

**Rogers Park Community Council**  
**Meeting Minutes**  
**General Council Meeting - October 11, 2021**  
**Via Zoom**

- I. CALL TO ORDER AND WELCOME: Peter Mjos Called meeting to Order at 6:53pm
- II. APPROVAL OF AGENDA: David McCargo made motion to approve the agenda, Scott McMurren seconded the motion, Agenda approved
- III. APPROVAL OF MINUTES: David McCargo made motion to approve the minutes, Scott McMurren seconded the motion, Minutes approved
- IV. FINANCIAL REPORT: Ric Wilson, Treasurer. Current balance is \$604.44, \$160 was spent last month to reimburse contributions for the gardening effort. Statements may take longer than they have in the past per Wells Fargo, hopefully that won't impact future reports.
- V. FCC REPORT: Jim Wright, FCC Representative. No report. Mr. Wright he did not make the FCC meeting and no meeting minutes available yet.

VI. COMMITTEE REPORTS

**a. Crime & Safety Committee** - Mike Savitt, Chair. No report.

**b. Garden & Beautification Committee** - Zach Zaletel, Chair.

- picked up the planters and put them away for the winter
- requesting funds for a kick off barbecue for next year

VII. REPRESENTATIVE REPORTS

**Legislative reports:**

a. *Senate District I* - Senator Elvi Gray-Jackson

- Report given by staffer Besse Odom
- See Attached Written Report
- Mr. Savitt asked a question of Ms. Odom and open discussion was held about the community spread of Covid-19 in Alaska

b. *House District 17* - Representative Andy Josephson

- Called in from the airport while heading to Juneau for the 4th special session. He believes they have done what they can do politically for the year. A super majority is needed to pass any further legal changes so he expects the session to wrap up quickly.

c. *House District 18* - Representative Harriet Drummond. Not Present. No report.

**Anchorage Assembly Reports:**

a. *Seat G* - Feliz Rivera

- The Assembly continues to hear mask mandate testimony
- Board and commission appointments: October is usually the time when board and commission appointments are made. Mr. Rivera encourages people to look at vacancies and apply.
- 2022 Budget has been announced. Assembly will be reviewing the budget and the policy decisions
- Redistricting work is in process. The committee will be vetting through a variety of proposed maps, will bring the maps up to the body and then to the public. The

question is timing, as to whether the redistricting will be completed prior to the April '22 election

b. *Seat F* - Meg Zaletel

- Proposed Sullivan Arena Mass Care Exit Strategy and Long Term Intervention Facilitated Decision Process powerpoint can be found here: <https://www.muni.org/departments/assembly/documents/webpage%20-%20committee%20on%20housing%20and%20homelessness/proposed%20approach%20for%20road%20shows%20100621-%20updated.pdf>
- Mr. Armstrong was working on an audit around equity hiring. Mr. Armstrong submitted the report to the administration, the report was previewed and then Mr. Armstrong was dismissed. The Assembly has not see the report.
- Upcoming item by the health department director will ask for funding to increase the funding back up for Covid-19 testing levels.
- Budget items - Mobile Crisis Team came online in July, funded to start full time this month (currently housed in the Fire Department), the Mayor has proposed moving the Mobile Crisis Team to fall under the Police Department which will move those contractors to under the Police
- Dr. John Morris, Administration's Housing and Homelessness Lead, is present tonight for open discussion
- Beginning planning stages for Homelessness Town Hall on October 20th.
- Ms. Zalatel opened the floor to questions and open discussion. Lots of member questions and participation about potential options to address homelessness.

