

AHCC Meeting - 16 Feb 2023

Attendees

Residents:

Chelsea Ward-Waller (President)
Jena Ferrarese (Secretary)
Mark Sabel
Kalen Saxton
Sheri Whitethorn
Emily Weiser (Board Member at Large)
Mikhail Siskoff
Mari Jamieson
Carolyn Ramsey (Vice President)
Brianna Beswick
John Whitlock (Board Member at Large)
Brita Mjos (Committee Chair)
Emily Becker
Paige Coatney
Amanda Moser (FCC Rep)

Guests:

Dora Wilson - Anchorage School Board
Daniel Volland - Anchorage Assembly
Meg Zalatel - Anchorage Assembly
Arina Filippenko - Anch Assembly
Joey Sweet
Genevieve Mina - State House Rep (Dist 19), also a resident
Rose Hart - Rep Mina Staff
Rich Sewell - Airport Manager at Merrill Field
Lindsey Hajduk - Neighborworks AK
Taylor Horne -HDR, DOT rep for Seward Glenn Mobility Study
Kevin Jackson - DOT
Doug Campbell - DOT
Kelly Summers - DOT
Shane Wescott - Anchorage Fire Station 3
Forrest Dunbar - State Senator
Haley Johnston - Prop 8
Andy Holleman - Anchorage School Board candidate

Approve Agenda

Motion to approve - E. Weiser
Seconded by C. Ramsey
No Discussion

Approved by consent (no opposition)

Reports

Assembly Member Zalatel - Member Rivera can't make it. Muni Clerk is retiring at the end of June; she is leaving the office in great shape. She will be around after Assembly elections for a few months. Homelessness work session 3/31 to explore emergency shelter options. Two press releases about this - one from Member Rivera, one from Chair La France. Special meeting to approve one item - allow for additional days of snow hauling. Tuesday's Assembly meeting has a supplemental budget item for three public safety items (increasing snow budget, money for fire academy, money for APD training, particularly continuation of anti-bias training). Increased opportunities for additional outdoor seating for bars/restaurants; without parking minimums this should be easier for businesses. Still considering if the city will buy the APD building; back on the meeting docket April 11th. There are still many vacancies in the City, which slows down business. If you are trying to do business and the process/bureaucracy feels bogged down, please contact your Assembly rep.

Assembly Member Volland - He is trying to encode in Muni law that facial recognition in law enforcement would be prohibited - working with Members Sweet and Rivera. Ordinance for outdoor dining (as reported by Member Zalatel). Good meeting recently about short- and long-term ideas for transitioning away from emergency shelter. He does not support continued use of the Sullivan. He is interested in discussion for sanctioned camping/safe sleeping sites.

Arina Filippenko - Joey Sweet is running a work session on March 24 regarding facial recognition technology.

Rep Mina (State House) - Health and Social Services amendment related to General Relief for care. Budget priorities should be submitted via public testimony (5-8PM Tuesday, 03/21/2023 Anchorage, Mat-Su; 2:30-3:30PM Thursday 03/23/23 Off Nets/Any Region. You can also email your testimony to House.Finance@akleg.gov or call 907-465-4648). Bill hearings for HB23 (Filipino American History Month), HJR4 (honors Alaska Korea Relationship). \$1.68 million distributed to food banks; still working on the backlog (estimated 1-2 months to clear). Medicaid redetermination is coming up (800-478-7778). HB8 for e bikes.

(<https://www.akleg.gov/basis/Bill/Detail/33?Root=hb%208>).

Constituent meeting March 21 (?) 1pm at Mtn View Boys and Girls Club.

<https://www.facebook.com/events/1012703626378017/>

Constituent survey being conducted (<http://bit.ly/3Jq28xQ>)

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Twitter: [@rep_mina](https://twitter.com/rep_mina) https://twitter.com/rep_mina

Sign up for her newsletter: <https://lp.constantcontactpages.com/su/ezZzJE8/signup>

Sen Dunbar (State Senate) - Two main points: increasing base student allocation and restoring defined benefits for public employees (not as generous as previous iterations, designed to be fiscally sustainable). SB77 gives local gov't's additional tools to spur construction (local gov't's

can use if desired, but not required). SB103 peer support counseling bill. SB104 for civil legal services fund. Revenue, Resources, and Transportation subcommittees. If no Senate action is taken, the salary increases will take effect.

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Dora Wilson - ASD School Board - tomorrow is the last day of spring break. March 9 is the last day of extra time for snow make-up. ASD approved and submitted a balanced budget to the Assembly. Hoping for additional BSA funding next year. Prop 1 is the school bond on April ballots (37.8 million); focused on safety and security. Town halls coming up about changing school start times (1. Tuesday, March 21 / 6-7pm / Bettye Davis East Anchorage HS / Auditorium 2. Wednesday, March 22 / 6-7pm / South Anchorage HS / Auditorium 3. Friday, March 24 / 6-7pm / Mirror Lake MS / Multi-purpose room). School lottery coming up (Feb. 15- April 14. <https://www.asdk12.org/lottery>). StopIt is an anonymous student reporting app. Monday March 20 @ 6pm.

