

## Campbell Park Community Council

### Minutes

Thursday, November 17, 2022 | 7:00 pm

Via Zoom and in-person at St. Mary's Episcopal

#### I. Call to order at 7:04pm

#### II. Approval of Agenda

- A. Andrew Gray moved and Steve Johnson seconded to approve the agenda as presented.  
Motion carried

#### III. Approval of meeting minutes

- A. Steve Johnson moved and Andrew Gray seconded to approve the October minutes.  
Motion carried

#### IV. Guest Speaker: Tony Andrew, CPCC – street improvements to E. 46<sup>th</sup> Ave.

- A. Tony Andrew would like to submit a resolution to have no parking signs on E 46<sup>th</sup> Ave. Email of language was sent to Chair and member Jordan Harary. Resolution addressed to Mayor and Traffic Director to deter homeless people from sleeping in their cars. Tony has seen vandalized vehicles, trash, and drug use. This would be an extension of the signs for about 100ft.
  - i. Suggestion to change language to all people for the resolution

#### V. Reports

##### A. Assembly (Felix Rivera)

- i. Assemblyman Felix informed that it is very likely APDEA and MOA will enter arbitration regarding body worn cameras. An arbitration process will start that may be 6-9 meetings to come to an agreement. APD is moving forward with getting all items in place to use body cameras so hopefully by end of 2023 they will be in use. Budget is many things ie general, capital, enterprise, ACDA, conversation will make changes that are important for policy decisions. Amendments will help inform policy decisions moving forward. Emergency shelter plan for Jan-April should mirror the current plan so we can get out of emergency mode and look at housing in the future. There will be two hotel conversions in Spenard and then the Golden Lion through April 2022. The hotels will assist with the decompression as the Aviator, Alex, and Sullivan, but there will still be a delta required to provide shelter/housing for everyone.
  - Arbitration will be MOA (several departments) and APDEA. APDEA would like APD officers to see the footage before discussions about the event and MOA does not want that. This is a private
  - St Mary is seeing increase of individuals that do not have enough food at the Alex non congregate hotels. FISH is delivering groceries to 1600 Gambell Street which stopped others from getting food. There may be a way to increase meals/snacks at the congregate and non-congregate

shelters when the contracts are renewed or extended.

- Initially, MOA tried to move the Mobile Crisis Team funding which is a part of the state wide effort of “Crisis Now model” from the Fire Department to the Police Department last year and again this year. Fairbanks has a model in which both are funded. Now they are looking at how the two programs can have a blended model to address the needs in the community. This will not be a reduction the budget amendment will fund 24/7 operation for these services.
- The assembly voted against the contract amendment for the Tudor and Elmore Navigation Center so that project will not be moving forward. In 2021, there was a collaborative facilitative process looked at many facilities to shelter the homeless population. Most of the warehouses refused to rent for the purposes of shelter including the Alaska Railroad. There is a limited amount of funds to purchase buildings for such purpose.
- All assembly meetings are public and the Housing & Homelessness committee meetings are the 3<sup>rd</sup> Wednesday’s of each month starting at 11am.
- Assemblyman Felix will re-invigorate the discussion around re-vamping audience participation for the Assembly meetings.

#### B. Legislature (Sen. Gray-Jackson, Rep. Andy Josephson)

- i. Senator Gray-Jackson is thankful for the zoom option for this meeting and has been re-elected. The governor has brought forward a food security taskforce to look at meat processing facilities and loan forgiveness for farmers. November is National American Indian History month. Now working on priorities for this session and will re-visit subjects of public safety, women’s rights, education, culture, healthcare. MOA Code and Charter requires ASD to submit their budget to the assembly in March and that the MOA can revise the ASD budget with limitations. Senator would like to forward fund school appropriations early since session begins January 17th.
- ii. Rep Andy Josephson still has a few absentee ballots to count before election can be called. New district encompasses schools such as Service, Dimond, East, and West. Staff is working on how someone can be evicted in a HOA who is creating damage and . Additionally, due to the discovery rule some properties are assessed large. Lastly, staff is looking at competencies to stand trial. Moving forward with introducing a defined benefit for a specific population bill this session. Focuses will be crime, less than 5% draw on PFD, public school funding. Unsure if re-elected he will be in the majority or minority. Conditions of city streets also came up as there is eroding, ponding etc.
  - Is anyone able to introduce a bill to bring in new industries and commerce? There will be 2 Representatives and 2 Senators for this area to address these issues.
  - Newly elected Representative Andrew Gray interviewed UAA professor to talk about how we can market Anchorage to have people live here. Rep Andrew Gray thanked his opponents for running a positive campaign and had lots of representation from Campbell Park

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C. Mayor's Office--- not present

D. School Board (Dora Wilson)

- i. Approximately, 92% of budget goes to direct activities in the school building. There has been insufficient funding since 2017 from the State. ASD must pass a balanced budget. There are 5000 fewer students but has not decreased the infrastructure. There are 18 schools operating under 65% capacity. A decrease in birth rates in the next 5 years are projected to affect school enrollments. Closures are listed online; in which, townhall meetings have occurred. There will also be zoom meetings later this month. Discussions about moving 6<sup>th</sup> grade to middle school and consolidation of ACT, and change at the IGNITE program, discussions with gymnastics, swimming, hockey on outsourcing those sports in line with 5 other sports that are already outsourced. Final decisions on school closures will not occur until December. Bus routes have increased but is still lacking. There was a salary increase for bus drivers to be competitive.
  - The consolidation of schools will work towards efficiencies with the admin being 8% of the budget. We will have to increase the classroom size to achieve. It is difficult to recruit teachers with current retirement plan.
  - There is a cost increase to educate students that goes beyond the BSA ie inflation, cost of services.

E. FCC (Kevin Fimon)- left meeting before ability to give a report

F. Housing and Homelessness Committee (Michael Burke/Pat Dooley)

- i. Placed documents in the chat from Anchorage Coalition to End Homelessness (ACEH) and Housing and Homelessness Assembly committee

G. JBER- not present

H. CPCC Chair (Lindsey Durrell) – no report

VI. Old Business

A. Block 102 Resolution (Jim Winegarner)

- i. No representative present

B. Cemetery Resolution from the Girdwood Board of Supervisors (Brianna Sullivan)

- i. No representative present

C. Changes to bylaws (Lindsey Durrell)

- i. Voting eligibility
  - Chair stated that the change expresses the practice of the community council so that it is adhered to in an official capacity.
  - Add verbiage ie “prior meeting or at least twice in the last quarter”
  - Jordan H moved and was seconded to have a committee draft the wording of this bylaw to bring to the community council at the next meeting. No objections so Motion Carried.
    - There will need to be a tracking method for attendance in case there are challenges in the future to the voting strength.

- May want to be more restrictive to community council officers too
  - This is in a different section of the bylaws and can be drafted by Jordan
  - Secretary cautioned to not be too restrictive especially if it is difficult to get volunteers to fill positions and/or include exceptions to the rule.
- ii. Notice and agenda timeline
  - Chair would like to remove this suggestion as the original language provides flexibility.
  - A change can also affect emergency meetings
  - FCC distributes the agenda/minutes and updates

#### VII. New Business

#### VIII. Announcement

- A. Holiday Bazaar at St Mary's on Saturday where 100% of proceeds benefit women's and children programs.

IX. Next Meeting: December 15, 2022, 7:00 p.m. Zoom and St. Mary's Episcopal

#### IV. Adjournment

- A. Andrew Gray moved and was seconded by Jordan Harary to adjourn at 9:05pm.