

AHCC Meeting - 21 Sept 2023
See recording for more details on any topic

Attendees

Residents:

Chelsea Ward-Waller (President)
Kate Yenik Ksok, minor Yenik Ksok
Genevieve Mina (also State Rep)
Becca Stein, minor Stein
Jeff Arnold
Jena Ferrarese (Secretary)
Larry Hayden
Sheri Whitethorn
Brita Mjos (Committee Chair)
Carolyn Ramsey (Vice President)
Emily Weiser (Board Member at Large)
Karlene Leeper
Tyler Boyes (Committee Chair)
John Whitlock (Board Member at Large)
Joan Fisher
Kandi Rushford
Kathy Dugan

Guests:

Dora Wilson - Anchorage School Board; wilson_dora@asdk12.org; 907-884-8584
Karen Bronga - Anchorage Assembly
Daniel Volland - Anchorage Assembly
Forrest Dunbar - State Senator
Felix Rivera - Anchorage Assembly
Ari Wiggin - Sen. Dunbar staff

Call to Order, establish quorum, introductions

Approve September 2023 Agenda

Moved by C. Ramsey, seconded by J. Arnold; approved by consent

Assembly/Legislative/School Board Reports and JBER

Assembly Member Bronga - winter shelter; Complete Streets; AK Eating Disorders; Northway Mall has been sold and will be used for a public use (can't say more)

Assembly Member Volland - public place naming; push for more triplexes and quadplexes in Title 21; rename Port of Alaska as Don Young Port of Anchorage; community question about status of ADU resolution passed last year that incorporated short-term rental resolution

Assembly Member Rivera - election integrity; cold weather shelter funding and implementation; encampment mitigation

State Senator Dunbar - <https://tinyurl.com/SenDunbar-Newsletter>; newsletter sent to all households in AH; bill overview; SB77 for tax relief and blight abatement; constituent coffee Sunday Oct 1 @2pm at the Denny's; community question about definition of vacancy for blight

State Representative Mina - legislative update; transportation; recent power outages

School Board Member Wilson - school year started with all bus routes running; PLC Mondays time change for elementary and middle schools; board goals of reading, math, and CCL (Career, College, and Life); 2024 time change

Resolution in support of speed studies and traffic calming

- Rosemary between 17th and 20th (Kate)
- Corner of Thunderbird and Cassius (Mary)
- Lots of neighborhood testimony to specific incidents
- Proposal from C. Ward-Waller to include pilot project to make AH 20 mph neighborhood-wide
- Commentary from Member Volland about proactive approach to traffic calming
- Question about if stop signs count as traffic calming? Consensus is probably yes, Member Volland will check.

HOME AO presentation

See recording for details and commentary

<https://www.muni.org/Departments/Assembly/SiteAssets/Pages/FOCUS-Housing/HOME%20Initiative%20Slide%20Show%20-%20Community%20Version.pdf>

Tikishla smackdown update

B. Mijos - successful! Follow-up effort next weekend (?) - details on FB

Federation of Community Councils (FCC) report

Report from A. Moser - presentation from Muni Ombudsman on [Community Councils 101](#); [Community Council Legal Opinion](#); [AO 2023-87 Home Ordinance](#); FCC currently doesn't have executive director, working on hiring

Community concerns

C. Ward-Waller - 2050 Metropolitan Transportation Plan, she is project manager, www.publicinput.com/2050_mtp

- Also CC elections in October, contact C. Ward Waller if you are interested

Motion to adjourn - J. Ferrarese, G. Mina; no objections