

AHCC Meeting - 19 Jan 2023

Attendees

Residents: Chelsea Ward-Waller, Jena Ferrarese, Sheri Whitethorn, Mark, Amanda Moser, Kalen, Carolyn Ramsey, Genevieve Mina (also Legislative Rep), Ed Brewer, Karlene Leeper, Rayette Sterling, Emily Becker, Brita Mjos, Tyer, Emily Weiser, John Grover Whitlock, MaryLu, Karen Walker, Paige, Larry Hayden

Guests: Arina Filippenko (aide to Joey Sweet), Karen Bronga (Assembly Dist 5 Seat H candidate), Rose Hart (staff to Rep G. Mina), Teresa Pond (artistic director at Cyrano's), Rhea Hood (Cyrano's Theatre), Rina Suesue (JustServe through Church of LDS), Jennifer Wingard (Girdwood), George Martinez (Assembly Dist 5 Seat I candidate), Arielle Wiggin (Sen Dunbar office), Seth Eggleston (Cyrano's), Steve Cleary (AK Trails), Joy Boston (JBER)

Approval of Agenda

Moved by A. Moser, Seconded by E. Weiser

Moved to amend and add resolution for G. Terr by A. Moser, Seconded by E. Weiser
None opposed.

Geran Tar Resolution

Move to approve resolution by Genevieve, Seconded by C. Ramsey

C. Ramsey noted formatting needs slight adjusting.

Vote 17 yes 0 no 0 abstain

Rep. Mina - House Legislative report

- House is officially organized! Cathy Tilton is Speaker. Rep Mina is in the minority caucus.
- Health and Social Service Committee assignment
- Transportation Committee assignment
- Filed bill for Filipino-American History Month
- Planning in-person constituent meeting 3rd Sat in Feb - detail TBD

Arielle Wiggin - Senate Legislative report from Sen Dunbar's office

- Senate session
- Charing Community and Regional Affairs
- On Health and Social Services, Labor and Commerce Committees
- Prefiled Senate bill for worker privacy
- Filed/Sponsored a bunch of other stuff that was presented too fast to type
- State of the State Jan 23rd at 7pm Channel 15
<https://www.ktoo.org/video/gavel/governors-state-of-the-state-address-2023011042/?eventID=2023011042>
- Apply for the PFD
<https://mypfd.alaska.gov/>
- [Written report provided here](#)

[Senate Legislative report from Sen Tobin's office](#) (not present at meeting)

Arina Filippenko - aide to interim Assembly Member Joey Sweet (East Anch)

- His focus is homelessness, plowing, and public safety
- She is here to listen in his absence
- Contact info:
907-343-4119
Joey.sweet@anchorageak.gov
- Question (Q) about facial recognition tech by police
 - Sweet is very interested in this, possibly modeling ordinance on use

Steve Cleary - Russian Jack Mtn Bike Trails Resolution

- Motion to approve by A. Moser, seconded by C. Ramsey
- Q about ski trail interaction
 - Will cut across but not overlap
- Q about total length
 - 3.1 miles in 2 separate loops (all on N side of park)
- J. Ferrarese moved to amend with wording to support not just in theory but as a community that will be actually impacted and as such supports it. Seconded by A. Moser.
 - E. Weiser provided language
- Light discussion
- Any opposition as amended?
- Vote: 17 yes, 0 no, 0 abstain

Teresa Pond - Cyrano's Theatre Artistic Director

- Staff intros
- Moved into building on Primrose (building history as neighborhood library, OutNorth), re-starting post-pandemic
- Visual programming in gallery, rentals and community events, theater for mainstage shows and family musicals
- Big thank you for neighborhood support - financial and otherwise
- FlexPass available - 6 ticket reservations to use in any way you please
- 2023 lineup is out - 2 completely new plays
- info@cyranos.org, 907-274-2599, www.cyranos.org
- Apologies for attendees parking in a way that blocked a driveway. They are working on parking issues and new ways to address it. They are interested in hearing from residents about issues or solutions.
- C. Ramsey suggests "Dirty Dustings" as a play

Joy Boston - JBER

- iSportsman pass available now
 - \$10/year \$5 for discounted groups (see pass details)

- Good for a calendar year, so now is best value
- <https://jber.isportsman.net/>
- Ranges have been pretty active so far this month and will continue to be the rest of the month
- Feel free to submit a noise complaint if you desire; they welcome the feedback
 - Noise complaints can be submitted at jber.pa@us.af.mil or by calling (907) 552-5387

Jenn Wingard - Girdwood (Holtan Hills)