Shane Wescott - AFD Station 3 - trying to establish better communication with the AH community. A couple bonds on the ballot relate to the AFD - replacing fire engines, capital improvements to stations, replacing ambulances and fuel tanks. Graduating a class April 1st - open to the public. "Pulse Point" app allows bystanders to be notified if there is a cardiac arrest in a public place (<https://www.muni.org/Departments/Fire/Pages/PulsePoint.aspx>). Federal grants for Wildland Urban Interface coming in. Strategic Plan for AFD is on the Muni website under the Fire section

(<https://www.muni.org/Departments/Assembly/SiteAssets/Pages/Public%20Safety%20Committee/Strategic%20plan%20graphic%202022-23.pdf>).

Joy Boston - JBER - not present today
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Reconnecting Communities grant

Lindsey Hajduk - NeighborWorks Alaska

NeighborWorks has been in Anchorage for 40+ years; a nonprofit dedicated to improving the quality of life for families and individuals, largely through housing. She works with community engagement to create safer, more connected, vibrant communities. Partnered with Fairview CC and received EPA Environmental Justice grant. Programs include Fairness for Fairview, Voices of Fairview, and Reconnecting Fairview. Working with DOT on how to integrate grant goals with other projects already underway. Fairview received a planning-focused grant.

www.FairviewAK.org

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Seward-Glenn Mobility Team

Taylor Horne (HDR) - PEL combines planning and NEPA stages. Red line used on maps for the boundary should be considered "fuzzy" - that is the focus area but the goal is more important than the boundary. Revision of the Purpose and Need statement is complete. Currently in Phase 4: Develop and Screen Alternatives. Next stage is that Preliminary Alternatives are brought out for public comment. There will be a public meeting in late spring (tbd, likely at Fairview Rec Center) and a public comment period open for 30 days starting right around that time. Comments can also be left at any time using the resources below.

907-206-2289 - leave a voicemail for project team

<http://sewardglennmobility.com/>

info@sewardglennmobility.com

Solarize Airport Heights

Carolyn Ramsey

Installers at Alaska Solar (used to be Anchorage Solar). There will be a price reduction based on total kilowatts in the group (potentially 10% off). There is also a 30% tax credit. Meetings on FB page (March 23rd 7pm and April 18th 7pm). First one is online, second is at Unitarian Church. Kalen can help coordinate with the Church.

CIP (Capital Improvement Program)

C. Ward-Waller

We submit ideas and the Muni also adds their own projects (neighborhood, Muni, or State scale). We have to rank all the ideas, even if we don't love them. The E Board did a preliminary ranking/sorting. Chelsea built a survey so that any community member can add suggestions for new or re-sorted items. Next CC meeting will be a vote of list and any new items.

<https://forms.gle/NHhRjLRHV7S7rmYQ7>

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

FCC (Federation of Community Councils)

Amanda Moser

Muni ballot was discussed. Alaska Free Clinic is looking for volunteers. FCC will send out more info in the next couple days to the entire email list. Free Clinic happening April 15-16 @ O'Malley Sports Complex. Also lots of discussion about FCC interaction with Girdwood about Holtan Hills: FCC manager may have taken inappropriate actions considering his role.

[\(https://alaskalandmine.com/landmines/anchorage-community-council-executive-helped-undermine-holtan-hills-development/\)](https://alaskalandmine.com/landmines/anchorage-community-council-executive-helped-undermine-holtan-hills-development/)

Community Concerns

C. Ward-Waller - Muni election is going on right now. Look for your mail ballot. You can also vote in person. Ballot drop box location:

<https://muniorg.maps.arcgis.com/apps/webappviewer/index.html?id=218a434eff2c42b49e06932d56d2e862>

J. Ferrarese - Seed Exchange at Mt. View Library Saturday Noon-2:30 pm.

<https://www.facebook.com/events/835740070856656>

Haley Johnston - AK Trails, Chugach State Park Citizens Advisory Board. Prop 6 on Ballot. Allows creation of a new service area that could, in the future, levy taxes for maintenance in that area and improved access. "Access" could theoretically include things like buses, better bike access, and other multimodal improvements.

J. Whitlock - Airport Heights picnic is held on the same Saturday in June as the Women's Run. It's early, but he is already thinking about donations for door prizes. If you have a connection to a local business, let him know.

Andy Hollemen - candidate for Anchorage School Board. Prop14 would redirect some marijuana taxes to child care.

VoteAndyAk@gmail.com or 907-301-7004

Move to adjourn - A. Moser

Seconded by J. Ferrarese

No discussion

Approved by consent (no opposition)