

NEWSLETTER SUMMER 2003

We have enjoyed a lovely summer and it is now time to get back to community council business. There has been a lot happening so here is an update and how the Executive Committee proposes to handle the issues at the upcoming meetings of the Community Council.

We will resume meetings of the Oceanview/Old Seward Community Council with the next meeting scheduled for **Wednesday September 10** at the Salvation Army Church on the corner of DeArmoun and Old Seward Highway, starting at 7:00 pm.

MUNICIPAL ASSEMBLY REPRESENTATIVES

We will receive reports from our Assembly representatives Janice Schamberg and Dick Tremaine and ask for a preview of the proposed ordinance dealing with site condos (see SITE CONDOS below).

LEGISLATIVE REPRESENTATIVES

We will receive reports from our Legislative representatives Senator Ben Stevens and Representative Lesil McGuire and ask for a preview of the upcoming budget and how funding for Anchorage will be affected.

ANCHORAGE POLICE DEPARTMENT

Lt. Norsworthy of the Anchorage Police Department wants our Council to target one location or problem area for special police attention. The problem could be:

1. Areas of concern to the community.
2. Areas receiving numerous police call-outs.
3. Traffic problem locations.
4. Problems with structures and/or vehicles.

We want to identify these problem areas at the September meeting so that we can relay them to Lt. Norsworthy. This leads into a discussion about community vigilance. Apparently Oceanview is receiving above average incidents of vandalism. The Police Department is encouraging increased vigilance on the part of the community who are urged to call the Police Department of suspicious activities.

TIMBERLANE DRIVE

A public meeting was held in August to inform the community of proposed plans to make Timberlane Drive into a collector road. At issue are the reasons behind making this short road into a collector; what is the total right-of-way; are sidewalks and bike trails included; and what is the impact to adjoining property owners. We will hear a report on the public meeting and consider a resolution supporting or opposing the proposals for Timberlane.

COMMUNITY COUNCIL BOUNDARIES

The Assembly has approved the new boundaries for the Community Councils. By working cooperatively with our neighbors in Bayshore, the Assembly approved the changes proposed by Oceanview and Bayshore. Oceanview Elementary School is now in the Oceanview Community Council and the boundary with Bayshore extends to Klatt Road and Timberlane. And yes, the aforementioned Timberlane is a common boundary.

STATE BUDGET

The Governor's Outreach Campaign wants to inform us of the Governor's budget and will have a representative to make a presentation.

TAVIS BOHNE

Tavis is life scout in Boy Scout Trop 104 and is building a barbecue grill at Oceanview Park for his Eagle Scout project. We have invited him to give us a presentation on his project.

PROPOSED RE-ZONE AT KLATT ROAD AND ELLEN

A developer has petitioned the Planning and Zoning Commission to rezone a 1.3-acre lot on the corner of Klatt Road and Ellen from R-1 to R-2 and proposes to build 18 townhouses. After he heard of resistance from the neighborhood, he withdrew this petition and will resubmit another proposal in September. We will keep you informed.

120th STREET

This road was chip sealed in August making the surface more driveable. There are still unresolved issues concerning truck traffic, side walks, children walking to school, and parking along the road. The permit to haul gravel from the pit was extended to 2006 but the stipulations attached to the permit are still being violated. The Council may want to consider passing a resolution.

ROAD SAFETY PROJECT AT CARRS HUFFMAN

This project was installed this summer as a safety measure to reduce accidents involving traffic entering and leaving Carrs Huffman from Huffman Road.

SITE CONDOS

A new ordinance affecting site condos will be introduced to the Assembly. Site condos are controversial and we should be knowledgeable of the issues.

ROADS IMPROVEMENTS

The two major road improvement studies are in process.

- East Anchorage Study of Transportation conducted by HDR Alaska for the State Department of Transportation and the Municipality was released this summer. The report makes many recommendations to ease traffic congestion within the City.
- Seward Highway improvements from Rabbit Creek to 36th Avenue. After the consultant's report prepared by CH2M Hill was submitted in the spring, which recommended about seven of the available thirteen options to study.

We need to get briefings on the studies and get involved in the public process so that the community views are heard.

BOND ISSUES

The municipal election in April 2004 will contain bond issues and we need to be informed of what issues are proposed.

Your Executive Committee proposes to schedule the above mentioned topics for the Community Council scheduled for September, October and November. We generally do not meet in December due to Christmas.

GENERAL INFORMATION

For those who want more information on what's happening in the City, consult the Municipality website at www.muni.org

CONTACT US

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Oceanview/Old Seward Community Council meets on the second Wednesday of the month at the Salvation Army Church located on the south corner of Old Seward Highway and DeArmoun. Meetings start at 7:00PM.