

Campbell Park Community Council

MINUTES

Thursday, April 21, 2022 | 7:00 pm

- I. Call to order 7:02 pm
- II. Approval of Agenda: Andrew Gray moved, 2nd Anna Hutchinson
- III. Approval of meeting minutes moved to approved Jordan Harary moved, 2nd Pat Dooley
- IV. Guest Speaker: postponed till May
- V. **Reports**
 - A. **Sen. Gray-Jackson:** discusses her Senate Bills that are on the move. Please see her newsletter (attached)
 - B. **Rep. Josephson:** Discussed his bills that are on the move: bill to reform the Alaska industrial development and export authority, bill to reform the board of Trustees for the Alaska Permanent Fund, HB 229 (reformation of the Alaska Higher Education Investment Fund), Bill to increase salaries of state attorneys; HB 104: help fund the Spill Prevention and Response Fund; and Retirement Bill for Police, Fire, and Corrections.
 - C. **Meg Zaletel:** Transportation Improvement Program 3 year plan via AMATs; prerelease comment period till May 5: in the TIP is the design for the pedestrian bridge over Lake Otis; multiuse pathway from Tudor Road to Northern Lights on

Alaska Railroad corridor; study of Tudor road corridor plan—starts in 2024 using Covid funding

- D. **Carl Jacobs:** Dr. Jharrett Bryantt is the new superintendent of ASD; Countdown to Kindergarten Event; Graduation Information shared; proposed board policy amendment to require school board attendance at community council meetings. Carl Jacobs will be swapping out shortly.
- E. **Felix Rivera:** Reapportionment: assembly voted in March to update its maps and there are no changes to Campbell Park, still Midtown. Single Adult Navigation Center and Shelter listening sessions coming up before assembly votes on \$6.2 million before beginning construction.
- F. **Kevin Fimon:** 1/3 of Community Councils rarely see their school board members – our community council has been an exception with such great attendance. CIP list is different than the TIP list is already back up for renewal and you can go on muni.org and find our projects from last year, the deadline is June 15. There's potential video training for our community council board members and community members – hopefully on a website that can be accessed. Kevin wants to stay as FCC rep. Andrew Gray will stay as Secretary. Kevin suggests that we invite Jason Grenn to come speak about ranked choice voting.
- G. **LT Lexie Smith (JBER)** – volunteer opportunities at veteran committal service for veterans who die and don't have next of kin, volunteers can attend and show appreciation for these veterans. Arctic Thunder open house will be in person on July 30 and 31st

H. CPCC Chair (Anna Hutchinson): no chair report

VI. New Business

A. **Chugach Board of Directors Candidate Rachel Morse** – voting for Chugach

Electrical closes on May 20. Their annual meeting will happen on May 20th in person if you want to attend.

B. **Waldron Pond Update Lindsey Durrell**: unfortunately our proposed project in honor of Marcie Trent did not receive funding.

C. **Introduction of change to bylaws** – Andrew Gray; we learned that Chair has power to decide if a meeting should or should not happen. We tentatively plan not to have a regular meeting in June.

VII. Next Meeting: May 19th, 2022, 7:00 p.m.

VIII. Adjournment 8:58 pm

Senator Gray-Jackson's Newsletter

My Senate Bills on the Move

SB 7 State Trooper Policies: Public Access. Was heard in H-JUD on 4/13/22 and will moveout on Friday April 22nd and head to the House floor for a vote.

SB 80 Public Schools: Mental health Education. Senate passed bill on Monday, April 4th by a vote of 13-1 with five senators absent. Will be going to House Finance next.

SB 157 Health and Personal Safety Education. Was heard in the Senate Education committee on April 8th.

SB 222 Extend Physical Therapy & Occupational Therapy Board. Senate passed the bill on Friday April 8th by a vote of 16-0 with 4 senators absent. Bill will now go to H-Fin prior to the floor for a vote.

[Other bills on the move](#)

On April 12, the Alaska State Senate unanimously passed Senate Bill 111 “Alaska Reads Act”.

This bill seeks to expand universal, voluntary Pre-K and other early learning services, establishes a statewide K-3rd grade reading intervention program, and codifies support for virtual education.

The bill creates four new programs:

- An early education program.
- A comprehensive reading intervention program.
- A school improvement reading program.
- A virtual education consortium.

Department of Health and Social Services Split

[Executive Order 121](#) to split the Alaska Department of Health and Social Services into two Departments has taken effect.

- The split will occur on July 1.
- The cost to implement the split is estimated at around \$2 million.

The proposed Department of Family and Community Services would contain:

- Division of Juvenile Justice
- Office of Children’s Services
- Alaska Pioneer Homes
- Alaska Psychiatric Institute

The proposed Department of Health would contain:

- Division of Public Health
- Division of Behavioral Health
- Division of Healthcare Services
- Division of Senior and Disabilities Services

April is Sexual Assault Awareness Month, and I would like to take a moment to ask all Alaskans to come together and stand against sexual assault in our homes and communities, commit to keeping our citizens safe, and to increase support to victims and survivors of sexual assault. Sexual assault awareness month was officially recognized for the first time in 2001.

Governor Dunleavy submitted legislation ([SB 241](#) [HB 414](#)) to the Alaska Legislature on April 4th which appropriates the initial funding anticipated to be received by the State of Alaska from the federal Infrastructure Investment and Jobs Act (IIJA). Some of the highlights follow:

- \$560.2 million in additional federal funds for surface transportation, rural water and wastewater programs, veterans' services and cybersecurity grants.
- \$37.4 million for federal weatherization programs and the Alaska Low Income Home Energy Assistance Program
- \$28 million for investments in modernizing the electric grid, developing clean hydrogen and a research demonstration facility for Alaska's substantial reserves of critical and rare earth minerals
- \$5 million to stand up the State of Alaska Infrastructure Office to coordinate and consolidate efforts with all recipients of IIJA funds
- \$4 million to construct housing for teachers and public safety personnel in rural communities not connected to the road system.
- \$2.5 million to the Alaska Federation of Natives to continue the navigator program, a joint effort with the state on securing all funding available in the IIJA legislation.

Budget

On April 9, the Alaska House of Representatives passed the proposed operating budget for the State of Alaska by a vote of 25-14. The bill has been sent to Senate Finance and will be on the floor for a vote and amendments soon.

We are currently working on the capitol budget, and it will soon be coming to the Senate.

The budget proposal includes funding to send nearly every Alaskan a check this year of \$2,550.

- 2022 PFD of \$1,250
- \$1,300 energy relief check
- With oil prices well above \$100 per barrel, the State of Alaska can afford to help offset the high costs of gasoline, heating fuel, and other energy sources.

Email: Sen.Elvi.Gray-Jackson@akleg.gov, Ludmila.Diaz@akleg.gov or Besse.Odom@akleg.gov

Always representing your interests!

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Elvi Gray-Jackson". The signature is written in a cursive style with a large initial "E" and "J".

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