# **Abbott Loop**



**AGENDA-**GENERAL MEMBERSHIP MEETING

Date: January 26th, 2023

Time: 6:30-8:30 PM

Location: \*\*\*\* HYBRID MEETINGS\*\*\*\*

**IN PERSON: Abbott Loop Elementary 8427 Lake Otis Parkway** 

VIA ZOOM:

https://us02web.zoom.us/i/85226973011?pwd=OVVGZC9KT25iU2N2OGdlamJkSWNJdz09

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 technology.

- 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 info such as links or contact info. Or to gently help us "fine tune" our meeting by indicating 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 they are a member, or guest.

If you would like to receive email notifications from the Federation of Community Councils about the ALCC meetings, visit <a href="www.communitycouncils.org">www.communitycouncils.org</a> 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 November 2022: Kathleen Easley
- Treasurer's report: Heather Schrage

#### APD Report-Report and Q & A

# Legislative Reports: Q & A http://akleg.gov/

- Senator District F: James Kaufman
- Representative District 12: Calvin Schrage
- Representative District 11: Julie Coulombe

#### Community Reports and Q & A:

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

#### **Reports**

FCC Representative: Bruce Roberts

**HALO Report:** Lizzie Newell

Roads & Projects Committee: Mary Minor

Lore Road Traffic Calming Phase 2- Sandlewood Place to Lake Otis Pkwy- information here, needs response by 2/10

Parks & Rec Committee: Mark Miner

Planning & Zoning Committee: Mary Miner
Cannabis & Alcohol Committee: Yolanda Meza

Liquor License renewal-American Legion Post #28, Brayton Drive. LL#59

Membership & Events: Lizzie Newell

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

#### **Old Business**

#### **New Business**

- Andre Spinelli B-3 zoning for the properties along Abbott between Elim and Golovin Streets, request for support- Info and Maps.
- 10 year Review of Community Council District Boundaries- <u>Link to info here</u>. Looking for an ALCC- Board Member/Officer or committee member to volunteer for the Boundary Advisory Committee
- Girdwood Board of Supervisors (GBOS)- proposed Holtan Hills request for support.

#### **Announcements/Comments**

#### **Upcoming Meeting Dates**

ALCC monthly meetings are usually the last Thursday of the month. The February meeting is scheduled for the 3rd Thursday because of Parent/Teacher conferences at the school.

- 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: <a href="http://communitycouncils.org/servlet/content/2.html">http://communitycouncils.org/servlet/content/2.html</a>
- Abbott Loop Community Forum: <a href="https://www.facebook.com/abbottloopcc/?fref=ts">https://www.facebook.com/abbottloopcc/?fref=ts</a>
- Whisper Faith Kovach Playground & Fenced Dog Park: <a href="https://www.facebook.com/groups/720624007969641/">https://www.facebook.com/groups/720624007969641/</a>
- Abbott Loop South Next Door: <a href="https://abbottloopsouth.nextdoor.com/news\_feed/">https://abbottloopsouth.nextdoor.com/news\_feed/</a>
- Abbott Loop North Next Door: <a href="https://nextdoor.com/neighborhood/abbottloopnorthak--anchorage--ak/">https://nextdoor.com/neighborhood/abbottloopnorthak--anchorage--ak/</a>
- Abbott Loop Community Council Facebook page: <a href="https://www.facebook.com/abbottloopcc">https://www.facebook.com/abbottloopcc</a> or search @abbottloopcc
- Information about Accesory Dwelling Unit Project
  - https://www.muni.org/Departments/OCPD/Planning/Projects/AnchLandUse/Pages/ADU.aspx
- Information about the Academy Dr- Vanguard Dr. Project <a href="http://www.academyandvanguard.com/">http://www.academyandvanguard.com/</a>
- Information for the <u>Dowling/Seward Highway project 2022/2023</u>
- 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 <a href="http://www.36thinterchange.com/">http://www.36thinterchange.com/</a>
- Anchorage Bowl Land Use Plan:

http://www.muni.org/Departments/OCPD/Planning/Projects/AnchLandUse/Pages/default.aspx

- APD safety message emails or text alerts: <a href="https://local.nixle.com/register/">https://local.nixle.com/register/</a> or send a text to 888777
- Alaska Redistricting- <a href="https://www.akredistrict.org/">https://www.akredistrict.org/</a>
- Assembly 101 playlist for those wanting to learn all about Assembly procedures, how to participate, etc. <a href="https://www.youtube.com/playlist?list=PLylc7U989Xcav5eQC9FmjAEofZD576ecb">https://www.youtube.com/playlist?list=PLylc7U989Xcav5eQC9FmjAEofZD576ecb</a>

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 <a href="mailto:brucearoberts@hotmail.com">brucearoberts@hotmail.com</a> 907-952-9969 & Kathleen Easley <a href="mailto:katmandu26@hotmail.com">katmandu26@hotmail.com</a> 907-748-6076.

# Dena'inaq elnen'aq' 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
Sheila Cernich	Dan Boland	Akis Gialopsis		Kari Nore	Patti Higgins	Susan Soule
Patti Higgins	Mike Moeglein	Dan Boland		Sheila Cernich	Pat Higgins	Patti Higgins
Susan Soule	Bruce Roberts			Patti Higgins	Thomas Greenman	
					Phil Parks	

JBER Community Engagement- January 2023

JBER Community Engagement <u>Jber.pa@us.af</u>.mil 907-551-8996



Dear Friends and Neighbors,

As we begin the 33rd Alaska State Legislature, I want to give you an update on this legislature, organization in the House and Senate, as well as the work and priorities of our office. 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, or at our office at 907-465-4931.

