

Sand Lake Community Council Meeting Minute Notes

May 1st, 2017

Note: Effort was made in these minutes to include the names of speakers that introduced themselves before making a comment or asking a question. Those that did not provide their name before commenting are represented as “SLCC Attendee” within these minutes.

Meeting called to order at 6:38 by SLCC President Nikki Rose

Welcome and Comments:

- This week is free dump day that ends on Saturday. There are cleanup bags available at Fred Meyers, two bags per person. The city dump is closed so please take them to Eagle River.
- Review of Agenda Items
 - The FCC Manager Mark Butler is with us this evening.
 - Taylor Keegan and Maeve Nevins are here with the parks and recreation department.
 - Discussion
 - Jim Munter: Can I put the resolution [on Pauline’s Pond] on the table as part of the committee report?
 - Michael Rose: There will be no voting on the resolutions. The two resolutions need reconciled. If the committee voted to bring their resolution to the body that’s fine. It’s just premature to vote on it yet.
 - Jim Munter: That’s my thoughts too but so much has been going on we should have a discussion.

***Michael Rose motioned to approved modified agenda. Bhree Roumagaux seconded the motion and it passed with unanimous consent.

***Hans Rodvik motioned to approve the minutes. The motion was seconded and approved by unanimous consent.

Patriotism Moment

President’s Report

- At the last SLCC meeting we had a discussion on the West 88th traffic calming project. A motion was passed to submit a resolution and this is reflected in the minutes. The Board will be drafting that resolution soon.

- Secretary Joshua Ream: Thank-you to Josh Walton for taking minutes in my absence at the last meeting. If you notice any discrepancies in minute formatting, between months, that is the reason. Also, please remember to state your name before you ask questions or comment throughout the meeting, especially if you would like for your name to be included in the minutes.

Federation of Community Councils (FCC) Report

- Our FCC rep, Joshua Walton, was not able to attend the last FCC meeting and Nikki Rose went in his stead.
 - The head of the schoolboard was thankful for all of the approved bonds and offered her appreciation.
 - There were some FCC procedures and policy changes.
 - The district attorney Clinton Campion wants to come to SLCC to offer info on SB91 and how that has affected his office. He is hoping to get a couple of new prosecutors and his office is currently very overwhelmed and has a lot of cases pending. Someone has been assigned to Dillingham.
 - There was also dialog on the local immigrant community. Sand Lake may be seeing more immigrants and they need support, talk to Nikki Rose if you want to help.
 - Collin Hodges with People Mover also talked about the new transit system. The current system is changing. For Sand Lake there won't be as regular of pickups on Jewell Lake Road. It's going to be running every hour. The airport will have significantly more transit system buses coming to and from the airport, especially in the early morning up until 2AM. They are trying to consolidate the bus system downtown, in Fairview, and in Mountain View. Discussions are ongoing for the frequency of stops.
 - There was some discussion of officer elections at FCC. Nikki Rose is on the nomination committee. We are encouraged to get our FCC reps more involved.

Municipality Assembly / ASD Report

- The school board representative cannot attend the SLCC meetings because Mondays conflict with their meeting. Betty Davis is the representative to the SLCC. The School Board members pick the districts that they will be responsible for.
 - Frank Rast: We should have a school board member that lives in our district. I think we should ask for that.
 - Nikki Rose: I will talk to them about that. Right now they get to pick.

Assemblyman Eric Croft – Not in Attendance (out of town)

Assemblyman Tim Steele:

