

# *Bayshore/Klatt Community Council*

Council Meeting - January 26th 2023 - 7:00-9:00

## **Call to Order & Approve Minutes**

- The meeting was called to order at 7:00 p.m.
- All Board members were present.
- Roughly 8 people in person and 6 people on Zoom.

## **Matt Claman update**

- State senate has a 17 member coalition comprised of 9 Democrats and 8 Republicans.
- Education Funding will be a major topic of discussion and concern. As well as School Transportation Funding.
- Question: Is there any discussion of repealing RCV (Rank Choice Voting)?
- Answer: Some bills have been introduced but the minority in the State Senate are in support of keeping RCV. However, it will likely be on the ballot for 2024.
- Question: Have you seen the Social Dilemma Docuseries? We need better transparency in Government.
- Answer: Yes and I agree we need to strive for transparency daily.
- Question: Is the Revenue Resource Center the go to place for State budget?
- Answer: Yes

## **Margo Bellamy update**

- Next board meeting on Feb 7th.
- Snow days makeup plan starts on Monday.
- Classes are extended by 30 min a day from Monday until Spring Break.
- Parent teacher conference days will be full instructional days.
- They Board is still getting recommendations from Administration on budget reductions.
- They have reduced the deficit to a \$48 Million deficit.
- They will be asking for three things from the Legislature. Increase BSA, Increase Transportation funding, and Increase Bond Debt Reimbursements.
- They have a new student reporting mechanism called "Stop it".
- There will be a survey coming soon.
- ASD will be changing from PEAK's testing to Alaska Star. This is not necessarily a "want to" but a "have to" due to state requirements.
- Question: How do ASD graduates compare with the rest of the US?
- Answer: There is no direct comparison since everyone has different standards they use so it would be comparing apples to oranges. Students will graduate Job and Career ready and we have an 87% Graduation rate. This is the same graduation rate as 2020.
- Question: What is the future of Klatt elementary?
- Answer: The Board only approved one school closure this year and the Board recognizes the need to "right size" the District but it needs more community involvement and input.
- There has been a loss of 20,000 people in anchorage and with that comes a loss of students attending school.

## **Randy Sulte update**

- He is not commenting on the Municipal Manager suing the Mayors office. We need to wait until there is an investigation before drawing any conclusions otherwise we open ourselves up to defamation claims by the Mayors office.
- The Assembly passed 2 bills. AO2022-7 and AR2023-7.
- The Assembly has held several special sessions to fill two vacant seats from Dunbar and Allard resigning.
- Expect a few things on the upcoming ballot. Dedicate the Marajuana tax to early childhood education, Park Bonds, and \$37 Million for Capital Improvements.
- Question: Are you aware of the State suing the former Health Director? He was supposedly overpaid by \$60,000 from misrepresenting his level.
- Answer: Yes
- Question: Will the Muni follow suit and pursue action against him?
- Answer: They have discussed his service and subsequent firing in executive sessions.
- Question: Have you look into Nikki Tshibaka's Resume?
- Answer: No but I believe they are qualified for the job.
- Question: Are you aware of the Municipal attorney resigning? Is the Assembly looking into retaining independent council?
- Answer: Yes. No, the Ombudsman is an independent council already and we will see what the discover.
- Question: Who appoints the Ombudsman?
- Answer: The Assembly however, a lot of personal information is kept separate from the actual "Personnel file" so personal info should not be readily available to the Ombudsman.
- Question: Would a potential settlement to Amy Dembosky be public record?
- Answer: Yes it would need to come before the Assembly for approval and it should be public record.

## **Austin Quinn Davidson update (from her assistant)**

- There are resources available online for snow removal complaints and updates.
- AQD and Dunbar had previously requested increased funding for snow removal.
- Rasmussen Foundation will be purchasing Hotels for homeless population. The Assembly gave them \$12-14 Million for this purpose.
- The Mayor has only put forth an increase in capacity for the Sullivan Arena.
- The Assembly has unanimously approved putting on the ballot the use of Marajuana Tax income for Early Childhood Education.
- Question: There was an individual who asked for funding from the Assembly for roof repairs and instead bough a new building. Is this prompting a deeper dive into Funding and how it is spent.
- Answer: (From RANDY SULTE) Yes. Randy then gave several other examples of misuse and they are doing their "Due Diligence" to research.

## **Open to audience for comments or questions for the good of the order**

- Two Girdwood Residence asked the BKCC to support a resolution in objection to the Holtan Hills development in Girdwood.
- The BKCC would need to set up a special meeting to allow for proper notice to the community and also need to vote prior to Feb 7th as that is on the agenda for the Feb 7th Assembly meeting.

- Bruce indicated he would be willing to propose the Holtan Hills resolution after he reviews it.
- Anna Brawley introduces herself as a candidate for Assembly in West Anchorage District 3.
- Susan Little is on the board of her HOA and said there is an effort to rename KFQD park. Expect to see an online poll soon.
- Rachel Ries introduces herself as a candidate for Assembly in South Anchorage District 6.
- David Wier made comments on the anointing of unelected officials. The Assembly did not fill AQD's seat when she was acting Mayor for 180 days. They also held no special election as the Municipal Charter states to fill the vacant Mayors seat. Now the Assembly decides to appoint who they want to the vacant Assembly seats. There seems to be no consistency in the Assembly's decisions.

**Brian moves to Adjourn, Bruce seconds the motion.**  
**Adjourned 9:04 p.m.**