

Campbell Park Community Council
Minutes
November 16, 2023
via Zoom only

I-III. Chairwoman Nicole Cupp called the meeting to order at 7:00. The agenda and meeting minutes were approved as submitted.

IV Old Business – No Old Business.

V New business

1. **Sanctioned camp** – Nicolle Cupp read Tony J. Andrew’s resolution in support of a sanctioned, dry camp for the homeless at the Navigation Center site near the intersection of Tudor & Elmore. After discussion, the proposed population limit of 75 was reduced to 50 with room to move up to 100. The text of the resolution is included at the end of these minutes. The council will vote on the resolution after the second reading at the December meeting.
2. **Community Garden** – Nicole Cupp read Steve Sawyer’s resolution supporting a request to the Municipality to create a community garden on municipal land adjacent to the intersection of Folker Street and Campbell Creek. After discussion of the proposal, including municipal funding source and the relation to the exiting community garden on the grounds of St. Mary’s Church, off Lake Otis Boulevard, Council agreed to tweak the language of the resolution, which is included at the end of these minutes. The council will vote on the resolution after the second reading at the December meeting.

VI Guest Speakers

1. **Representative Dan Ortiz** spoke on HB 30, the bill to keep Alaska on daylight time all year long, in concert with West Coast states and British Columbia. The bill is not out of committee. If passed and signed it would not go into effect until Congress passed enabling legislation. Going to standard time, an alternate approach to eliminating time change, would not require federal approval. In Western Alaska, neither year round day light time or year round standard time are popular.
2. **DOT&PF Sean Baski**, Surface Transportation Group, spoke about projects relevant to the Campbell Park Community Council. With reference to a request to lower the speed limit on Tudor Road, Baski said that the subject would be addressed by a consultant, to be hired through AMATS with federal dollars, to do a comprehensive study of the Tudor Corridor. The DOT website has a document how speed limits are set:

<https://dot.alaska.gov/traveltopics/how-are-speed-limits-set.shtml>

The proposed Lake Otis Crossing is the largest project in this community council area. Other about a dozen other projects in or near this council area include resurfacing Elmore Road, and relocating the signal to the entrance to Campbell Tract. For questions or comments, contact Sean.Baski@alaska.gov or office phone 907 2690-0566.

VII Reports

1. **FCC Delegate Kevin Fimon** – Subjects of major discussion were snow removal and school closures. At the FCC meeting, UAA Economist Kevin Berry reported on trends in Anchorage out migration, in migration and economic activity relative to the lower 48. With regard to the future of the vacant FCC Director position, discussions continue. It is possible that the Muni will make funds available funds for a full time, rather than part time, position.

2. **Housing and Homelessness Committee / Treasurer – Tony J. Andrew** – No report.
3. **Acting CPCC Chair Nicole Cupp** – No report.
4. **Legislature - Senate**

Sen. Elvi Gray-Jackson reported on attending the Alaska Federation of Natives Conference, meeting the new head of the Consulate of South Korea, the commemoration of the completion of the Alaska Highway on October 25th, 1943, the celebration of October as Filipino American History month. Sen. Gray-Jackson's November report to constituents is appended to these notes.

Sen. Forrest Dunbar reported on snow plowing issues, a bill to add housing finance to the scope of the Alaska Industrial Development and Export Authority, and a bill regarding the use of psychedelic drugs in treating trauma and post traumatic stress disorder. Sen. Dunbar's November report to constituents is appended to these notes.

5. **Legislature – House**

Rep. Andy Josephson spoke about ongoing activities, including a legislative audit of the State Attorney General's work seeking to expand the U.S. Supreme Court's Janus decision regarding collection of union dues; discussions with the Police Dept. Employees Association regarding potential defined benefit pensions; and bills that would permit a decree of confidentiality in peer counseling for police and firefighters who have had traumatic experiences.