- Eric and I are going to trade off to ensure someone at SLCC every meeting.
- Assembly had 4 new people getting their feet wet. It was a short meeting, mostly housekeeping items.
- Assembly dealt with all of the bonds that were passed and other financial items including updating contracts. Municipality is starting some electrical underground contracts for Turnagain. Going to be a busy summer. Happy to see we are still doing some contracts, it keeps people employed.
- Passed a road upgrade for Turnagain Boulevard.
- Spenard Road finally getting some work done.
- The assembly has a full slate of work ahead. We will be extending 100th from Minnesota to C Street.
- Discussion
 - Frank Rast: Is there an update on the new storm drainage utility?
 - Tim Steele: It's just another way to charge folks. AWWU has been managing the contracts. AWWU has a lot of other work to do and so we are separating them [sewage and water].
 - Frank Rast: You just added new government and its going to cost the users. Why do you need another utility and why can't Public Works do it?
 - Tim Steele: Work has to be done one way or another.
 - Frank Rast: It is working. Why start another government agency? Why spent \$300,000 unnecessarily?
 - SLCC Attendee: There are problems throughout town. I ride my bikes on the trails and I see them all of the time.
 - SLCC Attendee: Roundabout is city owned and the road is state owned. When is Municipality and state going to get together and work together?
 - Tim Steele: Until last year snow removal worked fine. Last year they cut back because they had no funding. They cut back. They did a terrible job with snow. We had to go farther as a city to dump snow. It was a bad snow plow maintenance area mostly because the state cut back. As for the roundabout, I don't remember saying it was state owned.
 - Frank Rast: When the city worked on the maintenance agreement it was going to maintain roundabout. It hasn't been swept yet. It is kind of isolated so not sure about schedule. The state is not concentrated on many of these areas because they are not a priority. The DOT is responsible for many of these areas. They have to cut and senators keep wanting to cut. They're not doing this on their own, they're being cut. This is where we are at when budgets get cut. You really need to talk to Sen. Mia Costello and tell her to stop cutting and give more to DOT. This is the way it's going to be unless they get more money.

- Tim Steele: Roundabout money came from state but I'm not sure about the maintenance portion in contract. The state backed out of some agreements to keep plows down when driving through non-state maintained areas.

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

Senator Mia Costello – Not in Attendance

Representative Matt Claman:

- We are continuing to work on legislation and we rolled back legislation that was passed two years ago. The roll back was related to requirements for nail manicurists and was going to put them out of work. We got a lot of phone calls about it.
- We are focusing on fiscal items that keep our state going. I am optimistic that we will have a budget by the 120 day mark; we obviously missed the 90 day deadline.
- I have heard from many people including the SLCC. Everyone has problems with every aspect of proposed solutions to this budget crisis. I am really focused on jobs and the economy.
- Discussion
 - Frank Rast: Why are Dimond, Raspberry and Sand Lake roads not being swept? No budget. What's the status of having the services we've become accustomed to? Are they going to start plowing roads now?
 - Matt Claman: Snow plowing was a common complaint this year. It is a reflection of the budget cuts. People say we haven't cut deep enough but we keep hearing complaints about the services. We recognize that working with Grenn, we need to increase prosecution of the budget. A key aspect is public safety. We will need to look at road maintenance because that's what people want.
 - Frank Rast: A couple years back, the EPA offered best management practices. More than a maintenance thing, its quality of life item. Grit and dust are supposed to be swept up to keep out of drains and waterways. Budget needs to be restored.
 - Matt Claman: Walking around in dusty streets all the time is a health concern and a big challenge.
 - Bhree Raumagaux: I have a bunch of kids in the district and I am a business owner. I'm looking for education funding. I want my kids and others to have a good education. And I want to be able to hire good workers. Can you explain how house or senate majority bills address that?
 - Matt Claman: The House bill keeps the education budget the same as last year so no cuts but the Senate has a 5-6% education cut. The additional 5% is after several cuts already and the challenge becomes how it equates to the students in the schools. It is going to mean increased class size and it will make it harder to

deliver education. We will continue our investment so that 25 years from now we can say we did the right thing.

- Frank Rast: Is there a bill to change minimum class size? Anchorage gets punished if we consolidate schools.
- Matt Claman: To date there has been no discussion to change this. The base student allocation question has come up. Proposals to change the amount of that allocation are topics of ongoing discussion rather than a question of urban vs rural districts.

