

**Old Seward/Oceanview Community Council (OSOVCC)**  
**Minutes of Meeting – November 25, 2020, 6:30 p.m. - Meeting Held Online via ZOOM**  
**OSOVCC Website: <http://communitycouncils.org/servlet/content/25.html>**  
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**Board Members: President, Steve Beardsley, Vice President Roselynn Cacy, Treasurer Stan Moll, Secretary Nancy Joseph.**

**Meeting called to order** at 6:31 p.m. **President Beardsley** presiding. Quorum in place. **Agenda approved. Minutes of October 28, 2020 approved. Treasurer's report:** Bank account balance is \$1,537.15 with no expenditures.

**Board Report:** Roselynn Cacy thanked the Assembly for their work and asked to discuss the People Mover routes South of Dimond, and the requirement for bus service in areas where homeless shelters will be placed. She was also interested in how the Corona virus spread will be monitored and dealt with in wastewater systems and ventilation systems to determine the contamination present – in the schools building codes and other buildings during this COVID pandemic period.

**Federation of Community Councils (FCC) Meeting Report - Nancy Beardsley:**

- OSOVCC received 1,500 masks from the FCC and distributed them to our local neighborhoods
- Community Councils (CC) are awaiting a COVID mitigation plan from the FCC, Mark Butler, so that they can request use of Anchorage School District (ASD) facilities in the future for CC meetings. Requests need to be in place in advance prior to use of the facilities, and ASD is requiring each CC to provide the mitigation plan at the time of application. At this time, CC meetings are largely being held via Zoom; the FCC has some time to come up with a standard plan that ASD will accept.
- The Assembly approved the 2021 Budget and will hold two more meetings this year.
- Margo Bellamy from the ASD reported that there will be no school openings in the near future. Four school board seats will be open next year.
- The Planning Dept presented Land Use changes and the development of a transient/homeless shelters plan under muni Land Use. Separately, a new housing project at 36<sup>th</sup> and Arctic will be a multi-use condo/commercial center.

**Jefferson Childs – Community Patrol:** Jeff purchased a dash cam for patrolling and will provide video at some future CC meeting to see what he sees while patrolling. He says crime in the neighborhood is on the uptick with 5 burglaries. Suggests that neighbors light up home areas, and if traveling, turn on lights and let neighbors know to collect the paper if it piles up, and check the mailbox from time-to-time so it looks like someone is home. Watch for neighbors that leave their garage doors open. Get neighbors' phone numbers so they can be contact in case of suspicious activity. Please volunteer if you can help with community patrolling. Call 3-1-1 with all suspicious activities observed.

**President's Report – Steve Beardsley:**

- Brandon/Old Seward Highway Coffee Shack Code Enforcement Issues – Trees have been cut and dirt has been moved from the lot for a semi-permanent placement of a coffee shack onsite, which is not allowable by muni code. Besides tree clearing, they have cut an access road from Brandon over the bike path into Super Floors. Luke Cleek from Muni Planning and Zoning has been contacted and has interacted with them onsite. Look for a report back to the OSOVCC President re: status.
- Special thanks to Muni Street Maintenance for clearing our roads in our neighborhood so quickly.
- Previously mentioned our cloth mask distribution to churches, schools, and other local stores. FCC had 8,000 to give away.
- Solarize Anchorage is becoming active to look for homeowners interested in the program throughout the municipality.
- Regarding the Anchorage School District (ASD), free student meals will continue through 12/31/2020, and a meeting on 11/30/2020 will be held to discuss COVID at ASD sites. To be aware of ASD meetings with the public, visit the ASD website regularly.

**Senator Natasha von Imhof:** Steve and Nancy Beardsley were thanked for their leadership in the OSOVCC! We were briefed on 1) the Legislative Council is meeting to determine how to get the Capitol open with testing and protocols required of all Legislators and government officials; 2) Oil prices up to \$48/barrel are helping with the budget funding; 3) The Permanent Fund is being aided by the market; 4) Legislature will be looking at the possible bills to be written and worked with the focus of getting in/getting out of Juneau due to COVID concerns.

