

AHCC Meeting - 20 Mar 2023

Attendees

Residents:

Chelsea Ward-Waller (President)
Jena Ferrarese (Secretary)
Carolyn Ramsey (Vice President)
Paige Coatney
Brita Mjos (Committee Chair)
Ed Brewer
Sheri Whitethorn
Mikhail Siskoff
Kalen Saxton
Karlene Leeper
John Whitlock (Board Member at Large)
Larry Hayden
Emily Weiser (Board Member at Large)
Amanda Moser (FCC Rep)
Tyler Boyes (Committee Chair)

Guests:

Joey Sweet - Anchorage Assembly
Genevieve Mina - State House Rep (Dist 19), also a resident
Forrest Dunbar - State Senator
Katy Giorgio - Rep Mina Staff
Felix Rivera - Anchorage Assembly
Dora Wilson - Anchorage School Board
Shaina Kilcoyne - candidate for Chugach Electric Association board of directors
Brooke Blessing - Municipality Project Management & Engineering Department

Approve April 2023 Agenda

- Executive board approved March 2023 Minutes
E. Weiser move to approve; K. Leeper seconded
Passed by consent

Assembly/Legislative/School Board Reports and JBER

Rep Mina - Operating budget passed on Monday in House (\$2700 PFD with 50/50 split); still facing significant deficit; near consensus in House on one-time funding allocation (39-1 vote); public testimony tomorrow for Anch residents on finance/revenue; 3 new revenue proposals; HB127 - introduced bill to be able to pay family caregivers; Office of Citizenship Assistance has reopened; constituent survey still out there (<http://bit.ly/3Jq28xQ>)

Sen Dunbar - Sen finance working on both operating and capital budgets; added ~\$350,000 for Chugach State Park; did not succeed in additional funds for snow removal but working through Gov's funding mechanism; working on defined benefits and increasing base student allocation; also revenue discussions in Senate; current Senate PFD is ~\$1300 (75/25 split); bill for housing development and blight tax is making progress.
sen.forrest.dunbar@akleg.gov

Member Rivera - Member Zalatel won't be able to attend; Body-worn cameras are still in flux but may be implemented sooner rather than later; demob of emergency shelters by April 30; task forces created for exploring options; need for permanent, year-round, low-barrier shelter is back in discussion; explore the "clean slate strategy" on the Assembly web site; sub-committee is working on short-term rentals as related to expansion of ADUs.

Member Sweet - just filled Assembly Youth Rep (non-voting seat) as a cohort appointed at-large; facial recognition work passed - very strong limitation but not complete ban

School Board Member Wilson - continued advocacy for BSA increase; 2023 school bonds passed! (focused on safety and security); school start time revisions are in discussion; AK Native Cultural Charter School will move into Abbott Loop Elementary building for next 5 years; land acknowledgement in conjunction with Eklutna passed; AK Star testing finished up; board will meet on April 27 for annual reorganization; ASD 2023 summer learning mostly in June and some in July - free - check the web site; yard signs available for Seniors.

East 20th Avenue, Nichols Street, and Norene Street Pedestrian Improvements

Brooke Blessing, Project Management & Engineering

Sidewalks only on one side of street (W of Norene, S of 20th, ? of Nichols); Construction likely to start late summer and continue to 2024; will also include some traffic calming measures (cushions, radar speed signs); winter maintenance is uncertain

Capital Improvement Program (CIP) list

- Draft prioritized list
 - Results from community survey
- J. Whitlock moved to vote, E. Weiser seconded
Passed by consensus - no opposition.

Resolution in support of temporary protected bike lanes

Amanda Moser

DOT has put \$1 million for protected bike lane pilot project; several locations being considered; currently only a pilot for summer

Motion to approve by J. Whitlock, seconded by C. Ramsey

Motion to edit to "including but not limited to" by A. Moser, seconded by C. Ramsey

13 yes - 0 no - 0 abstain

Audubon tree distribution event

Brita Mjos

10,000 spruce seedlings are available for free; contact Brita and she will coordinate distribution in late May/early June; can put interest in chat or email her

<https://www.mrwhitekeys.com/trees.html>

britarmjos@gmail.com

Airport Heights summer picnic planning

John Whitlock

Happens same day as Women's Run; Saturday June 10th; door prizes wanted from local businesses; can also sponsor financially or in-kind; volunteers also wanted - contact John for what he needs

Federation of Community Councils (FCC) report

Amanda Moser

Spruce Bark Beetle presentation; Mayor's office will be reaching out for CIP; similar updates as Assembly re: fiscal plan; AWWU is starting outreach for their next planned infrastructure projects

Community concerns

C. Ward-Waller - April 26th @ 5:30 pm is Destination UMed online open house

C. Ramsey - Council boundary meeting discussion: Sitka Park not moving from AHCC; development at Lake Otis Pkwy and E 20th Ave parcel is dropped due to traffic issues

J. Ferrarese - look for the Little Seed Library coming soon

Shaina Kilcoyne - Running for Chugach Electric Association board of directors

Move to provide money to buy a microphone for improving hybrid meeting communication by C. Ramsey, seconded by K. Saxton
Passed by unanimous consent.

Move to adjourn A. Moser, seconded by J. Whitlock
Passed by unanimous consent.