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Campbell Park Community Council  
Minutes  
April 20th, 2023 | 7:02-9:05 pm  
Via Zoom and in-person at  
St. Mary's Episcopal Church

## **I-III. Call to order, approval of agenda, and approval of minutes.**

At 7:02 Chair Jordan Horary called the meeting to order. With no objections heard, the agenda was revised to move the FCC report, Housing and Homeless Report, and chair's report from the end of the agenda to precede the reports from municipal, state, and school board representatives. Draft minutes of the March meeting were approved as submitted.

## **IV. Guest Speakers**

**a. Anchorage Police Department.** Officer Vickerman introduced himself. His new beat includes the Lake Otis/Tudor Road area. He requested community reports of suspicious people or cars.

**b. Anchorage Planning Department.** Tom Davis requested comments from our Community Council on the review of community council boundaries, which occurs every ten years, according to municipal code. A survey of community council members suggested several possible changes to the boundaries of Campbell Park Community Council.

- Add all or part of Tudor Area Community Council (TACC) to Campbell Park Community Council, because TACC meetings consistently lack enough members for a quorum.
- Add the part of CPCC East of Lake Otis Blvd to University Area Community Council (UACC) because events in this area have such an impact on UACC.
- Add the portion of CPCC East of Elmore and North of Campbell Creek to UACC, limiting the change to the areas most impactful to UACC.
- Make no changes.

The Planning Department would like to receive comments from each of the community councils. **Two planning documents are on the CPCC website in Other Documents section at <https://www.communitycouncils.org/download/22265.pdf> and <https://www.communitycouncils.org/download/22264.pdf>.**

**c. Homeless perspective** - no report.

## **IV Old Business**

**Community Council information in school newsletters.** Nicole Cupp reported on lack of response to the emails she sent to school principals requesting inclusion of information on CPCC in school

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newsletters for parents. Later in the meeting, School Board representative Dora Wilson offered to talk to Nicole after the meeting to explain the protocol involved in providing such information to school newsletters.

## V. New Business

**a. Anchorage Traffic Engineering Department.** Randy Ribble requested comments on the study areas of the Campbell Park Traffic Calming Study. The study is a capital project, sponsored by Rep. Josephson, funded by the State of Alaska. The areas are:

- Northwest area bounded by Cherikof, Becharof, Rakof and Shelikof rights of way
- Local residential east/west roads that feed to Cache Drive and Tudor Elementary School
- Little Tree St between Waldron and E 56th Ave.
- Eastern area bounded by E 48th Ave, E 50th Ave and E 52nd Ave east of Lake Otis parkway.

**Project documents are on the CPCC website in the Other Documents category at <https://www.communitycouncils.org/download/22268.pdf>, <https://www.communitycouncils.org/download/22267.pdf>, and <https://www.communitycouncils.org/download/22266.pdf>.**

**b. Northeast Community Council Resolution on Bikeway Design.** No action was taken on a request from the North East Community Council to adopt a resolution in support of their previous resolution to the Assembly that the Assembly adopts the National Association of City Transportation Officials (NACTO) "Urban bikeway Design Guide" as extended and clarified by the "Designing for All Ages and Abilities" document and further that the municipality seeks affiliate membership in NACTO. Assembly member Rivera said that he would investigate the history of this resolution at the Assembly. The council will revisit the request at the May meeting. **A copy of the resolution is on the CPCC website in the Other Documents category at <https://www.communitycouncils.org/download/22269.pdf>**

## VII. Reports

**a. Federation of Community Councils.** Kevin Fimon noted the FCC's need for new officers to fill the positions of the secretary and the treasurer, who are termed out.

**b. Housing and Homelessness.** Michael Burke asked for volunteers to act as liaisons on homeless issues during coming months when he is absent due to travel.

**c. CPCC Chair.** Jordan Horary asked if council members would like to follow last year's practice and omit one meeting, such as July

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meeting, during the summer. He will raise the issue again at the May meeting.

