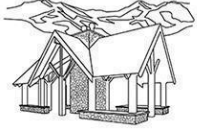


Abbott Loop



Community Council

AGENDA

GENERAL MEMBERSHIP MEETING

Date: November 17th, 2022

Time: 6:30-8:30 PM

*****WE ARE MEETING IN-PERSON/ZOOM OPTION BELOW*****

LOCATION: Abbott Loop Elementary 8427 Lake Otis Parkway

Potluck! Sign up: <https://signup.com/go/aUQHnxb>

Abbott Loop Community Council Zoom Hybrid

Join Zoom Meeting Access:

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/85226973011?pwd=OVVGZC9KT25jU2N2OGdlamJkSWNJdz09>

Meeting ID: 852 2697 3011 Passcode: 546795

Zoom Meeting etiquette:

- The hybrid meetings are NEW to our council, so have patience with us and the tech.
- You must list your name
- If you are a member of Abbott Loop Community Council- type ALCC after your name. If you are a guest-type guest and/or your affiliation after your name.
- Please do not use the chat for private or side conversations. Chat can be used to add relevant information like links or contact information and to kindly help us “fine tune” the meeting (indicate sound problems, etc).
- To ask a question or make a comment use the raise hand function.
- Prior to speaking each speaker should state their name, area of Abbott Loop they live in, and if a member, or guest.

If you would like to receive email notifications from the Federation of Community Councils about the ALCC meetings, visit www.communitycouncils.org and click “Sign-Up” (upper right-hand corner of page). This will get you registered for emails and the reminders before meetings.

- A member is anyone who resides in or has a business in the ALCC district.
- The setting is informal and participation is encouraged.
- Meetings are open to the public and everyone is invited and welcome!

Call to Order

- Round of Introductions
- Changes or additions to agenda
- Approval of minutes from October 2022: Kathleen Easley
- Treasurer’s report: Heather Schrage

APD Report-Report and Q & A

Legislative Reports: Q & A <http://akleg.gov/>

- Senator: Josh Revak
- Representative: Calvin Schrage

Community Reports and Q & A:

- Assembly member(s) www.muni.org/departments/assembly
- School Board member(s) <https://www.asdk12.org/Page/1442>
- Mayor's Office Report <https://www.muni.org/departments/mayor/Pages/default.aspx>
- JBER Community Engagement

Reports

FCC Representative: Bruce Roberts

Roads & Projects Committee: Mary Minor

Parks & Rec Committee: Mark Miner

Planning & Zoning Committee: Mary Miner

Cannabis & Alcohol Committee: Yolanda Meza

- American Legion #28 Brayton Drive, renewal of Liquor License 59

Membership & Events: Lizzie Newell

Abbott Loop Community Patrol: Dan Rudder, Lead <http://www.accpatrols.org/>

Old Business

New Business

- Ron Thompson Scope Permitting and Engineering, LLC- Kaladi brothers project at 6921 Brayton Drive. In 2015, Title 21 was revised to require a Conditional Use for Commercial Food Production in a B-3 Zoning District. Presentation on the proposed new building being added to the same property behind the current building. On ALCC website here: [ALCC Current Year ALCC Documents](#) as Presentation Kaladi Brothers November 2022.
- 10-year review of Community Council district boundaries including identifying any potential boundary study areas for review (by mid-December), and providing comments from your Community Council about any proposed boundary adjustments (during first half of 2023). In the coming weeks a brief online questionnaire about Community Council boundaries will be sent out on the Community Councils mass email list. Please respond to the questionnaire. Project website: <https://www.muni.org/Departments/OCPD/Planning/Projects/Pages/CommunityCouncilBoundariesReview.aspx>

Announcements/Comments

No December meeting, see you in 2023!

Upcoming Meeting Dates

ALCC monthly meetings are usually the last Thursday of the month. October-December meetings are scheduled for the 3rd Thursday because of Parent/Teacher conferences and holiday closures of the school.

- January 26, 2023
- February 16th, 2023 (3rd Thursday (ASD Parent Teacher Conferences Feb 22-24)
- March 30th, 2023
- April 27th, 2023
- May 18th OR 25th, 2023 (Last day of school for ASD is May 23rd, TBA)
- June/July Community Picnics and park gatherings TBA

