

## **Sand Lake Community Council Minutes**

February 6, 2017 -6:30 pm

**Welcome:** Newly elected SLCC President Nikki Rose called the meeting to order at 6:34pm. Rose introduced two UAA Nursing Students that were conducting a survey for one of their classes, and invited SLCC meeting attendees to fill out the survey.

The agenda was approved. The minutes from the January meeting were approved.

### **President's Report:**

- Rose reported that she attended the most recent Federation of Community Councils (FCC) meeting on behalf of SLCC. They meet once a month, and she plans on attending more.
  - There were updates on the School Board, upcoming bonds, and storm water practices and construction.
  - There was also an update on the People Mover's bus system proposals. There are two proposals—one that would reduce busses in the Sand Lake area 100% and one that would reduce busses 80%. Rose will continue to monitor.
  - Assemblyman Weddleton will introduce to the Assembly an ordinance that would expand the city's parks and recreation service area to include the entire Hillside. Weddleton hopes will appear on the April ballot. Rose showed SLCC on a map what areas would be impacted.
- Rose would like to start a Sand Lake Community Crime Watch. Please contact her if you are interested in being involved. Rose also plugged the app Nextdoor and APD Nixel updates via email/text. Both are good ways to know more about what is going on in our community.

### **Local Municipal Assembly and Anchorage School Board Report - Assemblyman Eric Croft, Assemblyman Tim Steele, and School Board Representative:**

- Assemblyman Croft reported that a bed tax, sales tax, removal of fluoride in the water, and a red light photo radar proposal all failed.
- Assemblyman Steel said that he would views a red light photo radar proposal favorably, but that there are currently too many issues to move it forward. Steel reported that the assembly needs to look forward in terms of funding. Steel noted that he is hearing from many property owners who feel they are already shouldering a majority of the tax burden.
- Both Assembly members discussed the upcoming bonds that will be appearing on the ballot in April. An SLCC member brought up Mayor Berkowitz's recent comments re: "Public Safety or snow removal – pick one." A lively discussion ensued.

### **Alaska State Legislative Report –Senator Mia Costello, Representative Matt Claman, Representative Jason Grenn**

- Representative Grenn reported that, as a member of the Finance Committee, he is focused on the budget. They are currently discussing HB23, which focuses on providing benefits to the family members of fallen Fire and Police officers.
- Grenn reported that he has proposed his first piece of legislation, HB44, that would make decisions about lawmaker's conflicts more visible.

- You can find Jason on Facebook, Twitter, via phone at (907) 465-3892 or via email at rep.jason.grenn@akleg.gov
- Grenn is also interested in starting a farmers market in Jewel Lake. Please email him at his PERSONAL email, [JasonGrenn@gmail.com](mailto:JasonGrenn@gmail.com), if you would like to get involved.
- Representative Claman reported he is also working on the budget.
- There have been several groups that he has met with during fly-ins to Juneau. They have included the Alaska State Chamber, and groups focused on public safety and the elderly.
- Claman is the chair of the House Judiciary Committee. They are currently considering HB44.
- Senator Costello acknowledged that she has received many complaints re: snow removal. She is working on a state road priority list.
- Costello reported she is on the Senate Judiciary Committee, and they are currently revisiting SB91. They are considering measures like addition additional jail time for class C felonies, raising penalties for theft, and making jail time a condition of release.
- Costello is also continuing to tackle the budget challenges the state faces. She has recently introduced a bill, SB14, to allow companies like Uber to operate in Alaska. She can be reached at (907) 269-0117.

#### **Ted Stevens Anchorage International Airport Report – Teri Lindseth, Planning Manager**

- The airport is working hard to remain open during heavy snowfall days, like the ones we have seen recently.
- The airport job fair is on 4/8 in the Northern Terminal from 10AM-3PM. Parking is free.
- Airport construction projects will be represented at the fair being held 2/15 from 3-7PM at the Alaska Airlines Center.
- The Airport Environmental Summary Report is available at [anchorageairport.com](http://anchorageairport.com)
- Public comment for the Lake Hood Master Plan has ended, and the draft report should be posted by the end of the month. Visit [lhmasterplan.com](http://lhmasterplan.com) to see more.

#### **Westpark Pond Update**

- There was a Westlake Homeowners' Association Meeting on January 26<sup>th</sup>. Rose attended and informed the homeowners of the ongoing situation. SLCC was well received.
- There was a meeting with Mayor Berkowitz on January 27<sup>th</sup>. Jim Munter reported that the Muni was receptive. They said they are committed to making sure future projects are well vetted so issues like the Westpark Pond don't happen again, and they recognized the lack of a public comment period for the amended construction in Westpark. The muni hopes to present ideas to fix the situation at a March meeting.
- Claire Lewis, SLCC member who has attended all meetings related to the Westlake Pond issue, mentioned that a letter was sent to the muni from homeowners in the Sand Lake area in 2002 about concerns re: well water being contaminated due to the Westpark construction project. Over 300 signatures were on the letter.

#### **Jewel Lake Park Update – Taylor Keegan**

- Municipal Park Planner Keegan reported on proposed updates for Jewel Lake Park. Currently there is 130k budgeted for this project, but they are looking for more funding opportunities through LWCF and private donors. Most playgrounds cost over \$260k to build.
- Keegan met with students from Sand Lake Elementary to see what different age groups were looking for in a play/park space.
- The Anchorage Park Foundation Challenge Grant is now open. The Rasmuson Foundation will provide a matching grant, up to 40k.
- Hoping to build in 2018. Keep updated on the project at <http://mysidewalk.com/organizations/293445/jewel-lake-playgroud-improvements>
- February 22nd- ASLA Challenge Grant Workshop 2 at the Lidia Selkregg Chalet at Russian Jack Springs Park, 6-8pm

#### **Treasurer's Report - Allison Hovanec**

- Balance Sheet \$511.00

#### **Membership Report – Nikki Rose**

- Rose wants volunteers to help increase membership. She encouraged SLCC meeting attendees to grab a flyer and post it in our community. Hovanec pointed out that if membership increased much more from current levels they would need to find a new place to meet.
- Please let Rose know if there is news you would like her to post on the SLCC Facebook page.
- Rose is looking into email updates for those who are not on social media.
- There is a new website. Visit <http://communitycouncils.org/servlet/content/30.html>
- The Bylaws need to be updated, Liz Vazquez agreed to do initial review.

#### **Election of Sand Lake Community Council open positions**

Hans Rodvik was unanimously elected as Vice President

Dr. Joshua Ream was unanimously elected as Secretary

Michael Rose was unanimously elected as Treasurer

Rose appointed Josh Walton as FCC Representative

#### **Other Business - Liquor License Renewal**

- Beluga Billiards and Siam Cuisine are seeking liquor license renewals. Council members were asked to obtain additional information on any past violations and the date that objections would be due by.