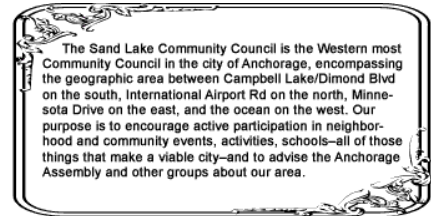




Sand Lake Community Council

Grass roots community involvement in Anchorage, Alaska



Sand Lake Community Council Meeting Minutes – January 9, 2017

6:32pm – Call to order

- Opening remarks from Kyle Stevens, VP - FCC (Kyle is running our meeting as a stand in for former SLCC President Jason Grenn, who is off to Juneau as our newly elected State Representative.)

Local Municipal Assembly Report from Assemblymen Eric Croft

- Croft reported that "Photo Radar 2" is being proposed to ticket red light runners by Assemblyman Dick Traini. Note: would take a charter amendment AKA vote of the people to make into law due to the fact that a non-police officer would be issuing the citations.
- Assembly is continuing to approve marijuana licenses. None in the Sand Lake area at this time.
- Sales tax work sessions are ongoing. It would require a vote of the people to implement.
- Croft is aware of the ongoing storm water issue in South Pond in the Westpark neighborhood. He plans to be involved going further, and attend meetings when possible.

AK State Legislative Report from Senator Mia Costello, Representatives Matt Claman and Liz Vazquez

- Senator Costello is headed to Juneau for session next week.
- As a member of the Labor/Commerce Committee, Costello will be looking into developing a strategic plan for Alaska's economy, and working on ways to grow it.
- Costello has prefiled several bills. They include: one to allow Uber to operate in Alaska, and another that would allow Alaskans to invest in a pipeline project; instead of donating to the project, people who contribute would have equity ownership.
- Costello also plans to work on an official commemoration of the bipartisan friendship between Senator Ted Stevens and Senator Daniel Inouye of Hawaii.
- The Senate plans to take a closer look at SB 91. Open to making changes re: the things that aren't working.
- Representative Claman commented on the challenges facing the legislature in the upcoming session. He noted that the legislature has already cut over a billion dollars, but cuts alone won't solve the problem. He commented on the various ways everyday people are feeling the cuts.

- Claman is looking forward to a tough but productive year. He stressed that the legislature can't get to where they want to be without a combination of cuts, additional revenue, the use of the PFD -- everything should be on the table.
- Outgoing Representative Liz Vazquez was unable to attend the meeting. Staffer David Nees provided her report.
- Vazquez still believes cuts are the way to go to begin to solve Alaska's budget crisis. She sees our system as full of waste. Education and Medicaid are the big ticket issues, and the most costly ones.
- Nees said Vazquez thanked everyone for their support and said it was a pleasure serving the Sand Lake area.

Dedicated time for Airport issues

- The Airport Project Team has a masterplan update for Lake Hood and a 20 year blue print. Public comment is open, and comments are due by 1/16/17.
- Construction is done for now and the airport invites you to check out the new concessions open on the Mezzanine Level of "C" concourse, behind the Native Alaskan art display. The Kiosk Bar opened this week.
- JBER hiring fair will be on 1/18 and the airport is participating.

Jim Munter, Hydrogeologist Consultant - Sand Lake Watershed Update

- In December Munter asked the Assembly for an extension for the watershed project that is being studied via UAA. See previous minutes for history.
- Hoping to present findings via a draft report at the April SLCC meeting. The goal is to keep the project going, ensure quality, and keep costs in check.
- Claire Lewis joined Munter to update the SLCC on the storm water issue in South Pond in the Westpark neighborhood
- There have been two meetings with the Muni so far, and more are being scheduled. The SLCC and concerned citizens want the storm drain removed.
- The Westpark neighborhood will be invited to future meetings, and will be engaged at their upcoming annual meeting at Kincaid Elementary on 1/26 at 6:30pm.

Other Business

- Mark Butler announced he is running for Anchorage Assembly.
- Elections were held for SLCC President to replace outgoing President Jason Grenn.
- Nikki Rose and Nick McDermott were nominated. Rose received 19 votes, McDermott received 15. Rose was elected SLCC President.
- Jeremy Price with Americans for Prosperity presented re: collecting signatures for a petition to "save the Anchorage Spending Cap." The Assembly recently voted to suspend the spending cap for the next two years. If enough registered Anchorage voters sign the petition by January 23rd, the initiative will be on the April 2017 Anchorage municipal election ballot.

Meeting Adjourned. Next meeting: **Monday, February 6th at 6:30 pm at Sand Lake Elementary School.**