

OCEANVIEW/OLD SEWARD COMMUNITY COUNCIL
C/o 240 PACIFIC VIEW DRIVE, ANCHORAGE, AK 99515

NEWSLETTER MARCH 2003



NEXT MEETING

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

Another action-packed meeting is planned that needs your attention and participation. So here is what we have planned.

Dan Simpson from *Anchorage To-morrow*, a political action committee certified by APOC, will speak on the Municipal bond propositions that will be put before the voters on April 1. Total bond package amounts to \$58 million including area-wide libraries, roads, public safety, and more and more. That's a lot of money so come and hear what the voters are being asked to approve.

Representatives from the Anchorage School Board and School District will talk about the proposed school bond issues. This package includes major maintenance, a joint administrative and training facility, and new school construction. Total bond package amounts to \$209 million. Holy Moly, everyone wants money.

Questions we have for the School District are:

1. How many people work in the Administration Building and what do they do? Why not base some of these people in the schools?
2. What is the School District thinking on full year schools?
3. What is the status of upgrading the school ball fields?
4. What is the rationale driving redistricting of the school boundaries?

Come to the meeting with your questions.

Captain Nute from the Salvation Army, our host for our Community Council meetings, will speak about the Salvation Army services and ask the Council what services they would like the Salvation Army to provide.

REPORTS FROM ASSEMBLY REPRESENTATIVES JANICE SHAMBERG AND DICK TRAINEE

Janice and Dick are attending a conference in Washington D.C. and will be unable to attend the meeting. That means we will have more time to have a good dialogue with our elected representatives in Juneau.

REPORTS FROM THE LEGISLATURE

We will conduct a teleconference with our legislators in Juneau--Senators Stevens and Bunde, and Representative McGuire because we have a lot to discuss with them. By way of giving our representatives advance notice, here is a list of questions raised by the Executive Committee.

1. What is the purpose of HB 68 which prevents injunctions being filed during the permit process? Who is sponsoring the Bill and why? What is the status?
2. What is the status of SB 71 which caps funding for trails to 10%?
3. What is the status of HB 48 and SB 23 which restrict the use of the Anchorage Wildlife Coastal Refuge?
4. What is the purpose of TRAAK. Can this function be disbanded without impacting critical state services?
5. What is the status of the proposal to use the Permanent Fund and/or Dividends to support education and health care?

If you have questions for our legislators, ask them during this teleconference.

EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE MEETING

The Executive Committee had a full meeting on February 26 and discussed these topics:

Community Council Issues

We have been attending other Community Council meetings this past month and have had a chance to observe the issues on their agendas. It all seems to boil down to variations of these common themes:

- Proposed roads and concern that the roads will divide the neighborhood and attract more traffic.
- New housing developments and the associated concerns for increased traffic, pressure on schools and other infrastructure.
- The biggest concern seems to be enforcement of zoning and compliance with building codes.

Reviewing the activities of Oceanview/Old Seward Community Council over the past two to three years, we seem to be a one-issue Council which attracts a lot of attention at the time of occurrence and then interest withers until the next issue. We tend to react to issues as they arise.

We do have ongoing issues that have been sidelined. Your Executive Committee wants feedback on whether you want the Community Council to be proactive and get involved in these issues by being part of the problem solving. If you want to go, please inform us of your priority on these issues.

1. Development of site condos, zoning and building code enforcement.
2. Use and maintenance of 120th Street.
3. Businesses being conducted from single family homes in residential neighborhoods.
4. Above ground power transmission of the Chugach Electric Intertie.
5. High School boundaries.
6. Joint planning with neighboring Community Councils on what you want South Anchorage to be in 2020.
7. Transportation issues concerning the Seward Highway expansion, DeBarr Street extension and the East Anchorage traffic plan.

FCC Strategy Meeting on March 15

The purpose of the meeting is to review the mission and goals of the Federation of Community Councils and discuss the relationships between the FCC, the Assembly and the Community Councils.

Tim Bridgman as president and Vicki Hudson as FCC delegate will be attending and will report on the proceedings at the April 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 March meeting. Action on the bylaws has been postponed from the January meeting.

NEXT MEETING

Mark your calendars for the next meeting on **April 9**.

IF there is a run-off election, we will invite the mayoral candidates to present their platforms for the future of Anchorage.

Capital Improvement Program (CIP) is the annual process where the Community Councils provide an overall priority ranking of all capital projects in the Council area and suggest additional projects.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Vote for Mayor, bond issues and propositions on **Municipal Election Day, April 1**.

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.

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