Representative Jason Grenn:

- Day 105 in Juneau and we are obviously past our target time. We are still working on a lot of different things. The Finance Committee meetings every day. We are going over fiscal analysis of house and senate plans. We are hearing from private business, native corps, different experts 1:30-4:30 every day. www.Akl.tv to watch. Call or email to get info.
- Institute of Taxation and Economic Policy document came in today. We heard from them about each of our options. I have a newsletter on my perspective on lots of different bills. I heard from many of you and I hope I have gotten back to most of you.
- I have been working on economic development bills between us and the house, bipartisan in both chambers. Economic incentive bills will hopefully pass.
- I will be in town at Kaladi on Jewell Lake Road from 1-2 on Saturday May 6th. I would love to meet face to face with constituents. The best way to stay in touch sign up for newsletter. Can go to www.jasongrenn.com, email rep.jason.grenn@akleg.gov, or call 907-465-3892
- Discussion
 - Alan Thornhill: I am real concerned. By business gets over 1200 customers a year. If we have a tax I just don't understand. The sky isn't falling and you guys arnt down to 0. I don't understand the urgency of taxes. If we have a business and personal tax we are going to go out of business. Do we need more state employees now to take care of the new taxes?
 - Jason Grenn: We are talking a personal income tax not a business tax. It is projected to bring in 600 million dollars in revenue and cost 8 million to administer, less than 1%.
 - Alan Thornhill: It's a recession and you want taxes. It makes no sense.
 - Dean Cannon: Your survey was that a link on webpage or Facebook?
 - Jason Grenn: It was offered multiple times multiple ways. Newsletter, website, Facebook. It was just electronic so there were no paper copies.
 - Dean Cannon: On my last day off I went around my neighborhood. 85% were against the income tax. I noticed on your survey the solution was number four for

preference to solve state budget crisis. I am going to launch a recall effort because frankly that's enough. I moved from Seattle, we couldn't afford to live there and now this here. Our treat is to buy internet, we couldn't afford that. I'm sick to the back teeth with it.

- Jason Grenn: Obviously any tax is not fun to talk about or implement. The state has 3 billion deficit and it will continue. If savings gets below 2 billion (it will be next year if we don't do something) state will not be able to pay its bills. It would be an emergency state and we would be in a horrible spot. I am sympathetic and took a pay cut to be down here. In terms of turning around the economy, we are going to be in a tough spot. I'm sorry to hear that we don't agree on this.
- Bhree Raumagaux: I do agree with you, for the record. We have been talking about all the decrease in services. I would prefer to see some certainty. I want to see business able to invest in this state long-term. Do you think these bills provide that certainty?
- Jason Grenn: The uncertainty is keeping people from investing. The number of loans is dramatically decreased and people just don't know what is going to be happening. Everything we do, those all have impacts on economy. 100 billion in cuts means we will lose more jobs. Every two jobs in government is three jobs lost in private sector. The house majority plan creates the certainty because it fills the deficit for years to come, still pays PFD, and allows business to grow for the future. It helps get us to a 100% solution. When you all talk about service cuts, they're having effects on real life. Prosecutors prosecuted 7000 less criminals in past few years because so short. We are seeing increase in petty crimes. They're still on streets because not enough pros. All services cost something. With oil dropping and revenue dropping we don't have money for basic services right now. The House plan is comprehensive and tax is tough but if it is not done this year it's going to be next year. It is going to be needed for a long time unfortunately. Please call my office if you want more info or want to calculate what you might owe. It makes a big difference if you know what you might owe. A lot of people have called and emailed with support. No easy solutions. This is a fiscal reality we haven't faced in our state's history. I appreciate all of the feedback and I take all comments seriously.
- Simon Wigren: Can you clarify if state tax would be deducted from federal tax?
- Jason Grenn: Yes, it would under the current federal tax code.
- Robert Hayes: Will there be a senior exemption?
- Jason Grenn: As of right now no, it is purely based on personal income.
- Robert Hayes: Seniors are going to move to a no-tax warmer state.
- Jason Grenn: Eight states with income tax also have sales tax. This would be the 4th lowest tax state if we implement the income tax. We do have some exemption ideas. We are sympathetic to it. My parents are on a fixed income. We are

working on some legislation regarding property taxes that would be generous to a fixed income. Looking at ways to ease burden.

