

Old Seward/Oceanview Community Council (OSOVCC)
Minutes of Meeting – September 23, 2020, 6:30 p.m. - Meeting Held Online via ZOOM

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

Called to order at 6:32 p.m. **President Beardsley** presiding. Quorum in place.

Agenda amended and approved. Minutes of May 20, 2020 approved. Treasurer's report: Bank account balance is \$1,537.02 with no expenditures since the last meeting.

No FCC report. No visit by State Senate, Anchorage Police Dept., Anchorage Fire Dept.

Community Patrol – Jefferson Childs: Recent criminal activity in Old Seward/Oceanview has been several burglaries, one robbery, and several assaults. Statistics are much high just to the North of us at Klatt and O'Malley areas with vehicle thefts. Childs recommends keeping valuables out of vehicles and lock vehicle doors. If you are reporting crime for our neighborhood on NextDoor, also private message Jefferson Childs when it happens for Community Patrol reporting to APD and the larger Anchorage coalition for neighborhood patrols.

Anchorage School District (ASD) School Board Representative Elisa Vakalis: We were briefed as follows: 1) Hoping to be **back to school** in October. 2) There are **3,500 fewer** students enrolled as of September. 3) **No bond vote** is coming up this year. 4) The **insurance waivers** are in place to cover some November 2018 Earthquake damage repairs. 5) The school district held an **"all employees meeting"** with the Board and the State dealing with COVID, including Anne Zink, the Chief Medical Officer for Alaska. 6) An upcoming **Community Townhall** with the general public will be held Sept 29 and 30 online. You must pre-register to get access to the online sessions. To participate and to submit advance questions prior to the meetings, go to this website and pre-register. <https://www.asdk12.org/Page/16069> 7) It was noted by S. Beardsley that the school district and the Anchorage Fire Department have developed their own **anti-bacterial solvents** and are sharing with the Anchorage Fire Department. Previous cost - \$40/volume; now \$.01/volume. Significant savings. R. Cacy asked about the modifications to **ventilation systems** in classrooms.

To **contact School Board members**, go to: <https://www.asdk12.org/Page/1442>

Assembly Member John Weddleton – We were briefed on the following: 1) An **Assembly committee** is screening applicants for two Assembly aides to provide research and assistance. 2) A **significant rewrite** to the municipal building codes is coming shortly. Every three years, the codes across the country are rewritten; however, in Anchorage, rewrites are performed every six years. Rewrites will address increased requirements for new-build codes for single family homes to include sprinkler systems and energy efficiencies. The rewrites will apply to AO2020-85 building codes, which was confused by a member as AO2020-58 zoning codes. Edits made to the current 85 codes will be available for review as mark-ups. 3) The Assembly has a **"We Call You"** public input method for Assembly meetings because of COVID-19 exposure risks. This is a telephone testimony system that contacts those who have signed up to testify at Assembly meetings for topics. The general public should be sure they sign up in advance. This new system has led to greater participation than in-person testimony because many people cannot attend and wait at Assembly meetings; this way pre-registered callers will get a phone call during the topic at hand. A member mentioned that some people did not get their phone calls regarding homeless issues. 4) **CARES ACT** Funding (over \$40 Million) for economic stimulus and business relief has been allocated as follows (M=millions): to Hospitality businesses - \$14M, Childcare providers - \$10M, Community investments - \$40M, Rent assistance to landlords and lenders - \$26M. Also included: Arts and culture (including musicians and entertainers). In all, \$156M will be allocated. A member mentioned that some businesses didn't get eligibility qualified. 5) The **Taxi** regime status will stay the same for one more year.

Suzanne LaFrance: Added the following: 1) The **CARES ACT** muni page will be upgraded to include graphics, a FAQ page, and other modifications so that businesses and individuals can navigate the process and get help. 2) **Excise Tax exclusions** for vapes and e-cigarettes will end with the 9/29 Assembly meeting. These items will incur a 55% excise tax that will offset property taxes. This is to keep kids away from vaping. Vapes for marijuana are

not include in the new tax plan. 3) **Broadcasting Assembly Meetings** may be ready for radio so that many more residents will hear meetings in progress. 4) **Anchor Rides** has implemented a new grocery delivery, pet supplies and other essentials pick-up system for their typical riders - elderly and handicapped. A service charge of \$5.50 is required. Call 907-343-6543 #2 for more information.

