

**Rogers Park Community Council
Meeting Minutes
May 9, 2022**

President, Peter Mjos; Vice President, Scott McMurren; Secretary, Cassandra Raun; Treasurer, Ric Wilson; Immediate past President, Steve Lindbeck; FCC representative, Linda Chase

Call to Order: Pete called the meeting to order at 6:47pm and asked for a few minutes of silence in honor of our brothers and sisters in war torn countries around the world, in all the places war has destroyed lives, families, cities, counties, and cultures.

Pete asked that members be sure to review the information compiled in the meeting packet for this month, particularly the ADU documentation.

Quorum established by Ric Wilson and Cassandra Raun

Review and approve April minutes: Scott McMurren moved to approve, Dave McCargo second, minutes approved.

Treasurer's report: Ric Wilson - Credit Union 1 has paid us more in 6 weeks than in the 9 months we were at Wells Fargo. Our balance is 604.53. We have gained .04 in interest and spent nothing since the last report.

FCC report: Linda Chase - Not Present, please see attached written report

RPCC Election: Jim Wright, nominations chair. Jim presented the full slate of candidates. Pete Mjos for President, Scott McMurren for Vice President, Cassandra Raun for Secretary and Sara Dykstra for Treasurer. Immediate past President would continue to be Steve Lindbeck. Jim asked if there was anyone else who wanted to step forward to run. No one stepped forward. Jim called for any opposition. Beth Abisror opposed the slate. Jim called for a vote. The slate was elected with 18 yeas, 4 nays, 0 abstentions. Newly elected officers will assume their roles at the September RPCC meeting.

Alaska legislative reports:

Rep. Andy Josephson - Gave updates on HB30, an update on permanent and partial impairment ratings and HB104, an Act relating to the refined fuel surcharge and suspending the tax on motor fuel.

Senator Elvi Gray Jackson - Besse Odom for the Senator. Please see attached written report.

Rep. Harriet Drummond - In relation to the waste water treatment plant, she had a tour there several years ago. One thing that concerns her is that Mayor Bronson suspended the investigation of the separate stormwater and drainage investigation that the previous administration was doing and the current administration discontinued that investigation. This is unrelated to the waste water treatment question but Harriet is concerned that the administration is disregarding these utility concerns.

Assembly reports:

Felix Rivera - Latest Navigation Center updates from today can be viewed by clicking on the housing and homelessness button on the muni website. Looking at completion of the project by October with potential occupancy beginning August 1st if construction is going well. This would put the plan about a month behind from July 1 to August 1. The question is what will happen in the interim. Budget: 1st quarter budget amendments were approved by the assembly. The Mayor vetoed those amendments, the assembly will be meeting on Friday to override those vetoes. Vote tomorrow to approve a youth representative to the assembly.

Guest CC president, Tod Butler, Tudor Area CC - Has lived in the area since 1963. Is glad to continue his work and the collaboration between the community councils.

Committee reports:

ADU: There was a meeting between Meg Zaletel, Dan Rosenberg, Mark Foster and Daniel McKenna Foster, city planner. The goal is not to abolish ADUs but find ways to address community concerns. One of the big concerns is that Anchorage is the most northernly city in North America and has the longest shadows and the most solar radiation. Talking about detached ADUs, Anchorage gets the lowest angle of sun and therefore the longest shadows. The city has a climate action plan that promotes light but the current ADU designs do a lot to demote it.

From Daniel McKenna-Foster via chat:

<https://www.muni.org/Departments/OCPD/Planning/Projects/AnchLandUse/Pages/ADU.aspx>

Our survey data can be found here. It does indicate that for most people cost was the biggest obstacle--but unfortunately cost is not something the Muni can address directly. In another survey done by Lindsey Hajduk of Neighborworks, she found that many people she talked to expect the Muni to do something.

Transportation: Pete Mjos had suggested the Maplewood Hill as a CIP. Immediately following last month's meeting Pete and Steve Noble did a walk about at Maplewood and Steve submitted a proposal to Senator Gray-Jackson, proposed amount was \$3 Million. That is in the works.

Beautification: Gretchen Cuddy - June 4th and 5th they will meet at Fireweed and Juneau at 9am. They will break into groups for a neighborhood clean up. They will have planters again this year and they are looking for more people to donate flowers to help fill the planters. Kara at UAA again donated 3-4 flats of flowers that they had in excess at UAA. They need a truck on June 4th. They'd appreciate help to load and transport the planters. And they need volunteers to help sign up for a week of watering during the summer.

Chokecherry Eradication: - Pete has learned from the Airport Heights CC that they have received a grant in the amount of \$5000 for chokecherry eradication.