Adjourn

Resources

- Abbott Loop Community Council: <http://communitycouncils.org/servlet/content/2.html>
- Abbott Loop Community Forum: <https://www.facebook.com/abbottloopcc/?fref=ts>
- Whisper Faith Kovach Playground & Fenced Dog Park: <https://www.facebook.com/groups/720624007969641/>
- Abbott Loop South Next Door: https://abbottloopsouth.nextdoor.com/news_feed/
- Abbott Loop North Next Door: <https://nextdoor.com/neighborhood/abbottloopnorthak--anchorage--ak/>
- Abbott Loop Community Council Facebook page: <https://www.facebook.com/abbottloopcc> or search @abbottloopcc
- Information about Accessory Dwelling Unit Project
<https://www.muni.org/Departments/OCPD/Planning/Projects/AnchLandUse/Pages/ADU.aspx>
- Information about the Academy Dr- Vanguard Dr. Project <http://www.academyandvanguard.com/>
- Information for the [Dowling/Seward Highway project 2022/2023](#)
- State of Alaska DOT Seward Highway project O'Malley to Dimond can be found here: <http://www.sewardhighway.info/>
- Information for the Seward Highway & 36th Avenue Interchange Project <http://www.36thinterchange.com/>
- Anchorage Bowl Land Use Plan:
<http://www.muni.org/Departments/OCPD/Planning/Projects/AnchLandUse/Pages/default.aspx>
- APD safety message emails or text alerts: <https://local.nixle.com/register/> or send a text to 888777
- Alaska Redistricting- <https://www.akredistrict.org/>
- Assembly 101 playlist for those wanting to learn all about Assembly procedures, how to participate, etc.
<https://www.youtube.com/playlist?list=PLylc7U989Xcav5eQC9FmjAEofZD576ecb>

The Abbott Loop Community Council generally meets the last Thursday of the month from 6:30pm to 8:30pm at Abbott Loop Elementary except in June for a community Summer Picnic at the Abbott Loop Community Park and July for an informal gathering at Whisper Faith Kovach park. If you have agenda items, please send your requests to both: Bruce Roberts brucearoberts@hotmail.com 907-952-9969 & Kathleen Easley katmandu26@hotmail.com 907-748-6076.

Dena'inaq e'nen'aaq' gheshtnu ch'q'u yeshdu. (Dena'ina)

I live and work on Dena'ina land. (English) ~ Translation by Joel Isaak and Sondra Shaginoff-Stuart

ABBOTT LOOP COMMUNITY COUNCIL

| OFFICERS | | DIRECTORS | | |
|-----------------------|-----------------|------------|---------------|----------------|
| PRESIDENT | Bruce Roberts | Pat O'Hara | Lizzie Newell | Dan Rudder |
| VICE-PRESIDENT | Susan Soule | Mark Miner | Yolanda Meza | Emily Sullivan |
| SECRETARY | Kathleen Easley | Kari Nore | Patti Higgins | Marilyn Russel |
| TREASURER | Heather Schrage | | | |

STANDING COMMITTEES SPECIAL COMMITTEES

| Parks & Rec | Roads & Projects | Planning & Zoning | Cannabis & Alcohol | Membership & Events | Community Patrol | By-Laws Committee |
|---------------------|---------------------|---------------------|-----------------------|------------------------|--------------------|--------------------|
| Mark Miner Chair | Mary Miner Chair | Mary Miner Chair | Yolanda Meza Chair | Lizzie Newell Chair | Dan Rudder Lead | Kari Nore Chair |
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| Susan Soule | Bruce Roberts | | | Patti Higgins | Thomas Greenman | |
| | | | | | Phil Parks | |

JBER Community Engagement- November 2022

Individuals interested in registering for access on Veterans Day should call (907) 552-6910 between the hours of 8 to 11 a.m. and noon to 4 p.m.

To register, individuals must be U.S. citizens and provide their full name, state ID or driver's license number and date of birth. Security Forces personnel will run a criminal background check for disqualifying information. Upon successful screening, individuals will be added to a list of authorized patrons at the Richardson Gate.

The technician handling your call will inform you if you're cleared for entry or denied access at the time of the call.

You may experience long wait times during the phone call, depending on time of day, but pre-registration will eliminate waiting at the VCC the day of the events.

Patrons 16 and older will only show their ID to be compared to the list and will be granted access to the base. Patrons under 16 do not require criminal vetting or a picture ID to gain access to JBER for this event.

Exercise:

During the week of Nov. 14th, people who live and work on or near the installation may notice increased air traffic, emergency vehicle activity, sirens, loudspeaker announcements, alert notifications and longer wait times at the gates during the exercise.

Star Lighting:

On Nov. 25th at approx. 8 a.m. the star on the mountain is scheduled to be turned on. This year is unique as our JBER team will not need to transverse the mountainside to "flip the switch." Repair work was recently completed to be able to power the star from the installation. Read the full story at <https://www.jber.jb.mil/News/News-Articles/NewsDisplay/Article/3154322/773d-ces-gives-arctic-valley-star-new-lights/>.

JBER Hiring:

We have several jobs available on JBER. For detailed information about current openings and how to apply visit <https://jberlife.com/jobs/>.

JBER Community Engagement

Jber.pa@us.af.mil

907-551-8996



Representative Calvin Schrage

*Proudly serving our friends and neighbors in
the Abbott Loop - Lower Hillside community*

Dear friends and neighbors,

I hope you are all well as we move into the holiday season. After a long break (due to legislative ethics restrictions), we're thrilled to be getting back to our monthly legislative newsletter and to announce that I will continue to be your representative in the Alaska State Legislature for the next two years. It's the honor of a lifetime to represent our Abbott Loop - Lower Hillside community and I look forward to continuing to work for you. As always, I'm available to talk if you have questions, concerns, ideas, or problems my office and I can help out with. You can reach me by email at Rep.Calvin.Schrage@akleg.gov, on my personal cell at [907-240-8986](tel:907-240-8986), or at our office at [907-465-4931](tel:907-465-4931).

