

Old Seward/Oceanview Community Council (OSOVCC)
Minutes of Meeting – May 20, 2020 - Meeting Held Online via ZOOM

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

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

Agenda approved. Minutes of February 26, 2020 approved. Treasurer's report: Bank account balance is \$1,536.69.

No visit by State Senate, Anchorage School District, Anchorage Police Dept., Anchorage Fire Dept.

State House Representative Chuck Kopp: Legislature and Representatives were in Juneau briefly to pass HB 313 ratifying the RPLS/COVID-19 CARES Act for the for Alaska at \$1.25 Billion. Certain funding is dedicated as: \$290M in loans to small businesses (50 employees or less) that were not previously approved in the federal program or PPP (paycheck protection program), \$100M in fisheries grants, \$87M for K-12 schools, \$29M for rural transportation, and other expenditures included in the Bill. Also actioned: The inclusion of businesses that were not previously in the Governor's Phased re-opening plan language such as Body Renew and the Alaska Club. To contact Rep. Kopp, call 907-465-4993 or Rep.Chuck.Kopp@akleg.gov

Federation of Community Council (FCC) Highlights: 1) Recent meetings held via Zoom; focus was on COVID-19 issues with Mayor Berkowitz in attendance. The Municipality's COVID-19 efforts and actions have been communicated to the Anchorage public prior our OSOVCC meeting.

Alaska Railroad – Tim Sullivan: Q: Regarding the completion of the 2018 Earthquake abatement along the railroad corridor adjacent to Jarvi Road. A: Abatement is complete and hydroseeding will be conducted during the week of May 20. Q: Installation of the high tech Oceanview crossing for positive train control. A: This is to be completed by December 2020 and it is on time/on schedule.

President Notes (Beardsley): Burn Ban in effect; please abide. Lots of bears in the neighborhood; pictures showing up on Nextdoor and Facebook. The recent bear sighting on Bill Street and Johns Park is a 20-year-old big bear. Consider bear-proof cans.

Review of the OSOVCC Letter to Primo regarding the retail marijuana store site application with the Municipality to be located at 12870 Old Seward Highway, Space 105. Key points of the letter discussed; document is made part of the 5/20/20 meeting attachments. Plan is to send the letter citing the OSOVCC 2016 Resolution not supporting marijuana retail stores mixed in with residential neighborhoods. Q from Dave Hanson: Does the 2016 Resolution apply to this application? A: Yes. Points made by several attendees: This is where the barbershop and other family use businesses are located, as the hours and retail store are an inappropriate location. Residential neighborhood will not be well served as there is a Day Care facility 567' away from it, and the standard distance for allowance is 500' away. This doesn't seem to meet the spirit of the law. Other point made: The applicant has hit on all points necessary for compliance with his application. Motion made/seconded to accept the letter as written and send it to the applicant. Vote taken: Motion passed.

Capital Improvements Projects (CIP) list for OSOVCC immediate action/feedback to the Municipality – desired projects and prioritization. Document is made part of the 5/20/20 meeting attachments. Parks and Roads - 21 Projects listed were discussed along with preferences previously discussed in CC meetings. An additional item for expansion of the parking area at Oceanview Park was introduced; discussion about handicap signage, basketball court area cars/traffic. The park was rehabbed in 2014 and is very popular; however, parking along the street can exceed dozens of cars. The final list will be worked by the OSOVCC Officers and others requesting inclusion and sent in timely to the Municipality. The final document with the Top 1 and Top 2 Park/Road improvements will be placed on the OSOVCC website. Dave Hanson interested in providing feedback.

Assembly Member John Weddleton – The Assembly is focused on COVID-19, low oil prices, tourist economy.

Motion passed to adjourn the meeting at 7:30 p.m. Minutes taken by Nancy Joseph, Secretary

Motion to approve was granted .

Approved _____