

Campbell Park Community Council
Minutes of Meeting, August 15, 2019

The meeting was called to order at 7:31 by Chair, Sandy Traini

A motion was made by Michael Jespersen and seconded by Dick Traini to accept the minutes of June 20, 2019 and July 18, 2019. June was approved and July's minutes were approved with a correction. This correction was that Bread & Brew's application for a short plat was not approved. They are now doing a full application.

Assemblymember Felix Rivera reported on the August 20, 2019 agenda. Merrill Field Airport had a rate increase approved. There were two alternating youth members appointed as non-voting members of the Assembly. A \$42 million contract was awarded for the Alaska Port. The age for the use of vaping has been raised to 21 years old. A storm water utility tax rate proposal is going to the RCA which will take 18-24 months. An ordinance for fire property relief is being proposed. There will be an impact to the Municipality budget due to the Governor's budget cuts to Anchorage. The affected areas may be the homeless programs and UAA, families and children programs. There is a meeting to be held on August 26th at the Wilda Marston Theater at the library. The time is 5:30 to 8:00 pm. Mr. Rivera reported that the homeless camps near schools have been cleared.

The impacts of cuts to the University of Alaska were discussed. There are possible cuts to programs and research institutes at all of the campuses.

House Member Andy Josephson, reported. He is a Finance Committee member. He talked about the sessions that were extended, the budget was done in May with the exception of the PFD amount. The crime bill passed. The capital budget takes $\frac{3}{4}$ of each body to pass it. HB 2001 was restored. The University is looking at consolidating the three campuses with a single accreditation.

Three APD officers attended the meeting. Sgt. Mitchell, a swing shift supervisor, answered questions. There were questions about homeless panhandling on or near the median. This is illegal. Sgt. Mitchell said that he tries to stop and tell them to move, but cannot do this if he is on a call. A comment was made that the laws need to be enforced. The council expressed appreciation for APD and all they do.

Jacob Tatum from Senator Elvi Gray-Jackson's staff attended the meeting.

On August 8th a group of volunteers did a cleanup with a member of the Parks & Rec Staff. This was done on a pathway leading to Tudor Elementary. This was an event that was planned at the July Community Council Meeting. A volunteer was solicited to head up another cleanup for September. Rob Moore volunteered to do this.

The committee working on the DEA plat issues will meet on August 22 at the park lot. Mark Rowley, the present owner of the property will be there.

Paul Janis is working on arranging a Fire Safety Presentation.

John Reddon, from Great Northern Cannabis talked about a memorandum of understanding for the proposed business at 2600 E. Tudor Rd. This needs another month (by-laws require two meetings) before a resolution can be made). This will come back for a resolution at the September meeting. The October 22nd meeting of the Anchorage Assembly will hold a hearing on approval of this business.

Ric Davidge has some ideas about the homeless. Copies were given out at the meeting. The Council was asked to look them over and Ric will come back to the September meeting for further discussion and a possible resolution of support.

Rose Hubbard, Anchorage Communal Homeless Village Project, talked about her ideas for a possible homeless camp. It would start small with an 8 to 10 family camp. It proposed to have registration inhabitants with a security force 24 hours a day. She left information on her ideas and invited interested council members to attend a board meeting. For more information, she can be contacted at: 229-9615, citynativerose81@outlook.com, anchoragecommunalhomelesscamps.com

Sue Hecks, is working for the 2020 Census Team. She talked about how the census will be done and that there is an opportunity for census takers. Those interested can apply online at 2020census.gov/jobs. Sue can also be reached at her home number (she is a resident of our council) 399-1780 or at susan.h.hecks@2020census.gov.

The meeting was adjourned. The next meeting to be held at St. Mary's on September 19th at 7 pm.