

# OCEANVIEW/OLD SEWARD COMMUNITY COUNCIL

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## NOTICE OF MEETING

The next meeting of the Oceanview/Old Seward Community Council will take place on **Wednesday February 12** in the Salvation Army Church on the corner of DeArmoun and Old Seward Highway starting at 7:00 PM.

Following our great TURN-OUT for January's meeting we have another blockbuster for you in February. **Marty McGee, the property assessor for the Municipality**, will speak to us on property values. We have asked him to describe how property compulsorily acquired for the Coastal Trail will be valued and what affect that will have on the remaining property.

## TOPICS FOR FUTURE MEETINGS

Left over from the January meeting are the topics for future meetings and the survey. We want to get your ideas for agenda items for the remaining meetings until May, 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 available at the meeting.

Do any of you have local issues that you want to bring to the attention of the Community Council? If so, please advise one of the Executive Committee listed below.

## REPORTS FROM LEGISLATURE

Until the legislative session heats up in Juneau, we will e-mail our questions to Senators Stevens and Bunde and Representative McGuire and read the answers during the meeting. Let me or any of the officers know of your questions you want to ask of our Juneau delegation.

## REPORTS FROM ASSEMBLY REPRESENTATIVES JANICE SHAMBERG AND DICK TRAINEE

We will get an update of what is happening on the Assembly.

## EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE MEETING

The Executive Committee met on December 29 and February 5 to plan for the upcoming meetings.

Two letters were written on behalf of the Community Council concerning the Coastal Trail, one to the Governor and the second to AMATS. The letters respond to the motion passed at the January meeting. Copies will be available at the meeting.

**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 February meeting. This was postponed from the January meeting.

**NEXT MEETING**

Mark your calendars for the **next meeting on March 12** when the candidates for mayor will address the Community Council. We will also have a presentation from the Anchorage School Board about the proposed school bond issues.

**ANNOUNCEMENTS**

Closure for written comments on the Coastal Trail should be addressed to the Alaska Department of Transportation by March 7. Written comments to the Corps of Engineers for the permit application filed by ADOT to place fill in the wetland area covered by the Coastal Trail should be received by March 7.

**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