

Call to Order, establish quorum, introductions

Attendees:

Residents:

Emily Weiser

Chelsea Ward-Waller

Amanda Moser

John Whitlock

Theresa SanMiguel

Carolyn Ramsey

Paige

Sheri Whitethorn

Karl Kisser

Larry Hayden

Rayette Sterling

Geran Tarr (also Rep)

Kalen Saxton

Jena Ferrarese

Reps:

Forrest Dunbar - Assembly

Mercedes Colbert for Sen Begich – State Senate

Meg Zalatel – Assembly

Felix Rivera - Assembly

Geran Tarr – State House

Guests:

Briana Sullivan

George Martinez

Approve December 2022 agenda, October 2022 minutes, & November 2022 minutes

Agenda amendment: Revive Alaska Community Services tabled to next meeting

- Amanda moves to approve as amended, Karl seconds, none opposed

Minutes:

- Amanda moves to approve, Karl seconds, none opposed

Assembly/Legislative/School Board/JBER/AFD reports

Geran Tarr (State House Rep) - Pursuing reforms related to constitutional right to rehabilitation for people in state custody. Educational opportunities, part of Restorative Justice Summit. ACLU will be releasing a big report on this in January. Poverty and Opportunity Taskforce. Just had the last meeting (since Aug 2021). Made a number of recommendations. Held the 7th Annual Restorative Justice Summit. John asked about what education folks in custody have or whether they participate in educational programs. Geran replied that the state doesn't track those things, and people in custody don't have computer access to attend

Mercedes Colbert (Sen Begich's Office, State Senate Rep) - probably last meeting for Sen Begich as our rep; budget was released today from Governor, no real surprises/gotchass; motivation for addressing education funding; feel free to reach out to her with questions even after Sen. Begich is gone (Mercedes.colbert@akleg.gov)

Meg Zalatel (Assembly Rep) - Snow. There had been a heads-up earlier that trouble was on the horizon, and unprecedented snow combined to current situation. Take away is she thinks we can do better with

planning. Meeting on Jan 4th will take up the idea of snow management as it relates to public health. Port of AK funding – potential for surcharge? 24hr emergency response is happening. Tuesday Dec 20th is last Assembly meeting for the year.

Forrest Dunbar (Assembly Rep) - Planning to officially resign early Jan, hope to fill seat by Jan 15th, then special election in April where the 2 East Anchorage seats will both be on the election. Budget – Mayor vetoed 3 things that the Assembly then overrode 1 of and passed a different approach for one, and then let the 3rd veto stand. Snow budget increased and they are ready to allocate more as requested. Holtan Hills special meeting happened.

Felix Rivera (Assembly Rep) – Library: confirmation hearing for director appointment tomorrow (16 Dec 2022), Felix is hearing and seeing appropriate and good things and she IS qualified. Snow: 6 months ago, there was warning that there would be a system failure; this was not addressed then and now we are seeing the impacts; the Assembly can only set guidance, which can be ignored. Homelessness: meeting yesterday; Fairview mitigation funding; Administration's plan is to use overtime for current officers instead of bringing in additional/outside personnel. Jan-Apr emergency plan – should be seeing extensions to current contracts, expect to see a request from the Administration to increase bed count at Sullivan Arena. Planning to bring Golden Lion on for housing – working through budget and repairs timeline.

Girdwood Board of Supervisors (GBOS) Cemetery Committee

Briana Sullivan (GBOS Co-Chair) - bond is hopefully (but probably not) going to be on the ballot for April 2023; more likely to be 2024. GBOS would like a letter of resolution from CC. Assembly is ready to put forward in 2024. There is a legal snafu about whether a cemetery is actually a bondable item.

Alaska Trails - Russian Jack Mountain Bike Trail Project

Steve Cleary (Executive Director of AK Trails) - project started in 2016 but advised to wait for Russian Jack Master Plan, which was finished in 2022. There are 45 acres allocated for mtn bike trails on north side of park in plan. Planning on working with Youth Employment in Parks for trail building – get the kids involved from the start. They got a few grants and have applied for other funding as well. Looking for initial approval in 2023. Lots of lessons learned from previous projects (Hillside, Kincaid, Chester Creek) for enjoyment and safety. Looking for resolutions of support from CCs. AHCC will take comments over the coming month and plan on voting at next month's meeting.

FCC report

Chelsea - No one is currently our FCC rep; we would love someone to volunteer to attend. They meet the 3rd Wednesday of each month (the day before our meeting). Maybe have a roster of folks that rotate?

Amanda Moser is now our FCC rep!

Community concerns

Chelsea – 1) we are considering going hybrid in 2023; implementation depends on logistics of finding space 2) Anchorage Transportation Fair Jan 12th

George Martinez – President of NE Community Council; candidate to replace term-limited Pete Peterson in 2023. Parts of AH are in that Assembly district. george@georgeforanchorage.com / 907-406-8907 / www.georgemartinez.com

Rayette Sterling – Mtn View Library – Dec 20th free flu shot & covid vaccine clinic; Dec 20th reflective tape event (dinosaur shapes!); 4th Thursday of each month Project Hope does Narcan clinics (training and kits)

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