Rep. Andrew Gray has introduced a bill to require the Division of Elections to release all data related to rank choice voting the day after the election, rather than two weeks after the election. He has also introduced a short term rental bill, HB 184, which would limit the number of air-bnbs or rbos (rent by owners) someone can own and creates a state registry of these rentals. He also described the National Guard's Innovative Readiness Training Program, in which National Guard units deploy for short term projects in lieu of annual training. Such projects could be undertaken in Anchorage for trail building or remediation of hazardous properties.

Mayor's Office Not present.

6. **Assembly**

Meg Zaletel Not present.

Felix Rivera reported on the snow plowing situation, the pending roll out of police body cameras, the Muni's annual budget, housing action summit and the Assembly's Housing Action Plan. The housing documents are online at <http://www.anchoragehousingaction.org>

7. **School Board – Carl Jacobs** reported on the return to in person education in all but one school in South Anchorage, though 50 bus routes could not be completed, also due to lack of snow plowing. Next year's budget deficit is estimated at 95 Million. In response to a question about low student participation in remote learning, Jacobs said he would report next month on what has been learned about the low participation rate and efforts to be made to increase remote learning participation.
8. **Anchorage Police Dept** – Not present.
9. **JBER** – Not present.

VIII. Next Meeting: Thursday, December 21st, by Zoom and at Cay's Room, St. Mary's Episcopal Church.

IX. The meeting adjourned at 8:58.

Steve Johnson
Secretary
Campbell Park Community Council

Appendix

Resolution 2023-03 Camp Site at Tudor & Elmore

Resolution 2023-04 Community Garden at Folker & Campbell Creek

Sen. Gray-Jackson’s November report to constituents

Sen. Dunbar’s November report to constituents

CAMPBELL PARK COMMUNITY COUNCIL Resolution 2023-03

November 16, 2023

A RESOLUTION THAT ENDORSES AN ALLOWED DRY-ONLY NON SUBSTANCE USE CAMPSITE LOCATED AT THE TUDOR AND ELMORE NAVIGATION CENTER LOCATION

WHEREAS, the Campbell Park Community Council is composed of residents, property owners, business owners, and representatives from the Campbell Park Community Council neighborhood designated by the Anchorage Assembly; and

WHEREAS, the purpose of the community councils is to provide a direct and continuing means of citizen participation in government and local affairs; and

WHEREAS, the Municipality of Anchorage is experiencing an ongoing crisis due to the large number of homeless residents and a shortage of places to shelter the homeless population;

THEREFORE, BE IT NOW RESOLVED, that the Campbell Park Community Council endorses the establishment of a permitted camping site on the location of the proposed Navigation Center near the Intersection of Tudor Road and Elmore Road, said site to be limited to a population of 50, with room for expansion to 100, and to be operated as a dry, non-substance use site for women, children, families and people with mobility issues.

RESOLUTION VOTE

_____ FOR _____ AGAINST _____ ABSTAIN

Nicole C. Cupp, Chairwoman of Campbell Park Community Council

Steve Johnson, Secretary

RESOLUTION 2023-04 CAMPBELL PARK COMMUNITY COUNCIL
NOVEMBER 16, 2023

THE CREATION OF A COMMUNITY GARDEN

Whereas the Campbell Park Community Council is a private, voluntary, not for profit, self-governing association composed of residents, property owners, business owners, representatives from the Campbell Park Community Council neighborhood designated by the Anchorage Assembly and;

Whereas the purpose of the community councils is to provide a direct and continuing means of citizen participation in government and local affairs;

Whereas Community Councils were established in the Municipality in order to provide a direct and continuing means of citizen participation, to provide a robust debate of issues to their community, neighbors, and individuals who participate and have dialogue germane to the area in which they reside;

Whereas residents of the Campbell Park Community Council have presented before the Council a proposal for a Community Garden to be located on Municipal park land north of and adjacent to Campbell Creek west of and adjacent to Folker Street;

Whereas there is no Muni-sponsored Community Garden within three miles of the proposed site
and the largest participation in these gardens is from those within walking distance;

Whereas the Campbell Park Community Council proposes the creation of a Community Garden;

Therefore, be it resolved that the Campbell Park Community Council (CPCC) resolved that the Campbell Park Community Council hereby supports the creation of a Community Garden on Folker and Campbell Creek..