Jason Grenn – Alaskans for Better Elections, Yes on Ballot #2: Briefing provided on a change to the election process to eliminate dark money contributors, disclosures of all donations greater than \$2,000; Open primaries – ballots will have all candidates regardless of party; the top 4 vote getters (ranking) regardless of party will move on to the general election. This is expected to increase voter turnout. A member asked where the campaign's money comes from. Grenn replied it is in-state and out-of state funded, and all contributions may be found on the website. The same member asked if this was a California rank voting process; Grenn replied it is used in many locations and often not statewide in those locations.

E. 120th Avenue Upgrade – Design Concept – Huddle AK: Landscape architects from Huddle provided a quick briefing on the upgrade, given that E. 120th does not meet muni road standards for a collector street. Design has been funded by approved muni Bonds. An informational mailer was sent to a limited area near the street. Huddle and the muni are looking for public input for the conceptual design. Some survey work may happen this fall at/near the school and Johns Road intersection. An online Open House is taking place October 8th and neighbors are invited to participate. A member mentioned that this collector street sees thousands of cars, buses, trucks, and heavy equipment each day and requested that comments be sought from a larger group in the neighborhood. So the following is provided by Huddle and will be posted to Nextdoor:

Hello, Old Seward/Oceanview Neighbors!

The Municipality of Anchorage (MOA) Project Management and Engineering is beginning a project to improve E. 120th Ave., east of Johns Rd. and west of the Old Seward Highway. This project will consider constructing missing pedestrian facilities and upgrade a neighborhood collector road adjacent to Ocean View Elementary School.

Visit the project website www.120thAveUpgrades.com to find more info about how to:

1. Attend the Virtual Open House #1 on October 8, 2020, from 5-6:30pm.
2. Fill out the project questionnaire with your input.
3. Sign up for email updates to get project updates directly in your inbox.

If you have any questions, please contact Public Involvement Lead Holly Spoth-Torres at holly@huddleak.com or 907-223-0136.

President's Summer Report - Steve Beardsley – is as follows:

Primo Farms - The Assembly gave permission for the Primo Farms Marijuana Retail Store to open 9-1 vote this summer. The dissenting vote was LaFrance. If you have noticed dirt work recently, a new water line is being installed to Fixit and the strip mall both have been on a well.

Traffic Calming - Fielded questions and requests for traffic calming /speed humps for Oceanview Dr. at Gulf Cr., High View Dr. to MOA Tim Myland for review. Construction of modified humps occurred on Nora, and 2 on Hace for EMT safety. Asked for modification to 2 on Oceanview Dr.

Liquor Renewals - Informed of renewals for: Denali Winery, Wine House, Oaken Keg, Uncle Joe's, 2GoMart, O'Brady's. Board members had no issue with any.

Oceanview North #4 subdivision covenants - Informed of no political signs within Oceanview North properties by member. If you are in these subdivisions check your covenants of permitted and restricted uses.

Cook Inlet Housing building on Old Seward – Construction continues on this project as the target date is August 2021. Information at TRobinson@cookinlethousing.org

Hamilton Park - Final construction within Hamilton Park has happened with topsoil and seeding around the playground. Upgrades came from a MOA Bond. Member Blake Adolfae thanked the Parks and Rec, the Community Council, and other participants for making such a great park for our neighborhood.

OSOVCC FCC web page - Updating our web page continues check it out at:
<http://www.communitycouncils.org/servlet/content/25.html>

Seward Hwy at O'Malley interchange - O'Malley interchange project is 95% design is completed. Viewing of this project can be viewed at: <http://www.sewardhighway.info/index.html> This will be a similar interchange as near Tikatnu/JBER.

Flying Crow 1 and 2 - Alaska Railroad is suing the homeowners association over easement issues effective September 22,2020. A letter has been sent to MOA, Mayor, Assembly, State Rep and Senator stating that our Resolution of 2014 is still in effect.

Elections for OSOVCC - Our Bylaws state that elections for all Officers are to occur by November meeting. President, VP, Secretary and Treasurer are all 1-year terms. Steve Beardsley is not running nor is Nancy Beardsley as FCC Rep. If anyone is interested let Steve know at 907-345-4764.

Motion passed to Adjourn at 8pm.

Minutes taken by Nancy Joseph, Secretary

Motion to approve was granted _____.