**Chuck Kopp, House Representative:** As a new House representative was elected, Chuck mentioned that it was a privilege to serve his term as the House Representative and to get to work with Steve and Nancy Beardsley in the OSOVCC! He will be around Anchorage if you'd like to stay in touch.

**Anchorage Assembly - John Weddleton report:**

- The Assembly is walking hand-in-hand with Flying Crown in their lawsuit with the Alaska Railroad as the muni has land interests as well. The ARR exclusive use matter raises similar concerns for the municipality; the muni may offer in kind support through research or other assistance, but not financial.
- The Municipality of Anchorage Budget was passed at \$548 Million which is a 1% increase (of approximately \$6 Million) from 2019. Approximately \$300 Million will come from property taxes. Our population is decreasing. The APD Budget is good, and in the cases of mental health crises, the special unit within APD comprised of trained mental health professionals will respond to those emergencies, allowing for APD officers to focus on crimes, accidents, and other duty calls. The Alcohol Tax is included in the budget, anticipating \$9-\$12 Million being collected and distributed to a variety of groups like childhood reading and education and emergency crisis funds.
- The Muni Emergency Order (EO) proclamation has been extended to January 15<sup>th</sup>. Anchorage can still get FEMA money, can reassign staff, streamline purchasing, and can enforce new mandates. With the EO, the goal is to protect the medical capacity at local hospitals. The Alaska Native Hospital is at capacity, Providence and Regional are at near capacity. Situation is critical.
- The State has been planning (all along) the vaccination implementation process for mid-December.
- The Special Election to elect a temporary Mayor was opposed by the Assembly and voted down. Reasons were that we would have 4 Mayors between now and July 1, and the complexities and expense to the Muni would be onerous and would take focus off dealing with the COVID crisis and other pressing issues.
- There is a draft ordinance in for Homeless Shelters under the Public Land and Institutions Act. The Assembly voted a few years back to spread centers around Anchorage rather than having them only in Downtown. Planning and Zoning may move shelters to business zones. A license is required to set up the shelters like AWAIC, Covenant House, etc. Plans for the former Alaska Club at midtown previously proposed for a shelter has been cancelled due to unforeseen building problems and renovations and expenses involved. Nancy Beardsley asked if a shelter could be built at the site of the old Alaska Native Hospital.

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**New Business:**

- Hamilton Park ribbon cutting was held; please go visit the park to see the upgrades. The new equipment is well liked by the neighborhood, per Carol Fuller.
- John's Park Tree Cutting. A resident of the Botanical Gardens has cut old growth trees behind his property to improve his view. The property abuts the Coastal Refuge area and is a state Parks and Refuge management area. The Refuge Manager contacted the resident and got the door slammed in his face. Neighbors are very upset as this area is protected for the enjoyment of all of residents and damages the ecosystem currently in place. This is the area of the eagles nests that have been in place for many years until the nests were destroyed by wind. This will be further investigated and perhaps prosecuted.
- The liquor license for the Tesoro 2 Go #15 is up for renewal with no objections from the OSOVCC Board.

**Nancy Joseph Report - E. 120<sup>th</sup> Avenue Upgrade – Design Concept Phase – Huddle AK: HIGHLIGHTS**

- A Stakeholder Advisory Committee Meeting was held November 4<sup>th</sup> to discuss public feedback and forward plans for the Upgrade. Among the Committee members are the Oceanview Elementary School Principal, OSOVCC Rep, Angelus Cemetery, American Landscaping, Homeowners on E. 120<sup>th</sup> several of whom are civil engineers, surveyors, and other related professions.
- Huddle received a great response from the public (90 responses) on the interactive map regarding concerns and ideas for the upgrade, which was attributed to the posting of the notice for comment on NEXTDOOR for our neighborhoods.
- Accidents and hazards continue at Johns/E. 120th and Old Seward/E. 120<sup>th</sup>. On November 25<sup>th</sup> a serious accident occurred at Old Seward/E. 120<sup>th</sup> at 9 a.m. with cars being totaled. These two intersections are currently undergoing an evaluation by the State as a part of an upgrade to Old Seward in this area. Johns Road and Old Seward are under State of

Alaska jurisdiction. The intersection hazards will be written and provided to Huddle for the purposes of the Upgrade, so the Muni will not duplicate that effort/expense. It will become a piece of the design plan.

