

# Meeting Minutes

## North Star Community Council

September 14, 2022  
(online via Zoom)

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### *PRESENT*

#### NSCC Officers & Members:

- Matt Johnson, President
- Mark Butler, Vice President
- Andre Camara, Treasurer
- Mike Hondel, Secretary
- Susan Miller, Member at Large

North Star residents present:  
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#### Legislative:

- State Senator Elvi Gray-Jackson (SD-1), w/ Harlyn (assistant)
- State Representative Harriet Drummond (HD-18)

#### Assembly:

- Daniel Volland

#### Other Entities:

- Abby O'Neil  
*Principal, North Star Elementary*
  - Kayla Epstein  
*Assisting State Senator Tom Begich*
  - Dave Rittenberg  
*Catholic Social Services*
  - Kennedy Kruchoski (Solstice Alaska), Matt Edge (CRW Engineers), Noah King (DOT)  
*Fish Creek Trail*
  - Joy Boston  
*JBER*
  - Pat Higgins  
*ASD School Board*
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## CALL TO ORDER

- I. Introductions. Approval of agenda. Approval of minutes from previous meeting.

## NEW BUSINESS (partial)

- A. Obituary of Mary Jo Robinson (Wife of Gordon Glaser)
- B. Gordon Glazer & Kayla Epstein:  
Legislative redistricting, NS will have different State Senator starting in January 2023.
- C. Joy Boston, JBER:  
Upcoming: 75th birthday of USAF; rapid hiring event on base; Aim High Flight Academy; JBER to provide drivers to ASD for 90 days.

## REPORTS

### II. COUNCIL

- A. Andre Camara: bank account

### III. LEGISLATIVE REPRESENTATIVES

- A. State Senator Elvi Gray-Jackson:  
List of Governor's budget vetoes, list of approved budget line items. Inflation Reduction Act signed. Legislative redistricting. Q&A re: vetting legislative appointments.
- B. State Representative Harriet Drummond:  
Election season for state reps. Governor's activity.

### IV. ASSEMBLY REPRESENTATIVES

- A. Daniel Volland:  
Recognition resolutions passed at last Assembly meeting. Confirmation hearings (OMB, Parks & Rec, Muni Attorney). Other resolutions passed. Use of marijuana tax income. Homelessness and cold-weather response, community opposition to Spenard & Mt. View rec centers for sheltering, navigation center, outreach teams. Q&A re: ASD budget cuts; open library director position; Fireweed Lane, multimodal travel & AMATS; housing costs; APD & body cameras; considerations for regulations on short-term rentals.

### V. COMMUNITY

- A. Pat Higgins, Anchorage School Board  
Budget situation, bus drivers issue, deferred maintenance, academic considerations.

## NEW BUSINESS (continued)

- D. Complex Care Facility (formerly known as the Sockeye Inn) – Dave Rittenberg, Catholic Social Services  
Summary of services, population served, capacity, referral-based, case management, not a mental health facility. June opening.
  - 1. Proposed Memorandum of Understanding between the Complex Care Facility and the NSCC
- E. Fish Creek Trail to the Ocean Project – Kennedy Kruchoski (Solstice Alaska), Matt Edge (CRW Engineers), Noah King (AK DOT) <https://fishcreektrail.com/>  
Trail connecting Northern Lights Blvd with the Coastal Trail. Project history. Fish Creek estuary. Funded by AMATS. Route alternatives. Oct 11 public open house.

## OLD BUSINESS

- A. Chugach Electric Undergrounding – Mike Hondel:  
Status update.

- B. Fireweed Lane Improvements and the Need to Advocate for More Road Improvements in Anchorage – Mark Butler, NSCC Vice President:  
Status update, infrastructure funding.
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S.R. Harriet Drummond  
Kayla Epstein  
Gordon Glazer  
Susan Miller  
Michael Patterson  
Sharon Schlicht