

Old Seward/Oceanview Community Council

MINUTES: Friday, July 14, 2023, 6:30–8:20 pm

Location: 12100 Old Seward Hwy, Rabbit Creek Church Huffman Campus
Zoom.com Meeting ID: 844 5795 0064 - Audio and Video Recorded
2023 Winter/Spring Schedule: Jan 13, Mar 10, May 12, July 14, Sept 8, Nov 10
Website: <http://communitycouncils.org/osovcc>

Board members present: Joan Henry (President), Kevin Skiba (Vice President), John Henry (Treasurer), Peggy Kircher (Secretary), and Gary Meader (FCC Delegate), Donna Delavante (FCC alternate).

A sign-in sheet was provided at the entry table and attendees were directed to fill-out their information.

Establish Quorum / Call to Order – A quorum was established with 20 people in attendance and no one attending via Zoom. President Joan Henry called the meeting to order at 6:30 pm and Vice President Kevin Skiba explained the meeting protocol and defined voting members versus non-voting guests.

Zoom Protocol Review – John Henry read the Zoom protocol and advised that the meeting is also being recorded.

Approval of Agenda and Minutes – Joan Henry outlined the Agenda and briefly reviewed Minutes of the previous meeting. It was moved and seconded to approve the agenda and minutes of the May 12, 2023 meeting. The motion passed unanimously.

Officer Reports – *Treasurer John Henry* reported a balance of \$1,515.12 (12 cents in interest). We also took in \$6 in donations at the May meeting.

FCC Delegate Gary Meader reported on the FCC meeting held May 17, 2023 in which elections were held. Gretchen Stoddard was re-elected as Chair, Linda Chase was re-elected as Vice-Chair, Carolyn Hall was elected Treasurer, and Amanda Moser was elected Secretary. FCC Center Manager, Mark Butler has retired. A link to the minutes of that meeting are provided here, [May 17](#). The next FCC meeting will be Wednesday, July 19.

Committee Reports

Community Patrol – Jeff Childs reported that no new concerns have arisen since the last meeting. They continue monitoring two properties of concern that are involved in illegal activity and have also received tips on some mischievous kids in Stevenson Park. He reminded people to stay aware and report any illegal activity to the Anchorage Police Department via 911 for emergencies and 311 for non-emergencies. If you have other concerns you should contact OSOVCC Community Patrol: 907-240-7880 or 907-250-5379.

Eldon Subdivision WDID and LID – Joe Alston gave an update. AWWU met with Senator Murkowski to set up an appropriations submittal and it's moving in a progressive direction where funding may be available. They will meet again in November. In this improvement area, there are two lots (Lot 2 and 3) in Quick Subdivision, which is on Division Street, that are permitted as single-family homes. They're currently in process of constructing these and have put in slab foundations. The State is still studying 120th Avenue upgrade and channelization.

Representatives/Community Reports

Alaska State Senator Cathy Giessel reported that the Alaska Permanent Fund Corporation is warning that funds are diminishing and will be minimally available over the next four years. State Park land trees will provide Alaska with Carbon Offset Credits in the future. Also of interest, the Department of Natural Resources has an energy symposium every Thursday at noon related to Cook Inlet natural gas development.

Assembly Member Randy Sulte discussed that AO 2023-66 Title 21 changes land zoning in Anchorage into two residential areas, which basically allows more density on residential zoned property. The Assembly is defining goals for residential zoning and will then be developing deadlines by adding ordinances for detailed changes to Title 21.*

With regard to the Anchorage Port and the dock upgrades, there are two terminals (1 and 2). Terminal 2 has two competing options: Matson is lift on/lift off and Tote is roll on/roll off. Regardless of the design chosen, we still have to pay for it with a tariff.*

Randy discussed how COVID influenced the reduction of homeless shelter beds and subsequently these shelters found that 150 or less clients were more manageable and have stayed with that number of beds. He also reported on The Clean Slate Strategy; the Golden Lion long-term care facility with 80 beds to be run by Henning Inc; a resolution establishing site-selection criteria for a new permanent year-round low-barrier, municipally owned shelter ([AR 2023-211](#)); and that Beans Cafe was basically the first "Navigation Center".

*For further information:

- Second Assembly [Worksession](#) on AO 2023-66, Title 21 Residential Zoning, held on July 21, 2023
- [AO 2023-66](#) discussed at Assembly Meeting on July 25, 2023 – This AO creates two residential districts throughout the entire Municipality and waives Planning and Zoning Commission review.
- [Housing Vision and Strategy worksession](#) of Assembly on July 27, 2023
- See article by Jeremy Hsieh, Alaska Public Media. "[The Anchorage Assembly OKs Port of Alaska Cargo Terminal design and user fees to finance project.](#)"
- [AO 2023-60](#), an ordinance of the Anchorage Municipal Assembly approving the Basis-Of-Design Concept submitted by the Port of Alaska Modernization Program and Design Advisory Board that will govern the Phase 2 modified concept for the Port of Alaska general purpose cargo terminals, Mayor's Office. Assembly Memorandum No. AM 346-2023.

Old Business

10-Year Review of OSOV CC Boundary – The OSOV Board introduced a draft resolution for the 10-year review Community Council Boundaries (Resolution 2023-01). It was read by Vice President Kevin. A motion to approve passed 16 to 0. The final vote to approve the resolution will be at the September 8, 2023 OSOVCC meeting.

South Anchorage District Housing & Homelessness Committee AO 2023-211 – Joan introduced a survey to members to gather their input on housing the homeless in our community as part of District 6. This is in response to Felix Rivera's request that the 11 community councils in District 6 provide one representative to speak on their behalf at the Municipality's Housing and Homelessness Committee. Members of the Community Council boards meet again to discuss the survey results on July 26, 2023.

New Business

Oaken Keg Liquor License Renewal – During the discussion on liquor license renewals a member suggested that it would be a good idea to survey our community council to gather input on what types of businesses we wish to have in the area.

Ellen Avenue Street Maintenance – Peggy reported on the road upgrade on Ellen Avenue by the MOA. The City Street Maintenance Division began work in late June making asphalt/drainage improvements to Ellen Avenue. The project is funded through municipal bonds and will likely be completed in phases. The first phase covers Ellen Avenue from 121st Avenue, South to the end of the road.

Announcements / Current Issues of Note

Reef Place Property – Steve Beardsley reported that the house located next to Oceanview Bluff Park was condemned and removed. The property is still owned by the original homeowners. Their contractor started dumping huge concrete slabs and debris over the bluff, which was reported to the City.

People Mover Bus – Route 85 will change January 1, 2024 and will no longer enter Oceanview, but turn around in Huffman Business Park.

Adjournment - The meeting adjourned at 8:20 pm.

Minutes prepared by the Secretary, Peggy Kircher. This meeting was recorded and if you wish to hear the full discussion contact the FCC.