- E. 120<sup>th</sup> is currently physically placed off the center line of the road/right of way. When E. 120<sup>th</sup> is upgraded, it will be sited slightly south of the current center line, affecting landscaping near the homes on the south side.
- When the road is upgraded, the speed limit may be increased to 30 mph. Nancy Joseph asked for special consideration, via a petition or evidence realized, to NOT raise the speed limit due to current speeding problems and lack of enforcement. At posted speed 25 mph, the mix of industrial heavy equipment traffic, school buses, cranes, passenger vehicles, and the school children, bikers, runners, and pedestrians using E. 120<sup>th</sup> is dynamic. It is true that posted speed of 25 mph is not being honored and speeding violations are not being ticketed. Speeding is a big problem. It is true that a dump truck full of dirt, gravel, or other materials traveling on the road takes much longer to stop and react at 25 mph and will be more hazardous to users of E. 120<sup>th</sup> if the speed limit is raised. Planning will take this into consideration.
- Residents near Division and the Cemetery property do not currently have a city water source. These parties will need to consider whether they want to form a separate water district and bear the expense of AWWU's installation of a city water source. Several interested parties stepped up, including the Cemetery, to progress the idea. AWWU will be working on the E. 120<sup>th</sup> Upgrade dealing with drainage problems, and a cost-effective effort will be undertaken to combine the drainage fixes and installations of the separate water district, if it is to move forward. Construction of the city water installation will have to be done in the next 2 years, prior to upgrade construction on E. 120<sup>th</sup>, or the homeowners will have to pay to restore the street.
- Huddle was asked for a current traffic count on 120<sup>th</sup>, and the State was asked for accident statistics at the above intersections.
- The next step is to summarize the front end research and meet with the Advisory Committee in early Spring before the project goes into design phase with Planning and Zoning. Another bond will have to be passed for construction funding.

Reminder - Topics of concern: Sidewalks, lighting, bike trail, excessive speeding, dangerous intersections without lighting, wait times to turn left from E. 120<sup>th</sup> onto Old Seward, proximity of parking lot ingress/egress of the coffee shack near E. 120<sup>th</sup>/Old Seward presenting a turning hazard, railroad track crossing for pedestrian travel, bottlenecks at the Oceanview School site during start and end of the school day, drainage problems with standing water runoff from the storage yard at the South side of 120th, icy conditions from standing water freezing in the winter at Division Street/E. 120<sup>th</sup> and S. Gambell/E. 120<sup>th</sup>, lack of water supply on southeast side of E. 120<sup>th</sup>, tree branch trimming for moose incident visibility, heavy load traffic from industrial traffic from American Landscaping and Alaska Crane, traffic mix is passenger vehicles, school buses, heavy equipment.

Contact Huddle directly at [holly@huddleak.com](mailto:holly@huddleak.com) With design input ideas visit [www.120thAveUpgrades.com](http://www.120thAveUpgrades.com)  
Holly's phone: 907-223-0136. Contact Nancy Joseph at [mosesna@gci.net](mailto:mosesna@gci.net) for a community council update.

**ELECTION OF NEW OFFICERS FOR 2021:**

- Nomination for President – **Roselynn Cacy** - passed unanimously.
  - Nomination for Vice President – **Carol Fuller** - passed unanimously.
  - Nomination for Secretary – **Nancy Joseph** - passed unanimously.
  - Nomination for Treasurer – **Stan Moll** - passed unanimously.
  - Nomination for Appointment to the FCC as the OSOVCC Representative – **Nancy Joseph** volunteered and was accepted.
- New Officer terms are effective immediately.

**Motion passed to Adjourn at 7:49 p.m.**

Minutes taken by Nancy Joseph, Secretary

Motion to approve was granted \_\_\_\_\_.