**Anchorage School Board Report:**

a. *School Board Representative* - Carl Jacobs

- Happy Principal Appreciation Month
- Great Facebook Channel Alaska Echo
- Financial Literacy came up for the Board this year, work will be done to implement
- Board has been prioritizing student testimony in meetings, they have changed the process to allow students to testify first so that they can get to bed at an early hour
- Parent teacher conferences are on October 20th and 21st
- The Board reauthorized the Superintendent to continue making changes for Covid mitigations
- Board has increased Covid testing within the schools
- Next board meeting is the October 19th, sign up to testify here: <https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLSeVWE-wiHua43o2AoMSntvjRU2hOo1Wb1rg1dUJaRK0sD03hQ/viewform>
- Email all Board members here: [schoolboard@asdk12.org](mailto:schoolboard@asdk12.org)
- ASD Operational Guidelines: <https://www.asdk12.org/schoolstart>
- School Status Dashboard: <https://apps.asdk12.org/PTAC>
- Alaska Echo Facebook Channel: <https://www.facebook.com/akechoprograms>

VIII. NEW BUSINESS: No New Business

IX. ANNOUNCEMENTS AND MEMBER COMMENTS

- Next Meeting is November 8th, waiting on the Petroleum Club to open before meetings will be in person again
- Members expressed concerns about immunocompromised participation if the meeting goes to in person without an online option.
- From Meg Zalatel: Municipality of Anchorage Coronavirus Response Dashboard is here, if you scroll here you get the snap shot and the more in-depth data is through the data tab at the top: <https://covid-response-moa-muniorg.hub.arcgis.com>
- From John Morris: please feel free to email me any comments or questions [john.morris@anchorageak.gov](mailto:john.morris@anchorageak.gov)

X. ADJOURNMENT: Meeting adjourned by Peter Mjos at 8:40pm.



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**Happy October everyone!**

Autumn is finally upon us, and the leaves are quickly turning into beautiful colors and for some, the snow has arrived.

**Fourth Special Session**

With several special sessions behind us, we have another in front of us. Initially, the Governor called the Legislature back into session on October 1<sup>st</sup>, but after much deliberation, he issued a new proclamation stating October 4<sup>th</sup> as the start of the 4<sup>th</sup> special session. During the special session, I'll join other legislators to address:

- An act making appropriations for a supplemental 2021 PFD for eligible Alaskans
  - An Act related to the Permanent Fund Dividend program
  - SJR 6, HJR 7 or similar resolutions proposing amendments to the Constitution of the State of Alaska relating to the Alaska Permanent Fund
  - SJR 5, HJR 6 or similar resolutions or acts proposing amendments to the Constitution of the State of Alaska relating to an appropriation limit
  - An Act relating to measures to increase state revenues
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- ❖ The House passed a resolution that would have allowed both chambers to spend more than a week away from Juneau. The resolution would have required both chambers to convene once by Oct. 12.
  - ❖ The Senate did not consider the resolution. It adjourned until Friday. Both the Senate and House chambers are scheduled to hold their next floor session on Friday, Oct. 8<sup>th</sup>.



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**Legislative Council met on Oct 4<sup>th</sup> to implement guidelines for all legislative facilities which are to remain open under the following protocols:**

- Face coverings/Mask are required in all legislative facilities regardless of vaccinations.
- Social Distancing is still strongly encouraged.
- Cycle testing/Screening will continue to happen.
- In the event of a positive test, the Legislature will follow CDC guidance for those individuals.
- Mandatory legislative COVID-19 protocol signage will be properly displayed for the public and can be found on the legislature internet page at [www.akleg.gov](http://www.akleg.gov).

**The Growing Crisis**

As we continue to see the number of COVID-cases increase, we must be mindful to do our part in stopping the spread. I encourage you to stay current on CDC guidelines, practice social distancing and wear your mask. Remember, free testing and vaccines are still being offered at various sites across Anchorage.



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**Need assistance making your  
COVID-19 vaccine appointment?**

**Call the COVID Vaccine Helpline:**  
 **907-646-3322**

**Hours: 9am - 6:30pm (Mon-Fri),  
9am - 4:30 pm (Sat-Sun)**

*Always representing your interests!*



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