- Rod Elg: What's the status on a state lottery?
- Jason Grenn: A state lottery has not been proposed by anyone. There is a sideways bill from Sen. Bishop that would allow people to get a \$100 lottery ticket from PFD to fund education, but it is a limited lottery. I'm not sure what the appetite is. Haven't seen a bill this session.
- Yvonne Anderson: 4-5 months ago there was a good Wall Street Journal article comparing income tax states. All states that put in income taxes, the taxes continued to increase and prosperity continued to decrease. It said Alaska specifically should take heed. You might want to consider that. I forwarded it to Mia Costello.
- Jason Grenn: I'll contact Mia for a copy or google it. Lots of info on both sides. We were looking at an article from Minnesota. They increased their taxes on the very wealthy and they saw their economy boom in the last few years. In 2013 they added 200k jobs and now have a billion dollar surplus. That tax focused on very wealthy and I recognize that our population and demographics is very different from theirs.

Airport Update

Teri Lindseth: I am only talking on new items.

- Lake Hood Seaplane base regulation committee to meet May 18th.
- Great AK aviation gathering May 6th and 7th.
- Airport cleanup day this Friday.
- Real ID Act – Jan 22, unless state is granted another extension, passengers without state issued compliant ID will need alternative acceptable ID. Website on handout.
- North South runway will be closed this month May 8-28. Open on Sundays. Closed for preventative maintenance. Reopened nightly when people sleeping. On east side of town will be a little more impact.
- Annual firefighting training coming up. They'll be conducting exercises so will see large plumes of smoke. It's on purpose and everyone is safe, just routine training.
- Discussion
 - Frank Rast: Will passport card work?
 - Teri Lindseth: I am not sure.
 - SLCC Attendee: To go on base you need a passport.
 - Teri Lindseth: Next meeting I will do some extra homework and research that.

Introduction of Mark Butler – Manager of FCC. Mark is helping to get our bylaws together. We are one of the few councils that have not aligned our bylaws to meet requirements. Our bylaws are being reviewed by the FCC.

Bylaw Changes

Michael Rose: There are four handouts. Under the current bylaws there are issues that don't bring us in compliance with Municipality ordinance or the FCC. This was mentioned to the previous board and we are prioritizing the fixes. It takes two meetings to amend. Last meeting we presented the amendments and discussed. Will be voting on them today.

Two of the materials you have in front of you are the current bylaws and the proposed changes. Most of the changes are pretty basic and noncontroversial. Grammatical changes etc. The one that we have to talk about and come to some sort of consensus on is the definition of quorum. Right now the description in bylaws is 10% of general membership but general membership is everyone in Sand Lake. We need a quorum definition that makes sense. Many community board members require two board members. Others suggested 10 or 20 members. All discussed options listed in handout.

- Discussion
 - Bhree Raumagaux: The Municipality ombudsmen suggested not to have a firm date for the secretary to have minutes.
 - Michael Rose: Right now we are trying to get them out by the next general meeting.
 - Mark Butler: Governments have a legal role to describe what happened. In my experience it's a communication tool to know whether to show up rather than to critique formatting. I'm a real big fan of getting draft minutes out as soon as possible.

***Michael Rose motioned to pass all amendments as a block, except for quorum definition change. Joan Travostino second and it passed by unanimous consent. Changes are as follows:

Article II:

1. Accuracy change: Corrected citation to municipal ordinance to reflect correct number. This was pointed out as an error in the prior bylaws by the Ombudsman at the Municipality. Change FROM (AO 2003-11) TO (AO 2003-**75**).

Article VII:

1. Subsection (A): included definition for "at least one meeting quarterly." This is for clarity. ADDITION: **"At least one meeting quarterly" means "at least one meeting January/February/March; at least one meeting April/May/June; at least one meeting July/August/September; at least one meeting October/November/December."**
2. Subsection (C): added clarity to the types of meetings open to the public. Because there are two types of meetings: general membership meetings and special membership meetings, this language should include both. This clarification is included throughout

the rest of the Bylaws. ADDITION: All **general membership** meetings pursuant to **Section A of this Article**, and all **special membership meetings pursuant to Section B of this Article**, shall be open to the public.

3. Subsection (D): added that minutes/recordings shall be made available by the next general meeting, instead of “at the secretary’s convenience.” This change was suggested by the Ombudsman at the Municipality.

Changed FROM: Minutes shall be taken or recordings shall be made at all regular and special Council meetings, and will be made available at the secretary’s convenience.

