

Sand Lake Community Council

October 2, 2017

Minutes

Welcome and Comments

Approval of Agenda

Called to order, 6:42pm by Nikki Rose, SLCC President

Sara Rasmussen – going to be the next Secretary – appointed by Nikki

Nikki praised Josh Ream, former secretary, for his hard work

Addition to Agenda

Speaker from Heritage Land Bank, addition

Motion made by Rep. Grenn to add speaker to agenda

Michael Rose seconded

Michael Rose motion to approve agenda, Dakota seconded – no
opposition

Approval of Minutes from September

*Change - Page 3, SLCC attendee, change Betty Davis, to Betty Dodds
(about 2/3 down page)*

Motion made to approve minutes – Hans Rodvik, Kim Hayes seconded –
passed unanimous

Patriotism Moment – Nikki Rose

President's Report – Nikki Rose

Delivered letter to Mayor Berkowitz, regarding water issue

Waiting for prompt response

Hoping to get water bond issue on ballot for 2018

Nikki elected to FCC board, appointed to homelessness committee

Attended event called Priceless, dealing with victims of human/sex trafficking, working to get them off the streets and into homes
Met Chief Justin Doll, discussed crime, more violent crimes in the area – escalating,

Zoning issues, marijuana issues as well – growers, distributors and on site consumption

Accessory dwelling units, zoning/regulation issues – how these affect population density

Local Muni Assembly and Anchorage School Board Report

Eric Croft, Tim Steele, Bettye Davis (Bettye Davis not here)

Eric Croft, pond on the budget

Budget just was drafted

\$35M bond for roads and drainage, \$1.4 million for Dimond/Westpark water drainage system

\$400k first one in 2018, then \$1M to actually build it

6 votes to get it on the ballot as a bond

Croft – resolution through the public safety committee, to make changes to SB 91

SB 54 makes some changes; Croft wants more beyond SB 54

Weirdest political issue Croft has ever seen – good idea but done poorly, implemented bad

Big investment up front, then the savings come at the end – AK didn't do that

Treatment portion sort of coming online, more changes coming in Jan. 2018

Major public work session, Saturday the 7th, 9am-1pm, in the Loussac Library – full public work session

Robert Hall – comment, theft is bad, people getting off the hook, cops getting shot at – this should be mandatory 10 year sentence

Croft – absolutely, these changes are not good, parole for shooting at cops was eliminated, so criminals could have parole even if they shot at cops

Homeless camps, 15 days is too long to kick them out/clean them up, Croft thinks we can reduce it to 10 days to clean them up – that's another resolution he has

Alan Thornhill – car thefts, slapped on the wrist – not right at all, people losing their transportation and losing their ability to work

Assemblyman Tim Steele

Rampant crime, as a result of SB 91, new system needs to be in place
State doesn't have money to put people in jail

City will be stepping up,

Alan Thornhill – how come Troopers can't patrol a road? Seward
Highway issue

Tim Steele – it's what we could do, we had to step up and provide
policing

Robert Hall – what happens to people who have stolen a vehicle?

Rep. Grenn – Rep. Claman and I will talk about this

Croft, Claman and Grenn – all chimed in, trying to fix things, related to crime, SB 91 issues

Steele – Muni trying to keep people employed on road projects, Spenard and Turnagain were great projects, but how long can we do this without running out of money?

SLCC Attendee – concerned about accessory dwelling units, this is going to mess up R1 zoning

Alan Thornhill – issues with permitting, takes over 6 months to get a project moving, architect, engineer, too many regulators,

Steele – well, when doing a project just try to follow the process,

Croft – it's been this way far too long when it comes to permitting, Republican/Democrat admins haven't been able to deal with it

Legislative Update

Costello's office – staffer, Dakota, giving update

Saturday 3:30pm, Taste Freeze with Senator Costello

Rep. Claman and Rep. Grenn

Claman – 2014, is when criminal justice reform started, Parnell and Republicans began it, longer and longer sentences, recidivism was blowing up, public safety not any better, SB 64 –process began it, very complicated, SB 91 was not the only bill, challenge is great – crime prosecution, 7000 less prosecutions of misdemeanors in the last 3 years, this has nothing to do with SB 91,

Grenn – DOL has loss 23 prosecutors, direct correlation to increase in crime, lots can be cut still in the budget, but public safety we have found the bottom, C class felonies is the biggest concern, SB 54 reverses it and takes us back to before SB 91

SB 91 was a huge bill, 121 pages, some tougher sentences for violent crime, light sentences for non-violent crime, Grenn wants to engage with community, make sure the public is involved and not just government trying to solve the problem,

Cutting the budget, SB 91, fewer prosecutors, opioid epidemic

Robert Hall - SB 91 made crime pay

Claman – multiple crimes committed by the same person, that person should not be let out, SB 91 didn't make that change, the Legislature is very concerned about violent crime

Claman – super complicated, budget has been cut too deep, issue is the budget, should ask legislators to call on raising revenue, it's not just about public safety, it's about the budget

Rebecca Logan – brought up the point about \$50 million cut from AGDC, to then direct \$5M for prosecutors – did Claman and Grenn vote for this?

Grenn – I sort of voted for this, I added 3 prosecutors into the budget

Claman – said Rebecca is entitled to that opinion, deflected the question

Kim Hayes – Rep. Kopp came and talked to us, about treatment and detox, what is being done in SB 54 about this?

