is now being developed. This would be for a middle school to be built in the future.

Scott O'Brien, SW Dist Mgr with the MOA Parks & Recreation Dept, noted that he wanted input on neighborhood parks. He was interested in learning if anything needed to be fixed. He provided a handout/survey form which could be sent back to him.

Ed O'Neill, Brown Jug Liquor Stores, commented on the work he had been doing cleaning up homeless campsites. He said they had removed something on the order of 20 tons of materials. He observed that a Canadian company was acquiring Brown Jug, but that the senior managers would stay on here in Anchorage. He did ask that they council sign a letter saying that it did not oppose the transfer of liquor licenses. However, it was noted that this not something that was necessary, and the officers declined to take the affirmative step of signing the letter. No opposition to the transfer was noted at the meeting.

The meeting was then adjourned at a time not recorded by the VP, but from memory, around 8:45.

David Carter
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