Changed TO: Minutes shall be taken or recordings shall be made at all **general membership** meetings and **special membership** meetings. **Minutes or recordings shall be made available by the Secretary at the next general membership meeting if practicable.**

Article X:

1. Re-drafted initial paragraph pursuant to suggestion from Ombudsman at the Municipality. Eliminated reference to non-fiduciary members for leadership training, as such has no clear purpose or guidelines.

Changed FROM:

Provisions for Council Officers and Executive Board (or like body), including qualifications and duties, election, removal and/or replacement, and terms of office shall be one year (with repeated extensions through successful re-election), along with the requirement that Council officers and Executive Board members with financial or fiduciary responsibility must be 18 years old at the time of service. The Council may, in its discretion, designate nonfiduciary and non-signatory roles to younger members for leadership training. Elections shall be held yearly, and with the exception of President, empty or abandoned positions may be appointed as needed by the President until the following election.

Changed TO:

Any Council member is eligible to be elected, and serve as an officer. Elections shall be held annually, at a general membership meeting called pursuant to these bylaws. The officers shall be President, Vice-President, Secretary, and Treasurer. The officers shall constitute the Executive Board. With the exception of the office of President, the President may appoint persons to fill empty or abandoned offices, until the next annual election of officers.

2. Vice-President: added provision that if the President’s office is empty/abandoned that the Vice- President will serve as Acting President and hold an election as soon as

practicable. ADDED: **In the event the President's office is empty or abandoned, the Vice-President will serve as Acting President until such time as an election can be held for the President's office, which should happen as soon as practicable.**

3. Secretary: added language that secretary is responsible to make minutes/recordings available pursuant to bylaws. ADDED: Secretary will serve to keep minutes **or recordings** of the **general membership meetings and special membership meetings** via written or recording device, **and shall make the minutes or recording available pursuant to these bylaws.**
4. Treasurer: added provision that regular reports need to be given, pursuant to suggestion from Ombudsman. ADDED: **Treasurer will give regular reports pursuant to Article XII at general membership meetings or special meetings, at least quarterly.**

Article XII:

1. Included option to safe-keep accounts in cash rather than in a bank account, so long as total accounts are less than \$250.00. This change reflects what already had been done for prior officers and will ease transitions. ADDED: **If the total balance of funds is less than \$250.00, the Treasurer/President may keep the total funds in cash in a lockbox in a secured location.**
 2. Included provision that at least quarterly reports should be given. ADDED: **The Treasurer will also give regular reports, at least quarterly, at general membership meetings or special membership meetings, showing all receipts and expenditures.**
- Quorum Definition Options for Article VII, Section G:
 - Option A:
“A quorum for general membership meetings pursuant to Section A of this Article and special membership meetings pursuant to Section B of this Article shall be **at least two members of the Executive Board.**”
 - Option B:
“A quorum for general membership meetings pursuant to Section A of this Article and special membership meetings pursuant to Section B of this Article shall be **at least 20 members.**”
 - Option C:
“A quorum for general membership meetings pursuant to Section A of this Article and special membership meetings pursuant to Section B of this Article shall be **at least 10 members.**”
 - Option D:
“A quorum for general membership meetings pursuant to Section A of this Article and special membership meetings pursuant to Section B of this Article shall be **at least two members of the**

Executive Board; however, at least 15 members in addition to Executive Board members must be present to pass a resolution.”

- Quorum Definition Discussion
 - Frank Rast: I think anything less than 15 doesn't represent enough of the community council. I doubt two board members would be irresponsible enough to pass something without SLCC input. 20 is too many. I like 2 board members with 15 council members.
 - Michael Rose: so far this year we have exceeded that but there may be times that doesn't happen.
 - Frank Rast: You can have a meeting but just table the decisions.
 - Hans Rodvik: Could we make a motion to amend 15 members to 10?
 - Michael Rose: I like option D. It's the best thing for us to try. Less than 15 could pass a resolution but not change bylaws.

***Nikki Rose motioned to select Option D for the definition of quorum. The motion was seconded and passed with 24 in favor and 0 against.

