

Old Seward/Oceanview Community Council (OSOVCC)
Minutes of Meeting – October 27, 2021, 6:30 p.m. - Meeting Held Online via ZOOM
2021 Fall Meeting Dates: Sep 22, Oct 27, Nov 24, Dec 22
OSOVCC Website: <http://communitycouncils.org/servlet/content/25.html>
Meetings are Audio and Video Recorded

Board Members: President, Roselynn Cacy, Vice President Carol Fuller, Treasurer Stan Moll, Secretary Nancy Joseph, FCC Delegate Nancy Joseph

Email address for the OSOVCC President and Board Members: osovcommunitycouncil@gmail.com

Meeting called to order at 6:30 p.m. **President Cacy** presiding. Community Council/FCC Zoom meeting protocol guidelines were read into the record. Quorum in place; all attendees were required to state their name, street location in the Old Seward/Oceanview area, or if they were a guest to our meeting, provide their name and affiliation. **Agenda** was amended to include two additional items, and both the Agenda and the **September Meeting Minutes** were approved. **FCC Report (Nancy Joseph)** mentioned that all notes taken were about Assembly business and State/Muni redistricting which would be covered when Assembly Chair Susan LaFrance's briefing was read this evening. **Treasurer Report** - bank account balance as of September 30, 2021 is \$1,537.87.

Members were asked to contact the OSOVCC Board with questions and issues at the email address above so that we can respond and assist as appropriate.

OSOV Community Patrol Jeff Childs – Not Present. OSOVCC Comment: Report all suspicious activity to 3-1-1; if you are in immediate danger, call 9-1-1. OSOVCC Note: Anyone seeing destruction or vandalism in our parks should call Muni Parks at 343-4355 and APD at 3-1-1 if the crime is being observed. Take pictures with your phone. If something is vandalized or playground equipment is broken, make the call to Muni Parks. Report homeless camps and motorized vehicles on our trails. **If You See Something – Say Something.**

JBER Community Outreach not available for this meeting; APD Patrol not available for this meeting.

Juneau Senator Natasha von Imhof – Discussed productive work conducted during the main session January 19 - May 19 – the COVID Disaster Declaration (HB 76) and the American Rescue Act funding of \$1.5 Billion. At the end of June, the Governor vetoed the budget. The \$1,100 Permanent Fund Dividend and then the budget were both passed. They are back into the October session, but it has been too hard to get a quorum because of COVID. Other topics mentioned: More focus on the COVID disaster bill, Telehealth, Emergency provisions for hospitals, fast tracking of nursing certifications, and SB 125 – a Hunting Permit exception, and SB 134 Big game licenses. The Legislature is also addressing the Alaska Railroad suit against the Flying Crown HOA which includes Oceanview residents. The next session is January 18, 2022. To reach Senator von Imhof: sen.natasha.vonimhof@akleg.gov and 907-465-2995. Contact Shareen Crosby for links to videos and Facebook at shareen.crosby@akleg.gov

Juneau House Representative Tom McKay – Mentioned the four special sessions and the November 2nd expected end date. Legislature may not go back after that because of the quorum problem. The Long-Term fiscal plan effort is not going forward. A Net Profit Share leasing Bill was passed and is now in the Senate. Also mentioned was the traffic problem at Oceanview Elementary on Johns Road, and capital improvement priority for Mary Avenue and the E. 120th Upgrade. Mr. McKay was asked to review the E. 120th Upgrade presentation document that is now in Planning and was informed that Johns Road at the Oceanview Elementary school site is a consideration in that document. Also mentioned to Mr. McKay was the OSOVCC Capital Improvement Priority list submitted earlier this year included the Mary Avenue storm drainage problems. We asked Mr. McKay to contact our CC Officers when questions come up, as we can help bring those interested up to date. Redistricting: Mentioned the fact that the new State redistricting boundaries cuts Johns Road in half, so our neighbors across the street will no longer be in our district, Assembly district, or Community Council area if this goes forward. To reach Representative McKay with comments or concerns: Toll-Free: 866-465-4993 and email: Representative.Tom.McKay@akleg.gov

A CC Member asked about moving the Capitol away from Juneau as voters have voted to approve; von Imhof recapped the history of the "move the Capitol" voting and said the funding is never there, never allocated.

