

**OCEANVIEW/OLD SEWARD COMMUNITY COUNCIL  
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**NEWSLETTER February 2005**

The next regular meeting of the Oceanview/Old Seward Community Council will take place on Wednesday February 9 in the Library of the Oceanview Elementary School on Johns Road starting at 7:00 PM. Municipal elections for Assembly seats and ballot propositions take place on April 5, so we will dedicate the February and March meetings to being informed about the issues and candidates.

**Convention Center**

Scott Anaya representing the Anchorage Civic and Convention Center Yes Campaign (ACCCY) will brief us on the proposed Convention Center and hotel bed tax which will be before the voters on the April 5 election.

Come with your questions. For starters, here are some of the questions the Executive Committee wants to ask:

- ACCCY response to the Brookings Institute study that concludes convention center space nationwide is overbuilt.
- Explanation for lowering the voter approval threshold from 60% to 50%.
- Who owns the land for the Convention Center site?
- What are the parking arrangements for Convention Center visitors and how will loss of the existing parking space be compensated?

**Expansion to Museum of History and Art**

Pat Wolf, Director of the Anchorage Museum of History and Art will present us with the expansion plans to the museum.

Of particular interest to voters will be the proposal to finance the increased operating costs of the Museum from general funds by exempting the Museum from the property tax cap.

**Road Projects**

The Municipality says it is scaling down bond requests to \$45 million for road improvements. We will ask someone from the Municipality will brief us on the list of projects included in the bond issue.

In the January newsletter we said we would invite the State DOT to present their plans for the expansion of the Old Seward Highway between O'Malley and Huffman at the February 9 council meeting. We will postpone this to the April 13 meeting so as to spend time on the municipal elections issues. We will dedicate the April 13 meeting to road and transportation and include Old Seward/Huffman project as well as hear from Cheryl Richardson of the Anchorage Citizens Coalition talk about "Transportation Myths and Realities".

**Assembly Action**

Assembly representatives Janice Shamberg and Dick Tremaine will give us their report on actions before the Assembly. The council is particularly interested in hearing our Assembly representative's views on the newly formed Development Authority and the proposed purchase of the building in Eagle River.

**Legislative Reports**

Be prepared to ask questions you want answers to, propose legislation on issues of concern to you, or give your input on legislative priorities during a teleconference with our legislative representatives Senator Stevens and Representative McGuire.

### **Election of Officers**

The executive committee appointed John Pletcher as chair of the nominating committee. Nominations for officers of the council should be forwarded to John or one of the officers listed at the end of the newsletter.

### **CONTACT US**

Legislative and Assembly representatives contact numbers:

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For those who want more information on what's happening in the City, consult the Municipality website [www.muni.org](http://www.muni.org)

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Community councils are the link in the local government chain between the resident and the municipal government and are only as effective as you, the membership want to make them by participating in the monthly meetings.

Oceanview/Old Seward Community Council meets on the second Wednesday of the month at the Oceanview Elementary School on Johns Road. Meetings start at 7:00 PM. We are collecting membership dues for 2005--five dollars for an individual, and ten dollars for a family.

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