

October 24, 2013
Alaska Railroad Corporation (ARRC), Board of Directors
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Old Seward /Ocean View Community Council (OSOVCC)
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Dear Board Members,

At our October 23rd Council meeting, a member produced a flyer received by him addressing the Residential Right-of-Way Use Policy (RRUP) meeting held on October 16, 2013. The meeting was scheduled to discuss the various changes that are proposed to the current policy of 2012.

There were more than a few members present, including my wife and myself who live along the railway and they also did not receive the notice. Most all members had not seen nor had any knowledge of this public meeting. Our CC was not notified as a friendly reminder that this policy would be addressed by the ARRC Board. My family has owned the property since 1976 and has never received any notices from the ARRC including the 2012 policy changes.

Discussion at our meeting centered around: residential use of the right-of-way, impact upon 2 of our major parks located nearby, cost of the program vs. income from it, and duration of the policy for property owners.

It was stated in your meeting notes of the October 13 meeting:

- *Q. How many comments have we received on the revised draft RRUP?*
- *Less than 10, even though we contacted everyone listed as being located next to the ROW.*

Our membership voted 19 yes, 0 nay to contact the ARRC Board and voice our concern that not enough notification had been given for more of our members/citizens that reside within our boundaries to voice their concerns about this change of policy.

We noticed that another meeting is scheduled for Nov. 12, 2013 before the ARRC Board of Directors for possible action. Public comments could be given at that time as stated in your notes. We have questions about this meeting: in what format is the November meeting public comment period to be—only written, in person, phone, or other methods and what notification methods are used to publish notice of this meeting and location?

Sincerely,

Steve Beardsley, President
Old Seward/Oceanview Community Council