

Old Seward Ocean View Community Council  
Minutes of meeting 28 NOV 2018

Called to order at 18:30 by President Steve Beardsley.

Agenda: Move for consent. Approved.

Minutes of last meeting: Move: Nancy J, Second Carolyn.

Reports of officers:

In January we'll have Mayor's office rep to name new South Anchorage Park Path for Jeff Dusenbury.

VP: Roselynn: No report  
Treasurer. Stan Moll,  
End of October: \$1,458.20

FCC; Nancy B.

- Ombudsman was there. A community council had thrown the press out and that cannot be done. Community Council meetings are open unless it's a private meeting.
- Horticulture budget and fire budgets were restored. Three students arrested for threats in public schools. Mt. Spurr Elementary on JBER will be closed. Fire Chief – no budget for new Fire Truck increases this year. Trucks have GPS on them so the nearest to the event responds. No FCC meeting in December.

No response from Senator von Imhof  
Representative Kopp sent a report; Attached.

Anchorage Assembly – Suzanne LaFrance and John Weddleton.

Homelessness meeting last night at Central Lutheran Church- many folks provide charity to homeless and the charity is not enough. Substance abuse, mental health, and behavioral issues are not within the scope of charity providence. The proposed alcohol taxes would be dedicated to homelessness response, campsite cleanup, and substance abuse issues. Expected to raise between \$13 and 15 million. The infra-structure is not there to spend \$15 million at this point for the proposed reasons. Including it in public safety is vague. Recovery centers, etc, Anchorage would be providing services for the entire state. 50 acres near Clitheroe Center may be a good site. Maybe contribute some lesser amount to the fund for the services. Even though it would go into effect in 2020, we would have a year to plan, but still it takes much to plan for a recovery center. The administration is working on a plan, and many areas need help with behavioral health, so plans are focused that way now. Native corporations do pump in money [South Central Foundation, etc.] for treatment of crises in Anchorage. Homeless come from all parts of the state, so balancing costs with areas where the people come from is a challenge and worth the discussion. The problem is complex, so passing an entry solution as a first step toward a solution.

Crisis is homelessness, drunkenness, drug issues, etc. To add this means another part of the budget must be cut. So far we are not funding that crisis.

Fuel tax increase to help offset property taxes is not a one-for-one match. It also depends on bonds and lawsuit costs. Basically we are showing a flat budget in the Muni with respect to property taxes.

Budget is about \$0.5 Billion with increased fire and police forces and paying off bonds. Lots of services are provided.

New health policy committee has not yet entered into the lawsuit against opioid producers with State and Native groups.

Fees increasing for trash and hazardous waste facilities. Fees in some areas like Paramedic and fire responses are not in line with the actual costs. Permit fees for building and remodels are quite expensive. Assembly is looking at the "Plastic bag ban" modifications and amendments. A delay is being considered. No reason to penalize retailers. The goal is to keep lots of plastic bags from being thrown in the trash. Revisions to animal code are being considered.

#### Dave Donley Anchorage School Board: -

- O'Malley Elementary will become a French Immersion School. ASD is among the leading in the nation in immersion schools and they have good results on many indicators. With grants the parents got, the cost will be held so that there is no additional expense.
- With the past several years of teacher salary increases – pretty flat other than some for health care costs. Estimates of up to \$10 million to maintain student / teacher ratios.
- School safety is on the minds of many. Several arrests for felony for threats has made some consequences.
- School Resource Officers program – want to expand into Middle Schools.
- Many schools are not up to code for keeping a violent intruder out. The recent event at Denali Elementary showed how well a properly designed school can allow APD access to hopefully reduce intrusions / injuries.
- Two schools are reaching the end of their life cycle. Replacing money for that bond with school safety projects. The idea is to allow a bond increase to offset paid off bonds, so that additional money is not being spent. Part for deferred maintenance [ about 80%] and the rest for school safety upgrades [20%] Still don't know if the state will again reimburse all or part of bonds.
- Why are Alaska and Anchorage schools testing so poorly? Alaska has the shortest school year and shortest school day in the nation. ASD has a policy of automatic advancement. Dave has drafted an amendment to that policy to go on a case-by-case basis with parents involved. Fourteen states have non-retention policies for those not being able to read by third grade. Schools play the National Anthem and Alaska Flag Song on Monday of every week.
- Reading is a focus of new curriculum. Schools that did the pilot program in the new curriculum generally improved.

No APD, AFD reports today.

Election of officers: Pete and Nancy J. run those elections.

No other nominations other than incumbents were made.

President: Steve – 14 votes

VP Roselynn Cacy– 14

Secretary Mike Fenster – 14

Treasurer: Stan Moll -14

All relected.

**Liquor licenses:**

- ToGo Market at Tesoro on Huffman. No violations from state nor city. Steve will send info to the state.
- Holy Eucharist application – difficult to follow the application. Nothing has come from the State of Alaska – a liquor dispensary. Maybe the application was pulled or was applied for in another location.

Jeff Childs: Community Patrol. Two active members. One in training. Patrolling.

Info to pass along to neighbors:

- Lock vehicles at night.
- Close garage door.
- Turn on outside lights.
- Also, people are stealing mail and also stealing packages from porches.
- Consider installing webcams around home for monitoring.

No light poles on Ellen Street yet. Supposedly coming later in December.

John Weddleton is running for election again in April.

Next meeting is 19 December 2018.

Julie move, Mike second. Adjourned; 20:08