

Old Seward/Oceanview Community Council (OSOVCC)
Minutes of Meeting – December 18, 2019
Oceanview Elementary School Library

Board Members: President Steve Beardsley, Vice President Roselynn Cacy, Treasure Stan Moll, and Secretary Nancy Joseph.

Called to order at 6:30 p.m. Steve Beardsley, President presiding. Quorum in place.

Agenda approved. Minutes of November 27, 2019 approved.

Treasurer's report: Bank account balance is \$1,538.96. Meeting notice sign (sandwich board) expense last month was \$77.51. Federation of Community Council (FCC) will reimburse \$75.00 in both 2019 and 2020.

Steve Beardsley – Agenda adjusted to allow **AT&T** to present slide pack on streetlight cell towers. Shawn Uschmann, su2487@att.com, 907-360-5093. AT&T's large vertical boxes are being placed on neighborhood streetlights to increase AT&T's network density coverage (4G LTE) based on AT&T (only) customers demand. They have 43 permits right now and expect many more to come. Homeowners within a 100' radius will find out the proposed locations before construction begins. Coverage range will be approximately 1,700'-2,000'. ACS will deal with the fiber component during construction. When 5G comes to our area, more hardware will be necessary. You can see them currently on Kayak Drive. Questions asked: Health concerns regarding the exposure to Radio Frequency emissions and Federal Communications Commission restrictions. Also asked was whether you had a choice to not have it in your front yard. Contact AT&T if you are given a notice.

Federation of Community Council (FCC) Notes: **Nancy Beardsley** discussed: The Assembly wants to hear from residents about how we feel about people sleeping in our parks. Comments are due by 3/2/2020; to send comments to all Assembly members: wwmas@muni.org.

Community Patrol: Jeff Childs – None this month, however, a home burglary was reported on Reef Place, and a home invasion (nighttime violent break-in while homeowners were at home) was reported on Nextdoor near Rabbit Creek/Goldenview. Please watch out for neighbors, turn on exterior lights and make you home look unwelcome to deter crime. Don't leave anything outside that will encourage theft. Keep all car doors and exterior doors locked.

Representative Chuck Kopp – The State budget is being worked and requires votes of 21 House and 11 Senate. The originally proposed budget would have closed 2 schools in our District 24 (Oceanview Elementary, Klatt Elementary, Huffman Elementary, or Mears Junior High). Also, high alert considerations are being given to melting permafrost and our state airports and bridges collapsing as a result. The state is considering General Obligation Bonds (statewide), and a possible seasonal sales tax of 1% that will bring in approximately \$350 Million. Thanks for bringing delicious holiday cookies to the meeting Chuck. Comments for Chuck can be sent to Representative.Chuck.Kopp@akleg.gov

Suzanne LaFrance - Three townhalls are scheduled for the (municipal) Anchorage Revenue review: 6 pm-7:30 pm January 7th at the Loussac Library, 6 pm-7:30 January 8th at the Chugiak High School Auditorium, and 6:30-8 pm January 9th at the Girdwood Community Room. This will be a public briefing on the municipal revenue situation, proposed alcohol tax and sales tax, and dedicated funding from the taxes to public safety, homelessness, child abuse, and safety. Provide your feedback to Suzanne about tax proposals and proposals being put on the April ballot. Suzanne.LaFrance@AnchorageAK.gov

Also discussed was the need for interested citizens to apply for the new Stormwater Utility Commission. It is in the formative stage and is in search of citizen oversight with one of the following background qualifications: Alaska Bar Association (legal) member, Professional Engineer, Hydrology expert, Industrial utility experience,

and 2 at-large members. To contact the muni to serve on a Board, click here:
<http://www.muni.org/Departments/Mayor/Boards/Pages/Howtoserve.aspx>

An issue was raised from the group about out-of-state oil workers and high paying slope job revenue by non-residents leaving the state. **Chuck Kopp** responded that there is no in-state income tax. What is being looked at is a seasonal sales tax to catch tourism, summer seasonal out-of-state workers, and others. Alaska Bush residents would make their major goods purchases during the tax off-season and wouldn't be impacted. A payroll income tax for non-resident slope workers would raise approximately 11% revenue. **S. La France** mentioned the muni is looking a payroll tax for municipal workers. Audience member mentioned a state income tax for all with a provision for a rebate of Alaska residents at the end of the year.

Miscellaneous: State law is going into effect for purchasing tobacco at minimum age of 21. Minors are being cited; however, minor's possession penalties are being waived. Penalties to vendors are not. Vaping is the biggest problem in schools, and a federal bill on vaping is in process. 2) Eklutna and the municipality are talking about government interactions with the Eklutna tribe. This stemmed from Eklutna's interest in opening tribal gaming on their land, and conflicts with municipal and state laws in several areas. 3) There is a municipal effort to redevelop downtown with parks and new traffic plans.

Community Council business: The 2020 meetings will be held as planned as insurance policies are in place to use the school; New business on Old Seward will be a furniture boutique; Complaints about police report filing times were raised. A police report about an incident is currently taking over 1-1/2 years to be completed and is impacting citizens involved in insurance claims and furtherance of prosecuting criminals.

Guests: Tanya Hickock – Presented a briefing on a request for a variance petition to vacate the easements on two properties belonging to Jerry Neeser at 340 and 360 Oceanview Drive. Construction on the sites next to each other resulted in conflicts within the public easement; existing parcels do not meet the current requirements for the easement. Neeser is also requesting that the two lots be carved out of the Oceanview #4 Subdivision and renamed as Neeser Subdivision. Neighbors within 500' of the properties will be informed by the platting board. No "covenants and restrictions" changes are planned. For more information, contact the municipal zoning and platting board at 343-7942.

Rick Phillips representing the Fair Share Act briefly discussed his support for the effort to impose more taxes on oil companies.

Nancy Joseph (member of the community council) introduced Resolution 2019-01 written by the OSOVCC President to submit to city, the state, and federal entities requesting a safety review be conducted at the Klatt Road/Johns Road roundabout to raise safety levels from the minimum federal standards to a higher level. Interaction with the OSOVCC is requested regarding a forward plan. A slide presentation showed a comparison with other roundabouts in Anchorage with additional and better safety signage and markings. Speed, lack of signage, failure to yield to vehicles in the circle, lane confusion, hazardous driving, better road painting, and pedestrian danger in crosswalks are mentioned as concerns for the Klatt/Johns Roundabout in the Resolution. The Resolution was approved; finalization will occur at the January OSOVCC meeting then submittal to the proper contacts by our President. See Resolution 2019-1 attached Vote yes 7 no 0 to introduce Final vote in January 2020

Senator Natasha von Imhof – No report; **Starr Marsett, Anchorage School District** – No report
APD/AFD – No participation/report; **Hamilton Park update** – No report. Possible at the January meeting

Adjourned at 8:05 p.m.
Nancy Joseph, Secretary
Approved Jan. 2020