As always, it is an honor to serve our community and I am here if you have questions, need assistance with an issue you may be facing, or to share your thoughts, ideas, or concerns. You can reach me by email at <a href="mailto:Rep.Calvin.Schrage@akleg">Rep.Calvin.Schrage@akleg</a>, on my personal cell 907-240-8986, or our office 907-465-4931.



Representatives Calvin Schrage, Laddie Shaw, Julie Coulombe, and Craig Johnson are sworn in on the House Floor. *Jan. 17th, 2023* 

# **Legislative Organization Update**

#### Alaska State Senate

Last year, the Alaska State Senate organized quickly after the results of the election were certified, announcing a 17 member majority coalition, made up of 9 Democrats and 8 Republicans, with Kodiak Senator Gary Stevens serving as Senate President. This bipartisan coalition has coalesced around a consensus approach to legislating, focusing on bipartisan issues and avoiding potentially divisive issues. Some of the priorities the Senate Coalition has stated are: education funding, recruitment and retention of teachers and public employees, workforce development, lowering energy costs, food security, and the state budget. I am excited with the makeup of the Senate Coalition and look forward to working together on our shared priorities and goals.

#### **Alaska State House**

On the 2nd day of session, the State House formed a majority coalition consisting of 19 republicans, and four legislators from rural Alaska; with Rep. Cathy Tilton (R) from Wasilla serving as Speaker of the House. Of the remaining 17 legislators, 15 members, including myself, are members of the House Minority Coalition which I have been elected to lead as the House Minority Leader. Of the two remaining legislators, Wasilla Republican David Eastman remains without a caucus as does former Speaker Louise Stutes of Kodiak for the time being.

Although I am no longer a member of the House Majority, I will continue fighting for our community and working together with all legislators and the governor to make our state and community an even better place to live, work, and raise a family.

# **New Role of Minority Leader and Committees**

I am honored to have been elected by our caucus to serve as Minority Leader. I am excited to take on this new role and the accompanying responsibilities, including serving as a leader of the caucus, helping shape and advocate for our shared goals, priorities, and legislation, and organizing internal caucus work and strategy. I look forward to working with the House Majority, Governor Dunleavy, and the Senate to best represent and serve the diverse people of Alaska and our community.

With a new legislature also means new committees. I am honored to continue serving on the House Energy committee, which I chaired for the past two years, to continue working to expand energy, particularly affordable and renewable energy, for all Alaskans and businesses. I will also be serving on the House Rules committee, which considers all legislation and fiscal policies after the committee process, to determine whether, and in what order, legislation will be considered on the floor.

# **Governor's State of the State Address**

Monday evening, Gov. Mike Dunlealvy offered his annual State of the State Address in a joint-session of the Alaska Legislature. In his address, the governor outlined his priorities for the next two years, including:

- Statehood Defense budget increases to fund litigation against the federal government.
- Introducing his "People First Initiative," including a set of bills to increase protections for survivors of sexual assault and domestic violence, to increase penalties for offenders, and to take on sex trafficking.
- Introducing legislation that declares war on those who are dealing fentanyl and fentanyl-laced drugs.
- Proposing Healthy Families Initiative, asking for funding to expand postpartum Medicaid coverage from 60 days to 12 months, investing in recruitment and retention of the health care professionals needed to fill the 5,000 jobs that will be required over the next 10 years.
- Increased funding to expand eligibility to include agencies such as the Office of Children's Services.
- Proposing to expand the State Defense Force.
- Plans to build on the work of the Bycatch Review Task Force and the Food Security and Independence Task Force.
- Unlock stranded North Slope gas.
- Take advantage of Cook Inlet's resources with nearly 20 percent of the world's tidal energy and 50 gigatons of carbon storage potential for industrial and international customers.
- Garner support for his carbon monetization bill.
- Achieve his goal to make Alaska the most pro-life state in the entire country.

Although we have clear differences, there are issues I am excited to work with the administration on, particularly expanding postpartum health care coverage, investing in our health care industry and workforce, cracking down on the fentanyl crisis, addressing sexual assault, domestic violence, and sex trafficking, promoting food security, and expanding energy access. I am also excited to learn more about the Governor's carbon monetization program as a new source of revenue for the state.

I am disappointed that the governor did not use this opportunity to speak about the importance of education in our state and the harmful impacts of high inflation coupled with flat state funding and declining student enrollment. As I went door-to-door, and now, as I discuss priorities with legislators from across Alaska, it is clear that Alaskans

want the legislature to ensure Alaska's schools have the resources needed to provide a quality education and to address our poor teacher recruitment and retention. Our caucus has made clear that increasing the Base Student Allocation (BSA) and providing our educators and public employees a competitive retirement plan are a top priority and we are determined to fight for Alaska's students, families, and educators.



Rep. Schrage joins legislators, parents, students, and educators for an education rally at the Capitol Steps. Jan. 23rd, 2023

# My Bills

# <u>House Bill 36</u> - Campaign Contribution limits for Elections, Recalls, and Referendums

This legislation will reestablish fair, reasonable, and constitutional campaign contributions for Alaska's elections, create campaign contribution limits for recall elections, require financial disclosures for recalls, referendums, and initiatives to provide transparency and accountability.

# **House Bill 37** - Elections, Voting, Ballots

This legislation will improve Alaska's elections system, promote transparency and accountability in our electoral process, and help ensure eligible Alaskan voters have the opportunities to cast their vote and have a voice in our government. HB 36 accomplishes this by: requiring the state pay for postage of absentee mail ballots, creating a ballot curing process with signature verification, establishing an online ballot tracking system, allowing a multi-year absentee ballot request, allowing by mail elections for rural communities with barriers to in-person voting or during a disaster,