***Michael Rose motioned to change the definition of quorum in the SLCC bylaws. This was seconded by Bhree Raumagaux and passed by unanimous consent.

Changed FROM: A quorum for meetings and special meetings shall be 10% of the general membership.

Changed TO: A quorum for **general membership** meetings pursuant to **Section A of this Article** and special **membership** meetings pursuant to **Section B of this Article** shall be **at least two members of the Executive Board; however, at least 15 members in addition to Executive Board members must be present to pass a resolution.**

Westpark Pond Update

Jim Munter:

- I am a hydrogeologist. I have a business and I have reported numerous times to the SLCC about a study of groundwater in Sand Lake. Today is different because a committee was formed. I am on that committee. One of the tasks on my project is contaminant reduction. There isn't really a conflict with being on the committee. Since I'm not a member I won't be voting on resolutions of the council. The committee asked me to be spokesman as the chairwoman is unable to be present. There are multiple committees that have been looking at this.
- The presentation that the Municipality gave in March had three options for storm water discharge. It's a concern because there is evidence of connections between that area and local wells. It goes back 14 years or more since the approval of Westpark subdivision. In January Nikki Rose recognized the need for committee. In February

the committee was formed and Claire Lewis was the chair. Several people are on committee. At the March meeting there was a resolution to form a committee with broader participation to provide a response to Municipality proposals. At the April meeting there was a call for members to attend that meeting seeking wide participation. I put my hand up and signed up. There were 10 people identified to be on committee. On April 11 we held the meeting, had a quorum of seven people. We have followed Robert's Rules to have good process. We have minutes that have been drafted and finalized. We followed the scope of the resolution at the March meeting to look at info and come up with response. We met again on the 18th of April and drafted a resolution that was amended. We came up with a committee version. At end of presentation the committee asked me to propose this as a motion. Late last week another resolution came to my inbox that is different than one that committee passed, so it got a little complicated. I distributed it to the other committee members. It would have the function of a substitute resolution.

- My proposal this evening is to suggest that the two groups get together and hash this out to figure out a common resolution that gets to all these issues and to put a timeline on it. I'm suggesting May 23rd. It is important to keep this momentum going and to have another meeting mandated by the community council before Memorial Day. People go away for the summer.
- Another handout I have is an affidavit from Betty Dodds in 2003. She documents the construction of the well and hooking up of homes. She describes some hard water but in mid 1970s gravel was found near pit and someone created the pond and started 2003 controversy. There was cloudiness and film on lake and subsequently in drinking water. I also have a critique from UAA of the critical documents. Last sentence says ideas about this issue surround an unclear understanding. My story as well is that things are inconclusive. The science is not black and white in this case. It is a problem the committee wrestled with. When the Municipality was here in March they said there is no contamination. It is serious because this isn't really true.
- Discussion
 - Rast: Where does Pauline's Pond name come from?
 - Jim Munter: The Municipality.
 - Frank Rast: You sent the Dodd affidavit from 2003. They had a public water system and that requires annual water testing. Has the committee found contamination in the wells?
 - Jim Munter: In 2008, a UAF study reported that water tested positive for tridium, a known contaminant. Some portion of the water contamination is from the military or nuclear testing. It's a tracer indicating contamination. That aquifer was portrayed as being protected by 100 ft. of silt in a previous report. The UAA report debunks that and says science not clear. UAF says it is not a geologically protected water source.

