

**Rogers Park Community Council  
Meeting Minutes  
October 17, 2022**

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

**Call to Order:** Scott McMurren, standing in for Pete Mjos, called the meeting to order at 6:48pm, read the rules of the meeting and introduced the board members

**Establish Quorum:** Cassandra Raun established quorum

**Welcome Message:** Sara Dykstra welcomed the community and invited members to join the Rogers Park Community Council at an upcoming meet and greet at Rogers Park Elementary, Election Day November 8th, for a cookie, a visit, hot chocolate and a photo at the Volkswagen bus booth!!

**Review and approve September minutes:** Sara Dykstra motion to approve, Jim Wright second, minutes approved.

**FCC report:** Linda Chase - FCC Executive committee is out of the country but there is a meeting this coming Wednesday from 6-8pm. FCC is taking on a couple of new issues. One of them is homelessness. Maybe if the community councils all work together we can move stuff down the road. Linda invites anyone who is interested to come to a meeting, meetings are held at the FCC offices on Fireweed.

***Alaska legislative reports:***

**Senator Elvi Gray Jackson** - There are 59 legislators running for reelection and that's what they have been busy with. October is Filipino American Heritage month since 2009. We should use October and every month to recognize the many contributions of Filipino Americans. October is also Domestic Violence Awareness Month, please make yourself aware of resources to help you or someone you know. October is also Breast Cancer Awareness Month, get your mammograms!! On September 7, Elvi drove around her new district and during the drive she saw many needs within her new district ranging from needed drainage and curb jacking to others and she looks forward to adding these concerns to the budget.

**Rep. Andy Josephson** - Alexander Schroeder was present on behalf of Rep. Josephson. Alexander grew up in Northeast Anchorage, went to Bartlett, went to UAA and is now working for Rep Josephson. Since session, Rep. Josephson has been speaking at conferences including the public health conference in Atlanta, going to recurring legislative meetings and he will attend an upcoming meeting of HB55, the defined benefits bill. Rep. Josephson looks forward, if reelected, to pushing a couple of bills including the defined benefits bill, to try and revise the incompetency laws, push a bill for condo/townhouse owners related to eviction and a bill for Alaska Housing Trust Fund. If reelected he would no longer represent this area but will continue sending staff to our meetings through the end of the year.

***Assembly reports:***

**Felix Rivera** - regarding homelessness, the assembly had a provision before it to round out the emergency shelter plan through the end of the year including increased capacity at Brother Francis, Covenant House, usage of the Sullivan and as of last week, the Alex House. Beans Cafe is still an option for emergency shelter but the Muni has recently required additional insurance for providers and because of that Beans withdrew their facility from consideration. Last week they removed the Golden Lion and took it out of the emergency shelter plan. Many assembly members do not want to use the Golden Lion as a shelter, they want to use it as housing. Felix is hopeful that there will be some more housing units coming online by the end of the year so less housing will be needed after the first of the year but those details will have to be sorted.

The Assembly is in the middle of budget season, budget books have been released. They are online. First work session was held last week, there is another session this Friday. Discussions will be held October 25 and November 9th, the vote will be held on November 20.

**Meg Zaletel** - Regarding homelessness, they expect close to 138 housing units to come online by the end of the year, which can house between 150 - 200 individuals. Meg supports the Golden Lion to be used as housing because the city has some funding to use for leases and payment of rent. DOT wrote a letter to the Muni stating that the Golden Lion is condemned but that's not quite true. AMATs will be meeting on Thursday to discuss the language and definitions surrounding that letter. There was a great health policy meeting this month about substance misuse and what can be done to address substance misuse. November 2nd they will have a conversation about mental health. The administration has suggested moving the mobile crisis unit from the AFD to the APD. The whole point of the mobile crisis unit was to remove police response to mental health.

ADU Introduction to the Assembly is scheduled for November 9th with public hearing set for November 22nd, but that may get pushed.

***Committee reports:***

**-Transportation, DOWL** - Steve Noble with Noah King and Sam Tyler - shared a short presentation, not a lot has changed. The main thing that has been going on is the Noise Study and they are working to get the project added to the STIP Amendment and that will mean that the project would qualify for federal funding as well as state funding. The website is online. If you are new to the project, you can look online for current information. There have been concerns about configuration and routing, concerns about parking, concerns about landscaping and enhancements. There are ongoing concerns about security and homelessness, concerns about noise and during construction what the impacts will be. Questions about multimodal use, bike lanes and separation have been raised. Noise data has been collected over summer and fall, they are in the process of modeling that data.

**-Beautification - Zack Zaletel** - Planters were picked up for the winter.

**-JBER** - please see written report

**Closing Comments for the good of the order** - Looking forward to the in-person event on election day!! The photo bus will be there. We'll have refreshments. Please bring cookies if you'd like to share!

**Next meeting Monday, November 14, 2022, via Zoom**

**Meeting adjourned at 8:14pm**