### **d. Legislature, Senate.**

Senator Gray-Jackson's accepted appointment to the Department of Labor's National Task Force on Workforce Mental Health and Alaska's Statewide Suicide Prevention Council. **A copy of her report is appended to these minutes.**

Senator Dunbar will work to increase funding for snow removal as an ongoing budget item. SB 77 Property Redevelopment is now at the Housing & Finance Committee. Other bills include SB 103 Confidential peer support counseling for first responders and law enforcement and SB 104: permitting an increased allocation to Civil Legal Service Fund of court filing fees from 10% to 25%. SB 112: Digital Product Repair would require manufacturers to make available the information, parts, and tools required to repair their devices. **A copy of his report is appended to these minutes.**

### **e. Legislature, House.**

Representative Andy Josephson reported on status of amendments to the state budget. He reported on bills awaiting hearings, to add criminal penalties to domestic abuse in the presence of a child; to allow to human rights commission to investigate offenses in non-profit organizations; to allow police departments to establish confidential peer counseling program for police officers; to establish a defined benefits retirement program for police officers and fire fighters; and to refine the process for defining competency to stand trial and creates a transition to civil commitment. **A copy of his report is appended to these minutes.**

Representative Andrew Gray - not present. Maya, his assistant, reported on his cosponsorship of HB 163, creating the FAFSA Raffle, intended to encourage students to submit the Free Application for Federal Student Aid. The Raffle would award \$1,000 per month during the FAFSA filing period to a randomly selected individual who had submitted proof of submitting a FAFSA application.

**f. Mayor's office** - no report

### **g. Assembly**

Felix Rivera reported developments in the delayed adoption of body cameras by the Anchorage Police Department, including a suit against the Municipality and the Police Department's decision to implement some use of body cameras prior to the adoption of a formal policy on body cameras. The Mayor's first quarter budget revision includes a \$10M increase, an \$18 increase per 100,000 of assessed property value.

Rivera also reported on the demobilization of Sullivan Arena as a homeless shelter and the particular problem of transition for

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medically fragile individuals currently at the Sullivan. The Assembly's Clean Slate Strategy for addressing the homeless situation is posted at <https://www.muni.org/Departments/Assembly/Pages/FOCUS-Homelessness.aspx>

Meg Zaletel - No report.

**h. School Board.** Dora Wilson reported the selection of Jessee Tyrell as a student representative to the Anchorage Assembly, the pending change in school start times for elementary, middle school, and high school students, and the decision to move the Alaska Native Charter School to Abbott Loop School for five years beginning in the fall. The School District also adopted a land acknowledgment with the Native Village of Eklutna. The Consul of France visited the French Language Immersion program.

**i. JBER - No report. *A recent announcement on recreational access to JBER land is included in the appendix to the minutes.***

The meeting adjourned at 9:05.

**Next Meeting: Thursday, May 18, 2023, at 7 p.m.**

Steve Johnson  
Secretary  
Campbell Park Community Council



Campbell Park Community Council

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4. JBER presentation on recreational access to JBER land,three pages.

**Senator Gray-Jackson's Notes**  
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- The Council of State Governments (CSG) and the National Conference of State Legislatures (NCSL), in collaboration with the U.S. Department of Labor's State Exchange on Employment & Disability (SEED), convened the *Mental Health Matters: National Task Force on Workforce Mental Health Policy*. I was invited to be a member of the Task Force and joined a committee that addresses behavioral health workforce shortages.

During the pandemic, our community encountered increased demand for counselling and therapy. As mentioned in earlier notes, I introduced SB24, which amends State Statutes to include Mental Health with other educational programs for students from K-12. The Bill was first heard in the Education Committee then it was moved out of Health Committee on the April 14<sup>th</sup>. It was referred to Senate Finance and is awaiting a hearing. I anticipate the bill making it to the finish line prior to the end of the session. I will always make addressing mental health issues a priority within our community.

