

OLD SEWARD/OCEANVIEW COMMUNITY COUNCIL

Draft Summary Minutes from the Friday, November 13, 2024, meeting, 6:30–8:30 pm

Join us live at **Rabbit Creek Church, Huffman Campus** at 12100 Old Seward Hwy or

Join the Zoom meeting at 6:15 pm at <https://us06web.zoom.us/j/84457950064>

Meeting ID: 844 5795 0064 All meetings are Audio and Video Recorded

2024 Schedule: **November 13** subject to change

Officers: President-Joan Henry, Vice President-Kevin Skiba, Secretary-Vacant, Acting Secretary-Peggy Kircher, Treasurer-John Henry, FCC Delegate-Gary Meaders, FCC Alternate-Gloria Lyons

1. Establish Quorum 24 Members/ 10 Guests, Called to Order – 6:30 pm

2. Zoom Meeting Protocol

3. Approval of the November 13, 2024 Agenda and Minutes from the September 12, 2024 meeting

Motion to reorder and approve the agenda & minutes: Robert R.; second by Linda H

Meeting in audio format is available by emailing the OSOVCC.

4. Officer's Report:

- a. Treasurer – As of October 31, 2024: \$1,561.28 including \$.13 interest for Sep & Oct, and a plan to purchase two signs for around \$300.00.
- b. FCC Delegates – attended the meeting

5. Representatives/Community Reports

- a. Assembly Member – Randy Sulte discussed pallet shelter community on 15th Avenue near Cordova, free onsite parking for handicapped; Project Anchorage discussion continues Dec 3, 2024, and there will be a 2nd public hearing. The Assembly is preparing an AO to mandate ID checks to purchase alcohol. Deciding to adjust school board seats to align with assembly seats and districts. Randy is currently District 6, but due to boundary changes a couple of years ago, he will move out of our District in April. It was changed right after, levy for purchase of fleet vehicles & snow maintenance. Project Anchorage includes 1% for capital projects and should be considered purchasing new Police vehicles.
- b. Assembly Member - Zac Johnson informed us of the Port of Alaska modernization project with Terminal 1 authorization to borrow up to \$180 million with the Federal Government approving \$50 million. Action on legislative program of what we want them to work on (top 3 snow removal, so more resources from state for statewide school funding with higher per student ratio \$). Girdwood raised \$4mil for a new daycare center but are \$200k short. Working on criteria for homeless camp abatement with some camps quickly abated and others that have sat and even enlarged. There is a policy for camp abatement. APD is now trespassing people from camps, so people cannot just move back in after being abated, like the camp at 36th & New Seward.

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- c. AFD – “Ready, Set, Go” handouts and see our website for a link to the handout from the July 12, meeting.
- d. APD –Patrol Officer Smith – filled us in on the APD’s hiring, training and academy graduates; discussed the Supreme Court Boise, ID vs. Homeless Camps for abatement; what to do if we see a camp, RV, or car used by a homeless person and who to contact at APD; discussed patrols in our area, online reporting is available to document a crime for insurance; when to call if a homeless person is needing help in cold weather; sign-up for the Citizens Academy on the website if you are interested in “Ride Along” program; use of fentanyl is up along with violent crime, car thefts and general thefts, but there are not as many break-ins, which are usually the underlying activity; there are plans to modernize the department; filled us in on Title 47, voluntary commitment; we can file pictures online; police officers have cell phones so that we can call or text them.
- e. Alaska State Senator Cathy Giessel update by Paige Brown – Sen. Giessel is attending meetings at UAF on the future of geologic hydrogen as a possible clean energy source and a new economy for Alaska. Reminder that the State CAPSIS program is open soon to add new items to be considered.
- f. ASD School Board - Kelly Lessens, unable to attend. Joan presented notes from Kelly: “Rightsizing” School Closures public meetings are scheduled for Nov 12-18, view the ASD webpage to stay in the loop, the plan is that high schools are going from 6 to 7 classes/day in 2025 with an estimated cost of \$5M, and hiring 40 more teachers; see the ASD Nov. 4, 2024 meeting on YouTube.

6. Committee Reports

- a. Community Patrol – showed us how to use the: LexisNexis Crime Map_ Follow this link and enter Anchorage AK in the search: <https://communitycrimemap.com/>
- b. Eldon Subdivision WDID and LID Division Street—Anchorage Water & Wastewater Utility has been working hard and we will receive an update in January with more feedback.
- c. Johns Road Alleyway between Daily Ave. and Huffman Road –2025 community outreach for design and construction on the alleyway between Daily Ave. and Huffman Road, which intersects with Johns Road.
- d. 120th Avenue—Still pending construction of Eldon Subdivision water and sewer before beginning 120th Avenue.

7. Old Business

- a. OSOVCC Resolution 2023-01 “10-Year Review of Community Council Boundaries” update:
 - Passed 13/0 December 8, 2023 and delivered to Planning and Zoning in January 2024.
 - Planning and Zoning –They are planning to change our boundary by transferring 2 miles of OSOV land from the North end of Potters Marsh to the Potter Section House on the South end. This land would go to Rabbit Creek CC on the West side of the ARRC tracks that border the Seward Hwy (Section 40 on Map). The boundary previously included the tidal mudflats at the high tide to the low tide mark.
 - 1st Quarter 2025 – The Assembly will receive the PZC’s recommendations, hold a public hearing, and decide the final action for boundary adjustments.
- b. Report on a Homeless Camp: Go to Muni.org for the form.

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- c. Project Anchorage – Announced that it will operate on a 3% Sales Tax with 2% to reduce future property taxes and 1% to beautify Anchorage. Here is the website: <https://projectanchorage.com>
- d. Mary Avenue drainage and upgrades
 - Bill Johnson, PE with CRW Engineering Group, Inc. in January or February 2025
 - If you live on Mary Ave. Bill would like to speak with you.

8. New Business

- a. Alaska Regional ER on Industry Way - William (Hank) Grinold, Vice President of Operations, Administration – Postponed to the Jan 8, 2025, meeting as they are waiting for the State of Alaska’s decision.
- b. Elections for 2025 Officers and FCC Delegates: All presiding officers from 2024 accepted and were reelected unanimously, including the Acting Secretary position, by Members present and on Zoom.

9. Announcements / Current Issues of Note

- a. Alaska Rhodiola Enterprises, LLC – owner and OSOVCC member, Dr. Petra Illig, joined us to present her new Alaska manufacturing company, which is operating at 1120 Huffman Rd, Suite 14. She brought samples and if you would like to check her product out go to: akroseroot.com
- b. Volunteer(s) needed to report on the Anchorage Metropolitan Area Transportation Solutions (AMATS) to attend or zoom on to upcoming meetings, and report on how their planning will affect the OSOVCC.
- b. Liquor & marijuana licenses up for renewal: none known
- c. Overhead to Underground Powerline Project – Huffman Rd from Old Seward to Gregory Road on the North side and Gregory Rd to Lake Otis on the South side are still under construction.
- d. Purchase (2) A-Frame Signs for the OSOVCC meeting announcements
- e. OSOVCC is now meeting every other month, on Wednesdays, starting with the November 2024 meeting.

10. OSOV CC Members only

11. Guests

12. Motion to Adjourn: Motion by John H. and second Robert R. - all in favor