CIP: Bob Butera - they have moved up the deadline for CIP nominations to May 11. They have received 4 local/municipal nominations and 3 state nominations. An email will go out after the nominations so that members can rank the projects. Goal is to get the survey results to the municipality by the end of the month.

https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLSf5ONxeB2Jhgn-tsFBL_xm5MGhkb0I4yudLphV3jMfAwUFq_LQ/viewform

Special Invited Guests:

Jason Green, Rank Choice Voting tutorial - Shared a brief slide show about the changes to our voting process. Open primaries are back. Open primaries do not require a voter to declare their party affiliation in order to participate. You can vote for who you want regardless of party. Alaska is the first state to select the top 4 candidates from the primary. All voters will get the same primary ballot and you will pick one candidate in each race and the top 4 candidates will move on to the general election. At the general election, you will rank the candidates 1 to 4. June 11: Special Primary Election by mail.
Jason Green, jason@alaskansforbetterelections.com; 907-301-3046

3rd Avenue Radicals, Jim Renkert: they got organized a few years ago around community concerns. The next meeting of the 3rd Avenue Radicals is this Thursday from 11:45 to 1:15 at the green PIP warehouse in the alley between Hyder and Ingra behind Anchorage Sign & Design. Elected officials or their aides usually attend. Please come.

Transportation: Steve Noble - They got Planning and Zoning approval last meeting. The next big thing for the project will be the noise study this summer. If anyone lives within 2 or 3 lots of the Seward Highway that would like to participate in the study, please let Steve know.

Other reports:

ASD: Carl Jacobs - See attached written report

JBER Joy Boston - See attached written report

AFD - From Chat:

Doug Schrage, Fire Chief; douglas.schrage@anchorageak.gov; 907.267.4936 I'm afraid I have to sign off - my contact information is included above. Please reach out to me if you have any questions or concerns. Have a wonderful summer, all.

Closing Comments.

Next meeting September 12, 2022, via Zoom

Best wishes for a healthy and delightful summer.

Adjournment: Scott McMurren motion to adjourn, Sara Dykstra second, meeting adjourned at 9:07pm

ASD School Board Update:

Signup for ASD Connect Newsletter: <https://conta.cc/3INR62A>

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

2022 Graduation Info: <https://www.asdk12.org/graduations>
Most Recent Superintendent Re-
port: <https://www.asdk12.org/Page/16184?fbclid=IwAR1-3YTvHS7GICdib-vOWgor1hHJhLBWspyPSSHDITmUfLHM4sHQvG6ZrRA>

FY2022-2023 Budget: <https://www.asdk12.org/Page/18726>

Open enrollment for returning students is now open! Click here for the details:
<https://bit.ly/3OVrGnt>

Upcoming ASD Board Meeting - 5/17 @ 6:00pm
Link to agenda (when available) and to register for testimony:
<https://www.asdk12.org/Page/4329>

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JBER notes for May Meeting

Hello Rogers Park Community Council,
Here are events and info from JBER.

- Boniface Visitor Center is open! Richardson Visitor Center is closed until September 2022

- Red Flag Exercises – joint (Air Force, Army, Navy, Marine Corps) and coalition (UK, Canada, etc.) field training exercise (FTX) with personnel and equipment located at Eielson AFB and JBER and operations conducted in Joint Pacific Alaska Range Complex (JPARC)

April 28 – May 13

9 – 24 June

Noise complaint filing information at <https://www.jber.jb.mil/Contact-Us/>

- The next unaccompanied veteran committal service will be Wednesday, May 25 at 2:30 PM at the National Cemetery; contact Virginia for help getting on base, Virginia.Walker1@va.gov

- Municipality's Memorial Day event "Anchorage Remembers" will be on Monday, May 30 at 9:30 AM at the Veteran's Memorial on I St between 9th and 10th Ave, downtown Anchorage

- The National Cemetery on JBER will hold a Memorial Day event on Monday, May 30; music will begin at 11:30AM and the ceremony starts at 12PM at the flagpole. Everyone is asked to park on Davis Highway, outside the cemetery, and walk into the grounds. Handicap and VIP parking will be available inside the cemetery. Please call the National Cemetery at 384-7075 for additional information

- 48th annual Arctic Valley Run (5 miles or 12.6 miles) will be Saturday, June 4 at 10 AM, more info and sign-up at <https://runsignup.com/Race/AK/Anchorage/ArcticValleyRun>

- Arctic Thunder Open House, July 30-31! Find updates at <https://www.arcticthunderopen-house.com/> or on Facebook at <https://facebook.com/events/s/arctic-thunder-open-house-2022/868294350700826/>

- Several leadership changes coming up this summer at JBER
Alaska NORAD Region/Alaska Command/11th Air Force incoming commander Lt Gen David Nahom
673d Air Base Wing incoming commander Col David Wilson
3d Wing incoming commander Col Kevin Jamieson

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I live and work on Dena'ina land. (English)
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