- Frank Rast: They tested the well and it meets water quality regulations. A community water system is tested every year.
- Jim Munter: In 1977 it was tested. The classification changed recently to class C, non-federally regulated.
- Frank Rast: Have wells been tested in last 15 years?
- SLCC Attendee: were you part of that study?
- Jim Munter: No. And I didn't peer review it.
- Frank Rast: Affidavit says that it meets water quality standards. Wells may be directly influenced by pond. You're talking about two wells. The committee has outlandish requests to deal with two wells. The most cost effective option is to deepen the two wells but you want to spend millions.
- Allen Thornhill: 1.4 million actually. I have a right here too. WestPark didn't have any input. We had no input, nothing into having a substandard runoff. Until last year, they dug and put a manhole and ran a bypass into the pond. Before that we could have a flood. Before that we knew nothing about it. Before that we were talking about 50 million dollars worth of homes that could have been flooded. You don't have sand and supplies to deal with a flood?
- Frank Rast: The answer isn't a new outlet. Why plug it if you want to avoid flooding? It doesn't compute in my mind.
- SLCC Attendee: I asked a question 11 years ago and never got an answer. How many homes are potentially affected?
- Jim Munter: one well serves four households.
- SLCC Attendee: What would it take to put those people on city water? The Municipality approved gravel extraction for the airport. The Municipality has some culpability and should be held accountable to put those people on water.
- Yvonne Anderson: My well on Sundi Lake is 250ft deep. And this is the approx. depth of the old gravel pit. When people have dug in there we have noticed more dust and sediment in the water. The hydrologist tested Jewell, Sand, and Sundi. They said her well is getting water hundreds of years old but good. When Municipality wanted to put water through the subdivision they sent us cards to vote. We voted it down with some difficulty. We followed the rules. Those of us with large lots on the lake, we dug our wells in a good gravel situation. The Municipality came in and let them put wells in Sand Lake 1 and 2. Those places have been having problems ever since according to Jim Munter and others. My \$20k septic is connected electronically to the house so it will ring in my house if there is a problem. It will last forever. When they suggested sewer and water, sloping lots would need a pump. Sewage would need to pump up. The estimate was \$350k 13 years ago to put her house on sewer and water. I asked what about just septic? They said no you can't because water well is only 12 ft away from the street. If they put sewer and water down street it would be too close to well. My

well is 250ft deep, how are you going to contaminate my well? He said they always leak at some point. How are you going to put sewer and water less than 12ft over? We expect our city, sewage and water that we put in at our own expense to last. Those houses on small lots will have problems. I might as well give my house away if I have to pay \$350k for these things. A lot of people don't realize this.

- Jim Munter: Obviously this is a very complex issue. There have been meetings and long discussions. I think it should go to a subcommittee process and not SLCC at large.
- Michael Rose: The DEC report criticizes UAA report?
- Jim Munter: No, it was done first.
- Michael Rose: But the science is inconclusive?
- Jim Munter: It is inconclusive on the connection of water bodies. Anecdotal evidence. There are some other studies.
- Michael Rose: The first committee in February consisting of four people came up with a resolution. The new resolution was a modified version of an old one?
- Jim Munter: Yes, but there was a substantive change.
- Michael Rose: Who called the meeting?
- Jim Munter: Claire Lewis
- Michael Rose: The President sent an email to Claire asking that board members be present.
- Jim Munter: Maybe she called the committee together in her role as a chair of a previous committee.
- Yvonne Anderson: I signed up and those of us that signed up showed up. We made the meeting time that night.
- SLCC Attendee: In sewer districts within West Anchorage, the infrastructure cost was 10s to 100s of millions of dollars to install. If you are talking 300 people to take that responsibility... I think Yvonne said you are going to walk away from your house.
- Jim Munter: About 3000 people in the area according to the old reports.
- SLCC Attendee: How many are affected by the aquifer?
- Jim Munter: We don't know. Probably a couple dozen wells.
- Frank Rast: There are two. The report says there is tridium.

***Motion by Steve Gervel to have the executive board and the stormwater committee meet on the 23rd of May to hash out the two resolutions and present them at the next community council meeting. Point of Order called by Michael Rose and seconded by Frank Rast.

- Yvonne Anderson: If we don't make a quick decision then everyone is gone for the summer. Isn't it simple enough to solve. Is everyone okay?

- Frank Rast: The city has no money for anything. They don't have a million dollars to fix a perceived problem. The timeline isn't rushed.

***Michael Rose motioned to not set a formal date for the Board and committee to meet, but rather to find a mutual time outside of the meeting. The motion was seconded and passed with 18 in favor and 3 against.

