

# Meeting Minutes

## North Star Community Council

January 11, 2023  
(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

#### State Legislative:

- *None present*

#### Assembly:

- Daniel Volland

#### Other Entities:

- Pat Higgins  
*ASD School Board*
- Dave Ritterberg  
*Catholic Social Services -  
Complex Care Facility*

North Star residents present:

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## CALL TO ORDER

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

## REPORTS

### I. COUNCIL

#### 1. Mark Butler:

Noise ordinance passed by Assembly. Upcoming transportation fair.

### II. LEGISLATIVE REPRESENTATIVES

*None present*

### III. ASSEMBLY REPRESENTATIVES

#### 1. Daniel Volland:

Accessory dwelling units, housing shortage. MOA trust fund. Marijuana tax usage. Safe routes to schools, traffic calming. Q&A: pedestrian safety due to recent snow removal challenges, safe routes to schools & related crossings.

### IV. COMMUNITY REPRESENTATIVES

1. Pat Higgins – ASD Board:  
School closings status. Shortage of staff (as is the rest of the country). Increase in classroom sizes. Maintenance budget considerations. Budget reserves draining. Inlet View school. Possible changes in school start times. Q&A re: budget, comparison w/ Mat-Su and Kenai.
2. Dave Ritternberg – Catholic Social Services - Complex Care Facility (the former Sockeye Inn)  
General update of facility. Q&A: capacity, client demographics, program focus on transitioning to independent housing.

## NEW BUSINESS

1. Study of Public Parking in Spenard – John Weddleton  
2020 Spenard Corridor plan recommended a public parking study.
2. Ten-Year Review of Community Council District Boundaries  
Summary by Mark Butler.
3. Special Land Use Permit for Alcohol (Package Store) for Northern Hospitality Group II, Inc. dba Prospectors Provisions at 2415 C Street  
No representation by advocates. General discussion.

## OLD BUSINESS

1. NSCC Resolution 2022-003 about Homelessness – Penny Gage, NSCC resident  
Wrap-up. Discussion re: next steps.
2. Girdwood Cemetery Update  
No representation by advocates. Update by Mark Butler.
3. Arctic To Aurora Electric Undergrounding project – Mike Hondel  
Chugach Electric shrunk the construction scope, from 93 properties down to 20. No/minimal recourse.
4. Fireweed Lane Improvements and the Need to Advocate for More Road Improvements in Anchorage – Update by Mark Butler, NSCC Vice President  
Design funding is a few years away, and construction funding is more than 5 years away.

## NORTH STAR CC MEMBERS PRESENT

### RESIDENTS

1. Matt Johnson, President
2. Mark Butler, Vice President
3. Andre Camara, Treasurer
4. Mike Hondel, Secretary
5. Susan Miller, member at large
6. Penny Gage
7. Cale Green
8. Irene Rowan
9. Sharon Schlicht

10. Taylor Thompson

### BUSINESSES & ORGANIZATIONS

11. Dave Ritternberg – *Catholic Social Services, Complex Care Facility*