

Meeting Minutes

North Star Community Council

December 14, 2022
(online via Zoom)

PRESENT

NSCC Officers & Members:

- Matt Johnson, President
- Mark Butler, Vice President
- Mike Hondel, Secretary
- Susan Miller, Member at Large

10 North Star residents present

State Legislative:

- State Senator Elvi Gray-Jackson (SD-1)
- Loki Tobin
Incoming State Senator
- Zach Fields
Incoming State Representative

Assembly:

- Daniel Volland

Other Entities:

- Jenn Wingard
Resolution of Support for an Areawide Bond Proposal for Cemeteries in Anchorage
 - Grace Pleasants
Girdwood - Holton Hills Residential Expansion Proposal
 - Corrine Chaplin
Area Manager for Brown Jug
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CALL TO ORDER

Introductions. Approval of agenda. Approval of minutes from previous meeting.

REPORTS

I. COUNCIL

1. Mark Butler:
Noisy vehicle resolution passed.

II. LEGISLATIVE REPRESENTATIVES

1. State Senator Elvi Gray-Jackson:
Upcoming Senate session (33rd). Bipartisan makeup. Committees she expects to be on. Legislative priorities. Final month to represent North Star CC. Seasonal affective disorder (SAD).
2. Incoming State Representative Zach Fields:
Optimistic about bipartisan leanings of Representative body. State is facing critical understaffing.
3. Incoming State Senator Loki Tobin:
Senate Education chair. Working to improve defined benefits. Excited about bipartisan energy in the Senate.

III. ASSEMBLY REPRESENTATIVES

1. Daniel Volland:
AMATS and non-motorized improvements in Anchorage. Current difficulties with MOA's handling of snow removal. MOA administration was warned (this past June) of impending issues. Ombudsman retained. Clarification of elections handbook. Motor fuel tax will increase. Housing & homelessness improvements: security and trail cleaning. Q&A: funding for snow removal & treatment centers, status of library director.

NEW BUSINESS

1. **Resolution of Support for an Areawide Bond Proposal for Cemeteries in Anchorage**
Jenn Wingard (for Briana Sullivan, Girdwood Board of Supervisors, and Cemetery Supervisor)
City-wide bond won't be on ballot this coming April, so likely April 2024. Move to vote. Discussion of resolution, whether to vote tonight or on a future date. Move to table, move passed.
2. **Resolution about Homelessness**
Penny Gage, NSCC resident
Shared background of resolution, status. Discussion of resolution. Additional need to get MOA representative to speak to NSCC. Amendment to resolution. Vote on resolution, passed 9-0.
3. **Resolution Regarding Holtan Hills Residential Expansion Proposal**
Grace Pleasants, Jenn Wingard, Krytal Holt, Girdwood residents
Discussion of project developers, project process, possible process violations. Vote on resolution, passed 9-0.

OLD BUSINESS

1. **Arctic-To-Aurora Electric Undergrounding Project**
Mike Hondel, NSCC resident and property owner in Arctic-To-Aurora
Upcoming public meeting by Chugach Electric.
2. **Fireweed Lane Improvements and the Need to Advocate for More Road Improvements in Anchorage**
Mark Butler, NSCC Vice President
AMATS meeting tomorrow. Meanwhile, snow was seemingly not removed from Fireweed sidewalks even before the recent snowstorms.

NORTH STAR CC MEMBERS PRESENT

Matt Johnson, President

Mark Butler, Vice President

Mike Hondel, Secretary

Susan Miller, member at large

Jacquie Braden

Kayla Epstein

Penny Gage

Gordon Glaser

Eiden Pospisil

Sharon Schlicht