

Old Seward/Oceanview Community Council (OSOVCC)
Minutes of Meeting – September 28, 2022, 6:30 p.m. - Meeting Held Online via ZOOM
2022 Fall/ Winter Schedule: Sep 28, Oct 26, Nov 23, Dec 28
2023 Winter/Spring Schedule: Jan 25, Feb 22, Mar 22, Apr 26, May 24
OSOVCC Website: <http://communitycouncils.org/OSOVCC>
Meetings are Audio and Video Recorded

Board Members: President, Roselynn Cacy, Vice President Carol Fuller, Treasurer Stan Moll, Secretary/FCC Delegate Nancy Joseph
Members are reminded to contact the OSOVCC Board with questions and issues at the following email address so that we can respond and assist as appropriate. Email address for OSOVCC President and Board Members: osovcommunitycouncil@gmail.com

Meeting called to order at 6:32 p.m. **President Cacy** presiding. Quorum in place. Community Council/FCC Zoom meeting protocol guidelines were read into the record. 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. The September 28, 2022 Agenda and May 25, 2022 Minutes were approved. **Treasurer Report** - bank account balance as of August 31, 2022 is \$1,613.62. *Note:* Our new website address is <http://communitycouncils.org/OSOVCC>

Federation of Community Councils (“FCC”) Update Nancy Joseph

Anticipation that Assembly Members will cover topics covered at the FCC meeting. One item of interest is the Assembly’s proposal to raise the standard property tax exemption for homeowners residing in their property from \$50,000 to \$75,000.

OSOV Community Patrol Jeff Childs

Jeff provided an update of summer and current crimes and activities occurring in our CC area, such as: Suspicious activities at problematic residences, local parks crimes and other problems -- Nancy Joseph and Jeff Childs worked with APD and Muni Parks over the summer, bike thefts and personal home and vehicle item thefts, homeless camp at Old Seward Highway location by Texas Roadhouse. Anchorage residents can go to the Muni Lexus/Nexus website to look at crime statistics by area. **Volunteers** are needed/welcome to help patrol the OSOV area. Contact Jeff at 907-240-7880. **OSOVCC Note: If You See Something – Say Something.** It is important to report all crimes, thefts, and perceived threats by suspicious individuals in order to demonstrate to APD the community’s level of criminal activity affecting homeowners and businesses. Don’t assume someone else is reporting what you experience. Report all suspicious activity and traffic hazards to 3-1-1; if you are in immediate danger, call 9-1-1. Anyone seeing destruction or vandalism in our parks should call Muni Parks at 343-4355 and APD at 3-1-1 when 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.

Anchorage Police Department, Mayor’s office, Anchorage School Board, JBER Community Outreach did not attend

Assembly Randy Sulte – Many items were discussed; briefly:

- 1) Assembly work session on October 14 will be a fiscal budget meeting.
- 2) Homeless shelters must be provided when temperatures reach 40 degrees or lower. A plan is in place for use of Brother Francis, Beans Café, Golden Lion, and the Sullivan Arena. Under AO-22-05, Spenard Rec Center use is possible. AO 22-83 regarding use of school district relocatables and the Navigation Center general contractors were postponed due to the unsuitability of the relocatables and being unready to open a Navigation Center site.
- 3) Anchorage School District capital budget is being reviewed in light of drops in student population. Some schools will be closed. Safe routes to school, with the danger zones of 100th and Victor area and O’Malley and Rockridge, are of concern.
- 4) South Anchorage bike park is being brought up to a standard grade.
- 5) AO 2022-82 eliminating audience participation in person as Assembly meetings was implemented a couple years ago to keep topics focused on the consent agenda.
- 6) The Post-election audit regarding scanning and adjudicated tabulation was deemed accurate.
- 7) Property tax exemption increase mentioned as an item on the April 2023 ballot. Nancy Joseph mentioned the Board of Equalization open position being open. Sulte mentioned there are many volunteer board seats available; if interested apply through the Muni website.

Kurt Parkan for **Assembly Suzanne LaFrance** mentioned the update to the Muni Assembly webpage, the request for funds by Felix Rivera for Security at the Sullivan arena and Golden Lion, the 150-bed use of the Sullivan Arena, and reiterated the volunteer board seat available on the Board of Equalization and other boards.

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OSOVCC Note: Find the Assembly work sessions schedule at

<https://www.muni.org/Departments/Assembly/Pages/Meetings-Worksessions.asp>

Juneau Senator Natasha von Imhof – Not present; no report. To reach Senator von Imhof: sen.natasha.vonimhof@akleg.gov and 907-465-2995. Contact Shareen Crosby for information, and links to videos and Facebook at shareen.crosby@akleg.gov

Juneau House Representative Tom McKay – Briefly:

1) McKay continues to be interested in the Eldon Subdivision water issue for Oceanview area with Joe Alston.

2) PFD will be a boost to the economy.

3) 5 weeks until the election.

4) Sent a letter to the Municipality opposing the use of hockey rink venues as homeless shelters.

5) McKay will attend OSOVCC meetings until January 2023 when the new legislators are in place for each district.

Question from Nancy Joseph: Update on coastal Ports funding in the wake of the coastal flooding, including Nome. Answer:

Governor's actions were great for flooding emergency response. Support for funding Anchorage and other ports continues.

Jeff Childs thanked Tom McKay for his dedication to our district.

Old Business: Items on the Agenda were discussed

Also mentioned: Eldon Subdivision's ARPA (American Rescue Plan Act of 2021) funding request did not come through; however, it is #7 on a long list of priorities. Letters of support for this inclusion into an AWWU water district can be sent to Senator Murkowski.

New Business: Items on the Agenda were discussed

Presentation: Cook Inlet Housing Authority/Qevu Village – Speaker did not attend

Announcements: Items on the Agenda were discussed. Also mentioned: Nancy Joseph – Landslide at a home at the south corner of Reef near Oceanview Bluff Park. Zone cordoned off to keep trail users away from the home.

John Henry mentioned that Flying Crown is not a dog park, and drone operations are illegal near the airport. Randy Sulte mentioned there is geofencing software available to control/restrict drones near runways, etc.

Other Guests:

Peggy Kircher and Joan and John Henry were added to the Agenda. In-person meetings and the constitutional convention were discussed.

Motion passed to Adjourn at 8:03 p.m. Minutes taken by Nancy Joseph, Secretary

NOTES: APD – Anchorage Police Department AWWU – Anchorage Water and Wastewater Utility

CC – Community Council FCC – Federation of Community Councils

JBER – Joint Base Elmendorf/Richardson OSOVCC – Old Seward/Oceanview Community Council