- Speaking as a Girdwood resident, no other official capacity
- HH is a transformative development
 - 400 acres in the land disposal (20% of Girdwood's developable land)
 - Biggest development since resort
- Local authorities haven't been able to vote on this
- It is public land from the Heritage Land Bank (HLB)
- Entry level housing in this development will be \$800k+
- Would like the Girdwood Area Plan to be completed before HH moves ahead
- They are asking for a letter of support for the Girdwood Board of Supervisors (GBOS) opposition
- Q is what would you be for?
 - They need workforce housing
 - They want a public-private partnership more like other resort communities. They are part of the Muni so they don't have the flexibility of other cities.
 - More like Block96 in Anchorage - mid level housing
- Q would the 400 acre parcel be supported for other housing or not developed?
 - Girdwood would prefer more vertical/dense development so open land can be retained
 - HLB Advisor Council has some recommended changes needed to make the implementation "in the public good"; those changes are not in the plan
- Q what work has Girdwood done to make progress on affordable housing
 - Community land trust has ideas but needs land
 - Housing working group through GBOS
- Q for Rep Zalatel - what is going on with S1?
 - S1 came into when meeting with many parties
 - More amendments needed - both legal details and more considerations
- Q about timeline
 - The meeting is Feb 7th
 - Looking for support tonight (or at least before AHCC next meeting)
- Q about individual actions as a CC resolution seems unlikely due to timing and questionable majority support
 - Contact Assembly members (public testimony is closed, can email testimony and write assembly members)
 - Stay aware of issues
 - Contact Heritage Land Bank

- Can contact at girdwoodgalaxy@gmail.com

Meg Zalatel - Assembly Rep

- Snow
 - Snow removal still happening
 - Health Policy Committee meeting about snow impacts on public health
 - 84 hours is from after the main roads are plowed
 - Mobility issues + snow = doesn't work
 - Contact Assembly with detailed snow issues
- Muni Gov't issues
 - Demboski's letter
 - 3 emergency ordinances introduced (60 days)
 - Insure ombudsman's office can look at any files needed for an investigation
 - Boards and Commissions appointments frozen for 60 days (no new folks or folks leaving)
 - Purchasing and Contracting: lower the amount for sole source contracts to \$10k from \$30k, increase notification to Assembly when procurement process will be waived
 - Please reach out with questions
- Bonds get taken up on Monday Special Meeting

Felix Rivera - Assembly Rep

- Ombudsman referral to the muni prosecutor, referred to state prosecutor:
 - Surveillance videos near Ombud's office allegedly downloaded by "executive" in the administration
<https://www.adn.com/alaska-news/anchorage/2023/01/19/one-of-anchorage-may-or-bronsons-executives-accused-of-using-city-hall-surveillance-to-track-staff-speaking-to-ombudsman-assembly-members/>
- Homelessness
 - ADN article synopsis of most recent committee meeting
<https://www.adn.com/alaska-news/anchorage/2023/01/18/anchorage-may-need-to-extend-winter-shelter-use-into-spring-as-homelessness-response-remains-in-flux/>
 - Emergency shelter plan in place AND the demob plan
 - ADN # was ~650 folks that will need a next step after demob
 - Hotel conversions in pipeline
 - Most contracts end March 31, so plans need to be in place for what happens April 1 unless there is an extension
 - Felix doesn't want an extension

Emily Weiser - Destination UMed

- Study of how people travel to and within UMed; how can we reduce car traffic
<https://www.destinationumedstudy.com/>

- E. Weiser and C. Ramsey have been representing AH at meetings
 - Reach out either of them for concerns to bring to March meeting
- Recent updates from survey are available on survey website
- Survey highlights include:
 - About half of respondents live within 5 miles (a reasonable distance to switch from car traffic)
 - About half of respondents don't drive in/to UMED
 - 2/3 of people say they are unsatisfied with their current mode of travel
- Q what about the meeting at Wendler years ago?
 - That was a meeting by Page and Turnbull
 - The letter from that meeting may be applicable; it was for UMed district plan
 - The project team does have that plan

Amanda Moser - FCC Update

- Anch Housing Land Trust
 - They took \$11 million to invest in properties around town; revenues from rent (or public funds) will hopefully support operations.
- Parking minimums eliminated
 - Decision is left to business owners and developers instead of mandated
- 10 year CC boundary review project
 - Looking for folks to be involved - C. Ramsey will represent AH and more folks are welcome as well
 - Reach out to Tom
<https://www.muni.org/Departments/OCPD/Planning/Projects/Pages/CommunityCouncilBoundariesReview.aspx>

Community Concerns

- Karen Bronga - Assembly candidate
 - <https://www.karenbronga.com/>
 - 9074418338
- Brita Mjos
 - Dog poop situation seems especially bad
 - Grab a bag every time and stash extras
 - Be responsible
- Rayette Sterling - Mt View Library
 - <https://anchorage.librarycalendar.com/events/month?branches%5B98%5D=98>
 - Good events are coming up!
 - Drum circle, family story time, construction activities for preschool and elementary aged school kids
 - Interested in doing community programming - community room available
 - Library director has been confirmed!
- Rina Suesue
 - <https://www.justserve.org/> connects volunteers and organizations that need help
 - Note for Rina that Cyrano's would like volunteers!

- Chelsea Ward-Waller
 - School is having Friday Night Lights at ice rink

Adjournment

- Motion to adjourn made by A. Moser, seconded by E. Weiser
- Passed by consent