

Old Seward OceanView Community Council

Minutes of meeting 22 AUG 2018

Called to order 18:30 by President Steve Beardsley

Agenda: Moved and seconded. Approved

Minutes from 18 May: Only one copy – so sent around during meeting. Later, moved and seconded. Approved.

Reports: A couple of liquor licenses are coming up for renewal.

On table were notes to Grass Frontier and a note to Representative Chuck Kopp.

Treasurer: Balance is \$1657.04

Margaret Klatt who was active on OSOVCC passed away a few days ago.

Senator: Natasha von Imhof:

- Election last night – a few incumbents were upset. A few new faces.
- Her conversation with APD about HB312, APD is optimistic that the additional personnel and resources will have an impact on reversing the trend. Neighbors seeing theft of mail etc
- Legislature provided \$100 k for gas and incidentals for neighborhood watch and community patrols statewide.
- Secured about \$1 million for study of best practices in reforming health care. Involves AK Regional, ANMC, Blue Cross, Aetna, etc. Will get data to do analysis for about a year to give an idea to the state to decrease the utilization to reduce going to ER for common cold and to use primary care. Plan is to do 3 studies.
- Question about Medicaid coming back to help volunteer for payback. Natasha said brought up by Sen Pete Kelley and they will bring that back this year. People will use up to 20 hours per week
- Question – any resistance to studies on Medicaid? Natasha says they are more like challenges. Just getting the study better to make it better.
- Question about Gunnison Health Group in Wisconsin. True cost of knee replacement. In Wall Street Journal. Link will be sent to Natasha.
- Telecom, health care, education, administration – having summer meeting on those issues.

Representative Chuck Kopp – No report.

Assembly: Adam Lees – aide for Suzanne LaFrance.

- Mild summer for assembly work. Two big items are stream setback ordinance. Public comment extended until 9 October. 2018-33
- Other is plastic bag ban. Many folks have emailed and testified but vote will probably occur on the 28th. Beside renewals of certificate.
- Question about trash/bear problems? Response from Adam – is this an issue in this area? With Alaska Waste or SWS, there is a new shipment of containers to request. About an extra \$1 per month to rent them. Bear committee meets regularly. Neighbors who leave out containers and “bait the bears” will need photographic evidence to cite them.

Resident called APD and was told they have too many other things to deal with. ADF&G cannot do anything until bear is into trash. Adam will carry info to Suzanne. Adam recommends calling code enforcement on the 3-1-1 number about neighbors who leave trash out early. :

- Plastic bags; several proposals. Banning all plastics – not so effective due to thickness. ‘S’ version is what a partial ban with cost for not using re-usables. How thick should the bags be? What’s a reasonable life? Resident question – how about Anchorage Daily News using bags? Muni is not planning to issue a ban on them because there is no substitute. Various thicknesses at other stores like clothing stores and the like.

Assembly: John Weddleton – Thicker plastic bags are not recyclable in Anchorage, so we may be creating a larger problem. More stuff goes into similar sized paper bag. So it costs more. The ones at grocery stores are 0.6 mils thick. They re the ones that blow around easily. Will we ban all, only super thin ones, etc? 11 versions of the plan are being considered. Lots of definitions to clean up the language are being considered and trying to make sense of it.

Possibly the recycling method to determine ability to recycle is whether or not the plastic is ‘stretchy’ that you can put your thumb through? In general the \$0.10 cost to pay for a bag at a store seems to make a difference. A decision will probably be put off another month.

- Letter was sent to Rep Kopp and Sen von Imhof to thank for residential use. Letter has been sent.

- Grass Frontier – OSOVCC re-iterated our resolution asking that marijuana establishments not be approved in our district. The application was denied due to the primary applicant not being a resident of Alaska.

Capital Improvement Projects [CIP]: Many handouts of documentation. Page 17: 120th Avenue upgrade.\$400k in 2018 allocated Page 94. Klatt Road resurface. From Puma to traffic circle. Mary & Ellen Storm drain issues. 2020 year plan. Page 120: Old Seward / Huffman Road area – 2020 in the plan. Page 144; State Grant funding being proposed will probably not occur. It is very unlikely what state funding for capital improvements will occur. Muni may put them on a bond proposal, though.

Dailey Avenue: Update. From Matt Newton. Conduit has been installed. Wiring to load center is coming. Light poles are delayed and will be installed in the winter. Note sent after meeting: Following up on your voice mail, here is a quick update on the Dailey Avenue Lighting project:

- Light pole piles and conduit have been installed.
- CEA needs to extend electric service to the new load center.
- The load center that powers the lights will be installed late this fall.
- The light poles are delayed and will be installed this winter. An exact date for light pole installation has not been provided yet by the Contractor.

If there are any additional questions, I’d be happy to answer them at the contact info below. Also, the on-site inspector contact information is provided below.

- Matt Newton Cell: 727-8351 Office: 343-8131
Thanks, Justin
Justin Keene, PE Civil Engineer

Dates of future meetings are on the agenda sheet from today.

New Business: Mary Circle to van der Hoek Street. People coming west on Klatt are going fast. Trees growing next to the road are hurting visibility. Steve will check into it.

Community Patrol. [Jeff C.] Concern about liability issues. Angela and Pete have stepped down as leads and Jeff has taken on the lead position. He met with Anchorage group and they would like to formalize our group. Some are formed as 510c3 group, and others are under auspices of community councils. The money that was allocated by the legislature is based on existing patrols, but if new ones form, the other patrols generally share with the new patrols for fuel costs, etc.

Update on Hamilton Park: Looked at Hamilton Park. Maeve with Muni Parks and Rec will contact Steve to make a proposal. Maybe a big toy, basketball hoops and trails.

Adjournment: 19:42

Michael Fenster, Secretary