

AHCC Meeting - 16 Feb 2023

### **Attendees**

Residents: Chelsea Ward-Waller (President), Jena Ferrarese (Secretary), Amanda Moser (FCC Rep), Brita Mjos (Committee Chair), Emily Weiser (Board Member at Large), Mark Sabel, Larry Hayden, Tyler Boyes (Committee Chair), Dick & Micki McCartan, Karen Walker, Kalen Saxton, Mikhail Siskoff, John Whitlock (Board Member at Large), Emily Becker, Karlene Leeper

### **Guests:**

Amanda Ribons - Girl Scouts of Alaska  
Taylor Keegan - Anchorage Parks and Rec  
David Nyman - Girdwood rep  
Joy Boston - JBER  
Carl Jacobs - Anchorage School Board  
Ari - staff for Senator Dunbar  
Andy Erickson - resident of Anchor Park (previously of AH)  
Felix Rivera - Anchorage Assembly  
Forrest Dunbar - State Senate Rep  
Genevieve Mina - State House Rep

### **Approve Agenda**

Motion to approve - A. Moser  
Seconded by E. Weiser  
No Discussion  
Approved by consent (no opposition)

President noted that the minutes from January were approved by the EBoard so as to be finalized and available in a timely manner.

### **Reports**

Rep Mina (State House) - house is organized, she is in minority coalition, working on budget (Gov released updated budget yesterday)  
Committee work - SNAP backlog (IT very outdated, working on modernizing, also lots of staff vacancies, looking at contractors and other options). Medicaid redetermination is coming up April 1. Please email her office if you/anyone you know needs help. Questions about transportation issues can be sent to her office. Transportation meetings are online.  
Bills - HB23 Recognize Filipino American History Month; Resolution to Honor the Alaska-Korea Relationship  
Constituent meeting Feb 18 1pm at Mtn View Boys and Girls Club.  
Instagram: @repgenevievemina <https://www.instagram.com/repgenevievemina/>  
Twitter: @rep\_mina [https://twitter.com/rep\\_mina](https://twitter.com/rep_mina)

Sen Tobin - sent a written report

<https://docs.google.com/document/d/1EcS54asqHyJr6nK0mVHvxWGJOYaXxLws/edit?usp=sharing&oid=110528794035060424095&rtpof=true&sd=true>

Carl Jacobs - ASD - he is filling in for Dora Wilson - board is focused on passing FY24 budget by end of Feb to get to Assembly for March approval by then. Final adoption review on Feb 21. Fund balance used to fill the gap in deficit (\$50+ million one-time plug - that money won't be around for use next year). Admin expenses reduced. Abbott Loop Elementary will be closed. ASD Virtual restructuring. Advocating for increasing per-student funding (House and Senate bills both up this session). Guaranteed lunch times. DOJ settlement with ASD on their use of seclusion rooms is changing policy after spring break this year.

(907)632-7285(cell)      Jacobs\_Carl@asdk12.org

Joy Boston - JBER - nothing to report

joy.boston.2@us.af.mil

Sen Forrest Dunbar (State Senate) -

Also sent a written report:

<https://drive.google.com/file/d/16C0QtaECWMncyieUjHyhALCOIEt0lht/view?usp=sharing>

Bi-Partisan majority member

Chairing Community & Regional Affairs Committee

On DOT Finance Subcommittee

Bills - SB39 about wage disclosures, AK Performance Scholarship changes

Recent votes - in favor expansion of postpartum care under Medicaid

Anchorage Delegation meeting/town hall: Anchorage March 5th 2-4pm, Location TBD

CAPSIS requests for CC needs - early stages of discussions about priorities and strategies

[sen.forrest.dunbar@akleg.gov](mailto:sen.forrest.dunbar@akleg.gov)

Assembly Member Felix Rivera (only Assembly rep present)

Ordinance by C. Constant to create an online checkbook (similar to State) for transparency of Muni expenses. Expected to cost less than \$30K, so no fiscal note.