Assembly – Suzanne LaFrance – As the Tuesday Assembly meeting was moved to Wednesday night this week because of the Midtown voting event regarding the Meg Zaletel recall initiative, neither rep could be at our CC meeting. LaFrance's briefing was displayed onscreen and covered 1) Homelessness, 2) Election Code modifications, 3) 2022 Budget Process is under way, 4) Reapportionment, and 5) the plastic bag ban. The briefing (document 7D) is posted to the OSOVCC website for further detail: <http://communitycouncils.org/servlet/viewfolder?id=18749>

A CC Member raised questions about redistricting, and we took advantage of both Juneau reps to help with our understanding. Points made: Oceanview would be included in the Hillside district; Johns Road to the East would be in one District and to the West in another; in the past we have been in a donut hole in with Kenai and with the MatSu. McKay mentioned that 18,700 are to be in each house district. The MatSu Valley is gaining seats. He feels the Old Seward Highway is a natural boundary for our current district and disagrees with the proposed new boundaries. A CC Member requested that we ask our Assembly reps to cover this topic in our next CC meeting. Contact Juli Lucky juli.lucky@akredistrict.org for information about progress, meetings, testifying, and maps; review this document (document 10A) on the CC website: <http://communitycouncils.org/servlet/viewfolder?id=18749>
To view the maps, go to www.akredistrict.org/maps

To receive the **Assembly** quarterly newsletters, sign up at wwmas@muni.org

Assembly Contacts: Suzanne LaFrance, Anchorage Assembly – District 6, South Anchorage, Girdwood & Turnagain Arm, 907-351-7199 mobile/text, E-Mail: Suzanne.LaFrance@AnchorageAK.gov

John Weddleton, Anchorage Assembly – District 6, South Anchorage, Girdwood & Turnagain Arm, 907- 770-0685, E-Mail: John.Weddleton@AnchorageAK.gov

Anchorage School Board Andy Holleman – Discussed 1) the masking policy in place in schools is strict, but among those who are not masking outside of school, absentee rates are high; 2) Two-Year Bond packages are coming up again; 3) the Inlet View school rebuild is likely off the table for now as funding will be directed to higher priority roofing problems and repairs at many schools. A CC Member asked whether boundaries for school enrollments are connected to the census. Holleman responded that indeed people buy houses based on schools in the area in which they live, and the District pays attention to the levels of students in the particular neighborhoods attending those schools.

New Business – Member Steve Beardsley mentioned that neighbors observed a professional engineer walking Oceanview Drive near the railroad tracks to determine the new site of a speed bump for traffic calming. After further investigation by the OSOVCC officers, it was discovered that Muni traffic calming engineers have chosen streets and directed funding to streets that are not on our current CC priority list for traffic calming. Nora and Mariner speed bumps were redesigned in 2019-2020 to ensure emergency vehicles can get through; however, neighbors on Oceanview Drive do not want another speed bump where the traffic engineers are researching. We are pursuing the redirection of the funding to streets that are more critical involving kids walking to school and/or serious speeding problems via an OSOVCC letter to Muni traffic calming.

OSOVCC Note: These are exactly the kinds of issues to bring to the Community Council meetings so that issues can be discussed and hopefully actioned to resolution. Send an email to the officers/board as well.

Announcement – OSOVCC is seeking nominations for officers for the December 2021 – November 2022 term. Please send your nomination to our email account and attend the November 2021 meeting to nominate and vote.

Guest Speaker Rachel Christensen from Solarize 2022 – From the Solarize Anchorage website: “The Solarize program brings neighbors together to take advantage of group discounts and federal incentives to make solar possible for more Alaskans!” Ms. Christensen talked about the Solarize 2022 Campaign to find two community volunteers to organize interested solar power customers in our area so that homeowners can take advantage of this energy source. Members asked about solar power energy cost savings, whether only certain qualified contractors are used as installers, and whether there are limits in areas as to energy capacity being sold back to the utility companies. One CC Member mentioned that it was tried in OSOV area; however, not enough sun comes through our heavily wooded area, so there are very few homes using solar. Please visit this website for more information if you are interested in pursuing solar power for your home: <https://akcenter.org/climate-clean-energy/solarize-anchorage/>

Motion passed to Adjourn at 7:56 p.m. Minutes taken by Nancy Joseph, Secretary

NOTES: APD – Anchorage Police Department CC – Community Council FCC – Federation of Community Councils JBER – Joint Base Elmendorf/Ft. Richardson OSOVCC – Old Seward/Oceanview Community Council