Anchorage Parks and Rec Projects

Taylor Keegan:

- Jewell Lake Rainwater Improvement. Handouts passed around. There are some drainage issues in the rain garden. They call it “the pond” but not supposed to be functioning as such. There is flooding and a lot of goose poop. We want to dig out the pond and put some better plants in there.
- Yvonne Anderson: There is also a lot of dog poop! Put signs up to scoop poop even on ice!
- Frank Rast: How deep are you going to dig? There are fine sands so it doesn't drain well. Putting two ft. of gravel doesn't mean it's going to work well. Unless you really understand how much water is going in and the percolation rates, you may improve it but not a lot. I'm an engineer.
- Taylor Keegan: 2 ft. We are going to have a culvert to send water near the lake.
- Frank Rast: It is probably better to have flooding and not put the water in the lake since all contaminants will go into the lake.
- Taylor Keegan: The culvert will be no longer than 20ft and is going to be better than what it is now. Deeper plant root systems improve water quality.
- Frank Rast: I recommend just keeping the parking lot swept and having dog poop picked up.
- Taylor Keegan: The second part of this is a zipline. Playground improvements phase 1 is a zipline. Phase 2 is to redesign the park. In previous meetings I talked to lots of kids, they prioritized mega-slides, animal themes, and a zipline! We are going to install the zipline! The Ping-Pong table will be shifted. Pending pricing we may regrade and reseed some areas. We can also implement new signage and put poop scoop stations.
- Taylor Keegan: We are also looking at an improved Americans with Disabilities Act pathway. This is what we are aiming to do with the \$60k. This is from a grant and private donations. We are going to start this work in July. Youth employment in parks will do vegetation and we will have contractors out there too.
- SLCC Attendee: There has been flooding around electricity. I would suggest moving the pond area to a new area where water would be pushed to side. If you can get everything out of the way it may work better.

- Taylor Keegan: We are going to avoid cutting trees when possible.
- Nikki Rose: I noticed a homeless camp. A little disabled girl was walking through the homeless camps looking at them. Will there be a barrier?
- Taylor Keegan: We would rather remove the homeless camp than to put up barriers. There is a homeless camp reporting link on the Municipality site now too. This portal allows you to text descriptions to the Municipality. You can make a note and do it at home too.
- SLCC Attendee: Near Northwood and Victor there has been a homeless camp there for month. I reported it and nothing happened.
- Maeve Nevins: They have to post it for two weeks. One person submitting an observation triggers an investigation.
- Taylor Keegan: Multiple submissions result in the notification of the Municipality and Anchorage Police Department.

Maeve Nevins:

- Kincaid Park Bluff. Last year a beached whale created heavy usage and destroyed and heavily eroded the site. It has been over nine years between Municipality and ADF&G and Friends of the Coastal Refuge to remedy. It turned into a pressing issue when several thousand people went down there. Money came through a grant to improve access, to control circulation and to reduce erosion. The intent of improvement is to put in switchbacks on the trail. This is currently at the conceptual level. We are intending to use Ptarmigan Trails, a professional trail company. We want to work with them, ADF&G and others to design. There are buried cars and other things that need to be worked around. There is a draft resolution and it is a rather timely matter.

***Michael Rose motioned to support the resolution as written. It was seconded and passed with 20 in favor and 0 against.

Next SLCC Meeting Discussion

Nikki Rose: The school library is not available in the summer. Unless the Board can identify another location, the next meeting will be held in September.

SLCC Attendee: Maybe church? Kincaid Chalet? We used to use money for BBQ and no meeting.

Nikki Rose: Using some of our funds for a community gathering sounds like an excellent idea. The Board will look into the possibilities.

Closing Remarks

Dean Cannon: I am serious about the Jason Grenn recall effort. I will need signatures and people to go door to door. If anyone wants to help with the recall please let me know.

Nikki Rose: The FCC has a website for us. Dan Burgess left the state and is out of communication. He didn't leave us a solution for taking down the old website.

SLCC Attendee: With all the dirt and trucks traveling on WestPark... If we have drainage and sedimentation problems, you're talking \$100 million houses in that subdivision. I have a meeting with the home owner's association. If we aren't going to meet about the aquifer, WestPark will take care of ourselves. My problem is, and everyone else's is, if flooding happens and drainage systems cause floods, will the insurance company cover this?

***Michael Rose motioned to adjourn the meeting. Hans Rodvik seconded the motion and it passed by unanimous consent.

Nikki Rose adjourned the meeting at 9:06 PM.

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