

# North Star Community Council Minutes

## November 13, 2019

### North Star Elementary School

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#### *PRESENT*

#### NSSC Officers & Members:

- Sam Moore, President
- Dan Beutel Vice President
- Mike Hondel, Secretary
- Susan Miller, Member at Large
- Melonie Rieck, Member at Large

14 North Star residents

#### Legislative:

- State Senator Elvi Gray-Jackson (SD-1)
- State Representative Harriet Drummond (HD-18)

#### Assembly:

- Felix Rivera (D4 Midtown)
- Meg Zaletel (D4 Midtown)

#### Other Entities:

- Mark Butler, FCC
  - Andy Holleman, ASD School Board
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## CALL TO ORDER

- I. Introductions. Approval of agenda.

## REPORTS

### II. COUNCIL

- A. Sam Moore: Solarize Anchorage.
- B. Dan Beutel: agenda item ideas.
- C. Susan Miller: Loussac Library book sales (previous & next)
- D. Melonie Rieck: MLP undergrounding questions (will GCI & ACS participate?)
- E. Sam Moore & Mark Butler (FCC): ASD early stages of budget discussion. Per APD, crime is down.

### III. LEGISLATIVE REPRESENTATIVES

- A. State Senator Elvi Gray-Jackson:  
Senator Josh Revak sworn in to fill the seat of Chris Burch. Good working relationship w/ Senate majority. The State AG refused to defend the Alaska Hire law (AK has high rate of unemployment). Constituent coffee meeting in December.
- B. State Representative Harriet Drummond:  
Forward-funding education budget done; hundreds of teachers lost in last few years due to

budget constraints & late budget approval. Conference on investing in early childhood education (AK is one of five with little to no budget), shortage of pre-schools, 43 other states have increased this investment. Opposes Department of Corrections efforts to send prisoners out of state. DOT & Midtown Congestion Relief Plan. Joint hearing on BP-Hillcorp sale.

#### IV. ASSEMBLY REPRESENTATIVES

A. Meg Zaletel:

Not participating in discussions on Midtown Congestion Relief due to residential conflict. Assembly in budget process, will vote next week. P&R cleanup crews to become permanent part of annual budget. AFD budget policy. MLP sale (approved stipulation to move forward). Bond for state road project (Academy & Vanguard) forcing Muni into related road project.

B. Felix Rivera:

Midtown Congestion Relief: comm council resolutions invited. Budget changes & amendments status. Encouraging state legislature to support statewide coastal infrastructure bond (ports, wharfs, AMHS). Assembly working on shortening studded-tire season.

#### V. OTHER COMMUNITY REPRESENTATIVES

A. Andy Holleman (ASD BOD):

Community engagement meetings. Shifting to 2-year bond package, will include earthquake repair, increasingly deferring maintenance, Inlet View (code concerns w/ current building), Aquarian Charter School.

## NEW BUSINESS

A. Mark Butler:

History of VOM park parcels & nearby private parcel, now site of Cook Inlet Native Head Start building (construction just started).

B. Cook Inlet Native Head Start Facility (Ed from Coffman Engineers):

Facility design. Administrative site plan review process. Various landscape code requirements. Expected completion December 2020. Perimeter fencing.

C. Linda Chase (Coalition to Protect Our Public Spaces):

Resolution urging the Muni to enact better policies regarding public camping.

1. Will vote on the resolution at next mtg (moved & seconded).

D. Penelope Goforth:

Question about urban forest management plan.

## OLD BUSINESS

A. Mark Butler

Chester Creek Flood project update.