Grenn – I follow Kopp on many of these issues, treatment aspect is super important,

Claman – reinvestment in treatment is key, funding is needed for those, Rep. Kopp is taking the lead on this

Alan Thornhill – problem, safety problem, AGDC is a pipe dream, Port of Anchorage as well/Knik Arm Bridge

Grenn – not an either or option, \$100 million that runs out this year, wants to see the gas pipeline progress, giving Governor's office the benefit of the doubt till January next year

Alan Thornhill - we're spending money we don't have on this gas pipeline

Grenn – we need long term economic development, not an either or,

Claman – Governor has a high priority on the gas pipeline, Governor has to come and deal with the legislature

Grenn – coffee on Thursday the 5th, at Kaladi Brother 3:30pm, October 19th crime safety meeting at Kincaid Elementary 6pm

Grenn – holding special session in Anchorage, very complicated, is generally supportive of it, but it is hard to

Claman – it's not that easy to hold in Anchorage, don't feel the love while we are in Anchorage, conference room is being remodeled, so there isn't space

Terry Lindseth – from the Airport, planning manager

Update on the table

Big seaplane base planning is done,

Email notices for regulations of the sea base

Item #6 has instructions for getting emails about airport planning/runway closures

AK Airlines Honor flight, October 10th, returning on October 14th at noon, veterans getting to see memorials, celebration in their return

North/South runway is set for reconstruction, big change to flight patterns at the airport

Michael Rose, bylaws report

Handout on the table

More changes to our bylaws

Handout explains the changes

Relates to officers/vacancies, how an officer is appointed after a vacancy happens

Claire Ross – are these changes just for our community council?

Michael – yes, these are just for SLCC, took these bylaws from other CC that are working and functioning

Alan T – Spenard had CC bylaws that worked, in their bylaws they have rules that say 3 meetings attended in the last 6 months to be an officer

***Alan T* – motion made to amend bylaws, make it so that a someone wants to run for office/be an office, must have attended 3 meetings in the last 6 months, *Steve Gravel* seconded the motion**

Michael was happy to include that

Claire Ross - brought up the issue of appointing officers who have been here/not been here

Alan Thornhill – we need to have people representing us who know what is going on

Michael – election date, keeping it in January

Discussion

Robert Hall – how does the election process work/nominating process for officers?

Keeping it in January

3 times not showing up in a row, an officer is kicked out; vote of no confidence officers can be kicked out, more clear language on removal of officer

Claire Ross – any term limits?

Michael – not sure of there are term limits, we currently don't have them

Alan T. – Spenard has term limits

SLCC Attendee – all will be voted on next meeting?

Michael – yes, all next month

Tonya Hickock, civil engineer, working with Heritage Land Bank/property/subdivision proposal

3 parcels of land, west of west park, north of Dimond, 54 acres of land

Taking 3 parcels, and subdividing the parcels into 2 properties

ASD has had money to build out a school, but never had a parcel to build on

The purpose of the parcel split, is to let the school district to purchase the land, ASD has the bond money

No development plan at this point

Tract 1 will be ASD school, Tract 2 will be sold off for private development

Lots of discussion among SLCC Attendees

Claire Ross – brought up Robin Ward, real estate developer, working for Heritage Land bank

Exposed aquifer brought up

Lots of discussion,

Zoning for the area – R1A and some R2A

44 acres, Tract 1 – Middle School and Elementary School

Lots of time to comment and weigh in when the development begins to happen, when the site plan actually begins the Community council will have plenty of time to discuss

Sign up for Planning Case Alerts, at Muni.org, sign up for Sand Lake Alerts

Muni of Anchorage 2040 Plan Multiple Use Plan Tom Davis, Senior Planner

Tom Davis - Assembly adopted this plan on Tuesday of last week

Platting and zoning commission level – tons of work

Final version of plan will soon be available for purchase

2040 Anchorage Land Plan

Blue print for future growth

All about zoning, all about future planning

Big goal is to make sure we have enough houses for future and current populations, and future business development

Focused on how to deal with infill, re-development of area, Anchorage is landlocked, so lots of smart planning for future

Map is a plan, guiding zoning change decisions

West Anchorage District plan – we can access this and find out what our plan has in store

1 of 12 district plans, each of these district plans has a lot more detail than the whole citywide plan

The city plan binds all the district/neighborhood plans together

Plenty of studies regarding future housing needs

Range estimates of future housing needs – up to an additional 50,000 units, population growth – range is between 317,000 to 362,000 people in the Muni

Compact housing, mixed-use city centers – will drive a lot of the growth, midtown/downtown and Spenard

3rd and last section – covers the action plan, what the Muni needs to do with the development community

Work on this plan will begin immediately on the plan, while some will begin 3 years down the road

Re-zoning areas, like Spenard, is key for future growth, Muni would work with Spenard Community Council, big time rezoning of a neighborhood to meet the needs of the Plan

Target area rezoning for South C Street, stop the commercial growth and keep it as a residential area

Jewel Lake Town center – Dimond and Jewel Lake

Need to examine West Anchorage District Plan

Airport District, Tom thinks this will come forward at some point

Dimond & Arlene – mixed use residential/commercial mix, R4A zoning was the only tool available, but Muni is working with Developer to change it

Monday October 9th, Mixed-use residential tool zone, Platting & Zoning Committee will be examining it – this is designed for Arlene and Dimond Downtown and Midtown and some U-Med will have the most high density/growth

1000 accessory dwelling units, roughly over the next 20-30 years, is what the Muni is expecting

Within a month or so, the final edited plan will be done and online – according to Muni

Sara Payne

Not here, but wanted to talk about speed humps

Motion to close meeting

Alan Thorhill moved the motion, and was seconded by an SLCC Attendee