

OCEANVIEW/OLD SEWARD COMMUNITY COUNCIL
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NEXT MEETING

The next meeting of the Oceanview/Old Seward Community Council will take place on **Wednesday January 8** in the Salvation Army Church on the corner of DeArmoun and Old Seward Highway starting at 7:00 PM.

We did not meet in December because we took time out for the holidays, but now its time to get back to work on Community Council business. In this newsletter we have gone back to the old format using MS Word instead of Publisher. Some people had difficulty in opening Publisher so we are sacrificing visual quality for wider readership.

Things have been pretty quiet over the holidays but we expect that to change with the Mayoral election and the Coastal Trail. Regardless of what side of the Coastal Trail you come down on, we did get a chance to meet our neighbors at the public hearings. So we encourage you to renew those conversations you had at the hearings and come to the Community Council meeting.

This coming meeting on January 8, we need to elect new officers and adopt the by-laws which received preliminary comment from members at our last meeting in November.

TOPICS FOR FUTURE MEETINGS

We want to get your ideas for agenda items for the February through May meetings, after which we will adjourn for the summer. Here are some ideas that your Executive Committee has proposed. We want you to rate each item for the interest level it has with you and we will vote on them at the January meeting. Also give us your suggestions for meeting topics.

1. Joint planning with Bayshore/Klatt and Sand Lake Community Councils on what you want South Anchorage to be in 2020.
2. Presentation on Homeward Bound offering a home environment to the homeless and public inebriates in Anchorage.
3. Mitigation of wildfire risk in Anchorage.
4. Presentation on AWARE, the award winning program developed by the Municipality to train people in response to natural disasters.
5. Presentation by the Anchorage Animal Control on responsible pet ownership.
6. Transportation issues concerning the Seward Highway expansion, DeBarr Street extension and the East Anchorage traffic plan.
7. Presentations from the Police Department, Fire Department , Planning Department, Permits Department or any other service that the Municipality provides.

We want to distribute a survey to be paid by the Federation of Community Councils that will solicit the issues that you are interested in as they affect Oceanview in particular and South Anchorage in general. Please comment on the draft survey that we have compiled which will be distributed at the January meeting.

Mayoral elections are in April so we will make arrangements to hear from the candidates in the March meeting.

We propose to have joint meetings with our neighboring Community Councils at Bayshore and Sand Lake to hear from our elected representatives in Juneau. Rather than take up their time for every meeting, we thought it would be more meaningful to group together and have an extended session with Representative McGuire and Senator Stevens on issues that affect South Anchorage. The boundaries of our Community Councils closely resembles Representative McGuire's District 28.

Do any of you have local issues that you want to bring to the attention of the Community Council? In the November meeting, we heard about the traffic conditions on 120th Street and we asked our Assembly Representative Janice Shamberg to give us a report.

REPORTS FROM ASSEMBLY REPRESENTATIVES JANICE SHAMBERG AND DICK TRAINER

We have asked Janice and Dick to give us information on funding for the Federation of Community Councils (FCC) and the status of changes to the Community Council boundaries. Since our last meeting, the FCC did get funded for \$108,000, the same as it was funded during 2002. But now there is discussion whether the FCC will come under the Assembly. The community council boundary changes have not yet been finalized so we need to know what is the next step.

EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE MEETING

The executive committee has so far not met but want the Community Council to take action on these topics at the January 8 meeting.

Election of Officers

Election of officers to serve for the year 2003.

Bylaws.

The updated bylaws were reviewed by the Community Council during the November meeting. Comments have been incorporated and will be available for your review and action during the January meeting.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Coastal Trail. Closure for written comments to the Alaska Department of Transportation on the Coastal Trail is March 7. The Corps of Engineers will receive written comments on the permit application to place fill in the wetlands for the Coastal Trail up to January 23.

MEMBERSHIP

If you have questions or concerns, contact your Community Council officers listed below:

President	Tim Bridgman	345-3614
Vice President	Hank Hosford	522-8638
Secretary	Margaret Klatt	345-5848
Treasurer	Mary Whitmore	344-2831
FCC Representative	Vicki Hudson	345-0011

Please consider joining the Community Council. One-year membership dues applicable from January 1 through December 31 are \$5.00 for individual or \$10.00 per couple. Dues for 2003 are due payable at the January meeting.

Meetings are held on the second Wednesday of each month at the Salvation Army Church located at the corner of Old Seward and De Armoun