

Rogers Park Community Council
Meeting Minutes
February 14, 2022

Call to Order. Pete called the meeting to order at 6:48pm and provided general rules and welcome.

Establish quorum. Cassandra Raun confirmed quorum

Review January Meeting Minutes - Dave McCargo made motion to approve the minutes. Alex Bortnick Second. Minutes are approved.

Treasurer's Report: Ric Wilson - Wells Fargo account has \$604.49, one cent income from Wells Fargo, no expenses this month.

Assembly reports: *Meg Zaletel* - Good evening! Happy Valentine's Day. An ADU tax abatement ordinance will come before the body this week on Tuesday. Meg is hoping to postpone the vote until March so that she can create a substitute version. This ordinance would provide a tax abatement for a period of time for new construction ADUs but it doesn't address usage (vacation rentals versus long-term housing units). Meg would like to provide an alternate version that would also allow tax abatement for existing ADUs and clarify the benefit for units used as residential units not as short-term/vacation rentals.

Felix Rivera - Reapportionment work is continuing. The list of maps has narrowed from many to only 3. The maps are on the reapportionment website. Felix provided an overview of each of the three maps. There will be two public hearings, one on February 24 and one on March 1. Map 7v2 and Map 11 would keep Rogers Park Community Council intact. Timelines and fact sheets on reapportionment can be found here, as well as the maps: <https://www.muni.org/Departments/Assembly/ReapportionmentCommittee/Pages/default.aspx>

Regarding homelessness, Felix gave an update on the progress and planning of the Exit Mass Care Strategy. The municipality is looking at June to end mass care, close the Sullivan Arena as a facility. Update information can be found at this website. <https://www.muni.org/Departments/Assembly/Documents/Webpage%20-%20Committee%20on%20Housing%20and%20Homelessness/Implementation%20Update%20013122%20FINAL.pdf>

Valentine's Day Welcome Message: Heather Ireland - Welcome! If you are here tonight, you must love your community! Heather is working on concerns with Tikishla Planning for Tikishla Park. One reason to be involved with community councils is that it gives you a voice in your community. Please register to vote by March 6 to be eligible to vote in the April election!!

FCC Report: Linda Chase - Linda is now the FCC vice president. The FCC is an interesting organization and it is currently going through a transition. FCC has recently had discussions about AMATS, Title 1 parking, various transportation programs, and an interesting presentation about revitalizing neighborhoods. Linda is concerned about the lack of funding for the FCC. There was open discussion about FCC activities and municipal funding. Felix Rivera commented that there is \$90,000 in the budget for FCC. In the past there hasn't been support for increasing that budget item but Felix encourages new FCC leadership to advocate for increased funds, in particular as a way to increase community-wide communications.

Legislative Reports: *Senator Elvi Gray-Jackson* - Happy Black History Month! On January 19, the Alaska Supreme Court ruled that rank choice voting will take place in Alaska. Elvi explained rank choice voting.

More information here: <https://www.elections.alaska.gov/RCV.php>

Please see attached written report.

Representative Andy Josephson - The legislative session is in Week 4. there have been 10 hearings spanning 7 different bills including campaign contribution limits, higher education investment fund (regarding scholarships), hate crimes/anti-discrimination, increased pension to police and fire (designed to help keep workers in Alaska), and worker compensation. Alaska has more revenue this year than in the last 7 years due to higher oil prices and ARPA money from the Biden administration. Open discussion included member demands for increased pensions for teachers, as well as for police and fire fighters.

ASD report: Mr. Carl Jacobs - Anchorage School Board has reached a tentative 3 year agreement with the teacher's union. The vote will be finalized in the next few days and would be ratified at the next meeting on the 22nd. The search for a new superintendent is ongoing.

Signup for ASD Connect Newsletter: <https://conta.cc/31NR62A>

Superintendent Search Timeline: <https://bit.ly/3KGjViV>

Spring Lottery for 2022-2023 School Year: <https://bit.ly/3nULM5i>

ASD Hot Topics Page: <https://www.asdk12.org/hottopics>

ASD Covid-19 Testing Sites: <https://www.asdk12.org/Page/18301>

Updated Home Screening Guidelines: <https://www.asdk12.org/Page/18672>

2022 School Bond Info: <https://www.asdk12.org/Page/1870>

AEA/ASD Tentative Agreement: https://drive.google.com/file/d/1LEr4-z1L1Fm_0xRXpd3a9b5cJM7fKZGb/view

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JBER report: Ms. Joy Boston - not much to report except we are one month closer to Arctic Thunder, July 30 and 31st.

There was open discussion about a land swap request from Northeast Community Council (approximately 300 feet wide by 5 miles long from the federal government in exchange for land from the State along JBER's furthest East boundary). The swapped land would not be in the control of the community council (the goal is a trail), the State would have ultimate control of the land so a trail couldn't be guaranteed.

Vehicular Noise Reduction Resolution: Presentation and resolution, Mr. Bob Butera. Bob reviewed the history of his interest and the creation of the resolution. He explained his concerns and the resolution itself. The resolution was shared on the screen for members to read. Bob moved for the council to approve the resolution. Dave Evans seconded the motion. Open discussion. Pete Mjos called for a vote from the membership. Ric Wilson counted the vote. Final tally: 24 in favor, 1 against, 1 abstention. Resolution passed. See attached resolution.

Committee reports:

Transportation Committee:

- DOWL Report - Steve Noble - Alex is the new project manager and Noah is assisting Alex. Things have been moving a little slowly. Working their way through the CSS (Context Sensitive Solutions for Municipality of Anchorage) process. A concept report was presented to

the planning and zoning commission in January. www.36thinterchange.com They are also working on an Alternatives Report. Targeting April 19th for the public open house. Sign up at the website for the mailing list. Open discussion. Plan is still to go over 36th and under Benson/Northern Lights. Water table is not much difference between 36th and Benson but the difference is they can drain the water table from the hill at Benson. If they went under 36th they'd have to pump the water which leads to some additional maintenance costs and that is not an option that they are considering at this time. Noise study is planned for summer 2022.

- Bob Butera and Dave Evans - Please see attached documents.

1. 36th Avenue Project. Context Sensitive Design comments have been submitted based on previous resolutions due to the shortened timeline for comments.
2. Seward to Glenn Mobility Project - Bob shared the comments that have been drafted for submission prior to February 28th. Open discussion.
3. Transportation Improvement Project Nominations - comments were submitted based on a previous community council survey

Beautification: Pete read comments from Mr. Zaletel. Volunteers are requested for the summer season. For those starting plants, please start an extra tray to help fill the planters. The beautification committee will ask for some financing for an end of the summer community council picnic, estimate \$150-200. Please plan to submit a challenge grant request to plant a memorial tree this year.

Crime and safety: no chair

ADU: Dan will speak next month

Tree-Vitalize grants: See packet for information.

Concluding comments: Thank you one and all, and Happy Valentine's Day!

Adjournment: Scott McMurren motion to adjourn, Linda Chase second. Meeting adjourned at 9:31pm.