Legislative Organization Update

While in past years, the House and Senate have often been able to organize within days of the election concluding, this year there are many elections still undecided in the Alaska State House and the path forward for a majority is unclear for the time being. Despite this uncertainty, I remain optimistic that we will form a bipartisan coalition of independents, democrats, and republicans again - as we have for the past 6 years - in order to bring stability and compromise to the state legislature.

In the Senate, the numbers are less uncertain and it is expected that they will announce the formation of their own bipartisan coalition in the coming days. If formed, this will be the first time a bipartisan coalition has governed the senate since 2012.

Fun fact: Alaska is the only state in the country with a legislative body governed by a bipartisan majority coalition.

Anchorage School District Update

Like many Anchorage residents, I am extremely concerned about recent news from the Anchorage School District regarding their [projected \\$68 million deficit](#) and the impact that this deficit could have on our students, teachers, and schools. This large deficit,

driven primarily by record inflation (reducing the purchasing power of every dollar), rising healthcare costs, state outmigration, and other factors, coupled with historically flat funding from the state of Alaska, will require the Anchorage School District to make major cuts including school closures unless the legislature acts swiftly to provide support.

With respect to school closures, specifically, the Anchorage School District has released a [preliminary list of schools that could be closed](#) as a result of the deficit. Although this list is not finalized, the proposed schools that the ASD is looking at closing are:

- Abbott Loop Elementary
- Birchwood Elementary
- Klatt Elementary
- Nunaka Valley Elementary
- Northwood Elementary
- Wonder Park Elementary

The final decision on school closures is not expected to take place until at least December and the school district is holding a series of town halls and listening sessions, both in-person and virtual, across the district. I strongly encourage community members concerned about the impact of these closures and cuts to our local schools to attend these town halls and share your input with the ASD Administration and School Board.

Lastly, I would like to note that this issue is not unique to Anchorage and school districts across Alaska are similarly grappling with skyrocketing costs. I am optimistic that through working with other legislators, we will be able to pass a meaningful increase to the Base Student Allocation (BSA) to help fill the deficit and get our students and teachers the support they are so desperately in need of.

Upcoming Town Hall on the proposed school closures and Budget Deficit

[Abbott Loop Elementary Town Hall](#)

On Monday, November 21st, a [town hall at Abbott Loop Elementary](#) will take place at 6 pm. This will also be [streamed online](#) for those who cannot attend in person.

Abbott Loop Elementary School
8427 Lake Otis Parkway
Anchorage, AK 99507
6pm-7pm

Location: Cafeteria/Multi-purpose room
Doors open at 5:30pm

There will be a brief FY24 Budget Solutions presentation starting at 6pm. The moderator will then open it up to questions/feedback from the community.

If you want to provide feedback/ask questions, you will need to sign-up at the registration table as you enter the school. No names will be taken prior. It must be on-site starting @5:30pm. Speakers will have three minutes. ASL support and translator support will be provided on-site

Virtual Town Halls on November 29th and 30th

When: November 29th and 30th, 2022, 6PM - 8PM

You can [register to testify here](#):

Upcoming Session

Although much remains up in the air on what the legislature will look like come January, my office and I are hard at work on potential legislation and policies to help make our state and community a better place. If you have thoughts, ideas, or concerns about legislation for the next session, I want to hear from you. Please email us at rep.calvin.schrage@akleg.gov or call our office anytime at 907-465-4931.

Below are some additional resources for staying up-to-date and engaged:

Watch Committee Meetings – Most committee hearings are broadcast on Gavel Alaska at 360north.org or through the Live Now tab on the AK Legislature's [home page](#). House and Senate floor sessions are also available on Gavel Alaska at ktoo.org/gavel.

Access Budget Materials – The Office of Management and Budget website has many helpful tools and presentations relating to the state budget. You can find these resources, and more, at omb.alaska.gov.

Keep Track of Bills – If you're interested in learning more about a bill from this session or from years past, you can learn more at akleg.gov/basis/Home/BillsandLaws. Just type in a bill number in the search bar (ex: HB 234) at the top of the page. You can also text a bill number (ex: HB 234) to 559-245-2529 to enroll in text alerts.

Use Your Legislative Information Office (LIO) – LIOs are a great local resource for navigating the legislative process. The staff at the LIO can help you research bills and issues, navigate the state computer system, and participate in hearings by providing

public testimony. You can chat with LIO staff Monday-Friday between 8:30 AM and 4:00 PM through their new chat interface, located in the lower right corner of akleg.gov.

Contact the Anchorage LIO – You can reach the LIO by phone (907-269-0111) or email: LIO.Anchorage@akleg.gov.

Warmly,
Representative Schrage

PS - I am honored to serve as your Representative. Please do not hesitate to reach out to me or our office anytime.

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