

Proposed Resolution 2013 #5  
Old Seward Ocean View Community Council  
Presented Oct. 23, 2013

TITLE: Resolution in support of Old Seward/Ocean View Community Council (OSOVCC) efforts and continued support of its members and citizens toward Alaska Railroad's attempt to change the nature of the easement within its boundaries and that easements should revert to adjacent property owners in the event of abandonment in the future, including property owners and the Municipality of Anchorage as a park holder.

WHEREAS the OSOVCC has a concerned citizens and land owners who have been impacted by the easement problems of the ownership of property.

WHEREAS a letter was generated and presented by a member at its September 2013 meeting detailing the history of this impact to the community and property owners.

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED:

That the OSOVCC urges the Alaska Railroad Corporation, State of Alaska legislators, MOA Assembly members and private citizens address the on going issues with the easement problem addressed with the two issues submitted below:

1. The Alaska Railroad, through BLM, is attempting to change the nature of the easement as used for railroad to an "exclusive use" easement amounting to outright ownership, which would allow the railroad to fence off the easement and exclude others from even crossing the tracks to access adjacent public lands such as parks.
2. The easement should "revert" to adjacent property owners in the event of abandonment in the future, including private property owners and the MOA as a park holder. This is being impaired both by past actions and pending transfers of the easement from the federal government to the railroad.

Approved this date\_\_\_\_\_