- I was also appointed to the Statewide Suicide Prevention Council which advises the Governor and Legislature on issues relating to suicide. In collaboration with communities, faith-based organizations, and public-private entities, the Council works to improve the health and wellness of Alaskans by reducing suicide and its effect on individuals and communities. We had our first quarterly meeting on April 18<sup>th</sup> from 1-4:30 p.m.
- SB22 making Juneteenth a paid state holiday was heard on Tuesday, April 4<sup>th</sup> in the Finance Committee and we are now waiting on the next hearing. In 2021, President Biden signed a bill making Juneteenth a Federal Holiday and, most recently, the Anchorage Assembly unanimously approved an ordinance making Juneteenth a Municipal

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holiday. I anticipate this Bill making it to the finish line during this session.

- HB23, a companion bill to SB30, recognizing Filipino Heritage Month in State Statutes was unanimously approved by the House on March 31<sup>st</sup>. HB23 will be the moving bill and was introduced on the Senate floor with a vote anticipated soon.
- **Budget-** The House voted on the Operating Budget and Mental Health Budget (HB39 and HB41.) This includes a \$2,689.00 PFD, support to fisheries, Department of Corrections support, and resource development. The bills will now be read on the Senate floor and forwarded to the Finance Committee.
- **SNAP-** The Governor signed fast-track legislation on March 31<sup>st</sup> that would speed up recertifications for SNAP. This should address the thousands of Alaskans and ensure there is food on their tables. This fast-track funding source will include hiring additional eligibility technicians and contractors to address the Medicaid redetermination, public assistance backlog, and SNAP Benefits.
- April is Sexual Assault Awareness Month. Alaska is first in the nation for rapes per 100,000 people. We lead 148 to 100,000 people. That is nearly double for the second highest state at 77 per 100,000 people in Arkansas. In the United States about 43.6% of women, and 24.8% of men have experienced some form of sexual assault in their lifetime. In Alaska alone 59% of Alaskan women have experienced intimate partner violence or sexual violence.
- April is also Celebrate Diversity month which addresses the growing multiculturalism within the community and

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nation. There is an urgency to understand cultures, traditions, and create a better world. Alaska has the highest census count of American Indians in the nation at 15% of the population; it is also ranked in top 10 of Asian residents. We are number seven with 54.2% of Asian populations and a majority of that is of Filipino heritage.

*Always representing your interests!*

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Elvi Gray-Jackson". The signature is written in a cursive style with a small number "6" written above the first letter "E".

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**Legislative Session-**

The Senate Finance Budget Subcommittees have closed out and the House has transmitted their budget, which includes a one-time BSA increase without a funding source, a \$2700 PFD, and a \$600M deficit. Senate Finance continues to hear public testimony about the budget.

Increasing the Base Student Allocation (BSA) and returning to a defined benefit for public employees remains the focus of the Senate. Sen. Giessel's [SB 88](#) for Defined Benefits is still being heard in Labor & Commerce. [SB 52](#) to increase the BSA is being heard in Senate Finance. This afternoon, parents, students, and educators rallied on the Capitol steps to raise the BSA.

**My Legislation-**

[SB 103: Peer Support Counseling Program](#) would increase access to mental health care for first responders and law enforcement. It was moved out of Senate Community & Regional Affairs last week and I anticipate a floor vote on Monday.

[SB 104: Civil Legal Services Fund](#) would increase the amount that the legislature may appropriate to the fund from 10% to 25% of court filing fees from the previous year. The fund exists to allow organizations to provide civil legal services to low-income individuals. It has made its way through Senate Judiciary and Finance and should have a floor vote soon.

**NEW:** [SB 112 Digital Product Repair](#). Alaskans deserve to have full ownership over their digital devices. This bill would require manufacturers to make available the information, parts, and tools required for Alaskans to repair their own devices at a reasonable cost. It has been referred to Labor & Commerce and Judiciary committees.

**Committee Updates-**

**Health & Social Services:** Last week we moved out Sen. Gray-Jackson's **SB 24: Public Schools: Mental Health Education**. SB 24 proposes to amend the current health education curriculum in Alaska to include mental health education for K-12 students. The bill aims to reduce the stigma surrounding mental health and increase students' understanding of mental illnesses. I am a cosponsor on this bill.

**Resources:** On March 31st, we voted out Sen. Bjorkman's **SB 87: Lumber Grading Program**, which I've cosponsored. SB 87 proposes a local lumber grading program to allow Alaskans to grade and sell locally milled dimensional lumber, which can create economic opportunities, address housing shortages, and boost investment in forest management; it will likely have a floor vote soon.