Ordinance by Member Rivera and other for Municipal Holiday change - adds Juneteenth and Indigenous People's Day and removes Seward's Day

Body cameras - vendor selection by March; policy going to arbitration in April if needed and finalized by Fall-ish

Demob plan (housing and homelessness) for sites after closure in April; plan leaves gap of 200 people. Member Rivera wants focus to be on long-term solution (housing) instead of temporary shelters.

### **Destination UMed**

AMATS - presented by C Ward-Waller (Jon Cecil couldn't make it)

Advisory Committee meeting March 8 (E. Weiser and C. Ramsey are on the committee)

Updates are on website <https://www.destinationumedstudy.com/>

Public meeting in April/May  
Study is ~60% completed

### **Girl Scouts of Alaska**

Amanda Ribons, Community Engagement Specialist

Overview of Girl Scouts

Cookie program happening now (booth sales March 3rd - April 2nd); use the cookie finder

<https://www.girlscoutsalaska.org/en/cookies/find-cookies.html>

Looking for community support - many opportunities for volunteering - also financial support  
April campaign called "Empower Her" - raising funds for memberships and camps and more  
Camp - AK camps are nationally known - day and overnight camps - financial support provides scholarships

<https://www.girlscoutsalaska.org/en/our-council/donate/ANNUAL.html#:~:text=The%20EmpowHer%20Campaign%20is%20a,better%20accommodate%20COVID%2D19%20restrictions>

Customercare@girlscoutsalaska.org or (907)248-2250

### **CIP (Capital Improvement Program)**

C. Ward Waller

Previous list submitted in 2021 and not modified for 2022 due to short notification period:

<https://www.muni.org/communitycouncilsurveys/homepage/media/communitycouncilsurveys/airportheights/2022-airport-heights-cip-priorities.pdf>

The EBoard made some modifications to start conversation; will be sharing that soon, but want to find the best way to communicate that and solicit more community input. Maybe Google form? Maybe ad hoc feedback about what they would want as highest priorities?

Share via FB, Nextdoor, FCC email, Fire Island bulletin board.

### **FCC (Federation of Community Councils)**

Amanda Moser

FCC got update about Destination UMed

Rep from Planning Dept re: Title 21 changes

<https://www.muni.org/Departments/OCPD/Planning/Projects/t21/Pages/Title21PublicHearingDraft.aspx>

Parks foundation re: Parks bond - check the ballot and get familiar

<https://www.muni.org/Departments/Assembly/Clerk/Elections/Pages/BallotInfo.aspx>

### **Community Concerns**

J. Ferrarese - passed along a message from a KTUU reporter: "I'm Joe Cadotte, a reporter at KTUU. I'm in the process of reaching out to community leaders, members, organizers, looking for story ideas and/or to have a conversation. I'm reaching out to each Community Council in

the city. Any contact information or person(s) you'd suggest for me to have a conversation with for the sake of story ideas would be tremendously appreciated. I hope all is well ~ Joe Cadotte ~ 256-885-5788”

C. Ward-Waller - traffic calming requests can go to her or Traffic dept. One suggestion has been E. 16th by AH Elementary

F. Rivera - here as candidate for Assembly, has been rep since 2017. Spoke about accomplishments and platform.

T. Keegan - Parks and Rec Landscape Architect - Eastchester Park Master Plan to identify plans for next 20 years. They are collecting info of folks that want to participate in Community Advisory Group: <https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/eastchesterpark>

Check out the project website:

<https://www.muni.org/Departments/parks/Pages/EastchesterMasterPlan.aspx>

Questions/comments: Taylor.keegan@anchorageak.gov

907-343-4518

D. Nyman - Girdwood resident/skier - Assembly voted to indefinitely postpone the Holtan Hills resolution; many votes were due to lack of confidence in the Mayor's administration instead of true opposition to the idea.

Move to adjourn - A. Moser

Seconded by E. Weiser

No discussion

Approved by consent (no opposition)