**Community & Regional Affairs:** We are currently hearing **SB 79: Reclassification of First-Class Cities**. SB 79 will provide a way for first-class cities in Alaska that have fallen below the required population threshold of 400 residents to reclassify themselves as second-class cities. The bill was prompted by Tanana, which was once able to operate as a first-class city but can no longer do so due to a significant reduction in population and tax revenue.

**Labor & Commerce:** In late March, we voted out Sen. Wilson's licensure compact bills. They have since been moved out of Finance and should receive floor votes soon.

HOUSE FINANCE

# ALASKA STATE LEGISLATURE

LEGISLATIVE BUDGET  
AND AUDIT

ETHICS (ALTERNATE)

FINANCE  
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Law

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*REPRESENTATIVE ANDY JOSEPHSON*

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**Date:** April 20, 2023

**To:** Campbell Park Community Council

**From:** Representative Andy Josephson

**Re:** Update on Session

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Hello Neighbors,

Throughout March and early April, the operating (HB 39) and mental health (HB 41) budgets occupied the majority of my time. Progress on my bills has been stalled but will hopefully move forward after the passage of the budget.

## **The Budget**

Following the subcommittee closeout process, HB 39 and HB 41 as amended were taken up in House Finance. I offered 24 amendments to the budget. 6 were passed. The 6 that passed House Finance and survived the House Floor were the following:

1. A centralized accommodation fund for State hiring (Co-Chair Johnson offered same amendment. It passed)
2. IDD waitlist study (Rep. Stapp also offered and it passed)
3. \$50,000 for dementia awareness material
4. Eliminating election fraud investigator while preserving sexual assault position
5. Eliminating parental rights attorney (a position the Governor tried to create)

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6. \$50,000 for Campbell Lake signage and markings for easements

All other amendments of mine failed. Most of my caucus' amendments failed as well. These amendments included necessary funding for early learning, childcare, senior and disability services, services for those who have experienced sexual assault/domestic violence, and University operations.

On the House Floor, all attempts to appropriate money for the services listed above were voted down by the majority. Co-Chair Johnson did offer a substantial increase to the BSA (over \$174 million one-time increment), but then moved to change the funding source from the General Fund to the Constitutional Budget Reserve. My caucus found the majority caucus playing games with crucial funding for education was a step too far, and, well, we tried to fight against the fund source change. Ultimately, the majority caucus prevailed and funding for an increased BSA will now be withdrawn from the Constitutional Budget Reserve. This was the only substantial budget increase to be approved by the majority. They voted down all other increases, arguing that we are in a fiscal crisis and these increases would bloat government. Note: they have not offered a fiscal plan or any other new sources of revenue to cover the budget deficit that they approved.

### **Bills**

None of my bills have moved forward since the last Campbell Park Community Council meeting. The subcommittee for House State Affairs where *HB 22: Peace Officer/Firefighter Benefits* is being held had a hearing, but it was preliminary and there was hardly any discussion on the bill itself.

Below are my bills waiting for committee hearings in case you have any interest and want to do further research:

*HB 11: Crime: Assault in the Presence of a Child*

A bill which makes it an additional crime when someone commits domestic violence and they do so in the presence of a child. Currently sitting in House Judiciary.

*HB 13: Applicability of Human Rights Commission*

A bill which allows the human rights commission to investigate discrimination claims filed against non-profit employers. Currently in House Judiciary.

*HB 15: Peer Support Counseling Program*

A bill which clearly allows police departments to create and develop a peer support counseling program which allows police officers to talk to a qualified counselor in confidence. Currently in House State Affairs.

HB 22: *Peace Officers/Firefighters Benefits*

A bill which creates a new defined benefits retirement system for peace officers and firefighters. Currently in House State Affairs.

HB 80: *Incompetency; Civil Commitment*

A bill which refines the competency to stand trial process and create a seamless transition to civil commitment. Currently in House Health and Social Services. A hearing is scheduled for Thursday, April 27<sup>th</sup>.