RESOLUTION VOTE _____ FOR _____ AGAINST _____ ABSTAIN

Nicole C. Cupp, Chairwoman of Campbell Park Community Council

Steve Johnson, Secretary

CAMPBELL PARK COMMUNITY COUNCIL-SENATOR GRAY-JACKSON REPORT

NOVEMBER 16, 2023

Alaska Federation of Natives

I had the privilege of attending the Elders and Youth segment of the annual Alaska Federation of Natives conference. The annual event brings together Alaska Native leaders, organizations, cultural performers, and advocates across Alaska. This year's conference theme was "Our Ways of Life" which is so fitting as indigenous voices from all corners of Alaska come together to discuss important issues affecting their communities.

Korean Consulate

Met with Consul Park Joongsuk of the Republic of Korea on October 24th. I look forward to continuing our dialogue and expanding our support for one another through various initiatives.

Commemorative Event to Honor the African American Soldiers

In 2017 SB46 established October 25th of each year as African American Soldiers' Contribution to Building the Alaska Highway Day. This year I was able to attend a celebration hosted by American Legion Post 34.

Filipino American History Month

On July 20, 2023, HB 23 was signed into law established October as Filipino American History Month. I was able to attend a celebration at the Anchorage Museum on October 28, 2023.

Public Assistance

The division of public assistance provides basic living expenses to Alaskans in need. Some of the Programs include Adult Public Assistance, Childcare, Chronic and Acute Medical Assistance, Family Nutrition, SNAP Benefits, General Relief Assistance, Heating Assistance, Medicaid, Senior Benefits and Temporary Assistance. The office is open Monday-Friday 9 a.m. to 4 p.m.
1.800.478.7778 | hss.dpa.offices@alaska.gov

FAFSA Scholarship

The 2024-2025 FAFSA Form will be available December 2023. To stay informed, create an account for Federal Student Aid (<https://studentaid.gov/fsa-id/create-account/launch>).

University of Alaska Anchorage Scholarship

The application period for scholarships is currently open and close by February 15, 2024. Check out the Institution, State, Private, Military and Veterans, National and other scholarships available from the UAA Scholarships page (<https://www.uaa.alaska.edu/students/financial-aid/types-of-aid/scholarships/index.cshtml>).

Upcoming Session

Office will be returning to Juneau in January.

Employment Opportunity

Alaska State Senate floor staff for 2nd session of the 33rd Alaska Legislature.

- Note: Housing accommodations are not provided, and each employee must secure his/her own accommodations in Juneau. Applicants must be at least 18 years old and hold an Alaska Driver License.
- Full time, seasonal, salaried position
- Starting pay range is 13A/\$22.98 per hour
- Non-partisan services and support to legislative members
- Send Resume and Alaska DMV driving record to Senate Sergeant at Arms:
Matt Simpson | Matt.Simpson@akleg.gov

Senate District G Office

I would like to hear your ideas, your questions, and concerns. Please contact my office to schedule an appointment (907.269.0174). Our office will be closed on the upcoming holidays: Thanksgiving Day, Christmas Day, and New Years Day.

Always representing your interests!

A handwritten signature in black ink, reading "Sen. Gray-Jackson". The signature is written in a cursive style with a large initial "S" and "G".

**Alaska State Senate
Senator Forrest Dunbar**

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**Interim 2023 Community Council Update
November**

Saturday, November 18th: Last Anchorage Community Health Fair

The final Anchorage Health Fair of the season will be held on Saturday, November 18th, from 8am to 12pm, at 1801 O'Malley Road. Flu and COVID immunizations, affordable blood tests, and community health education resources will be available. Appointments and walk-ins are welcome!

Find more at <https://alaskahealthfair.org/>

Alaska Landmine Town Hall: Anchorage's Snow Plowing Failure

Also this Saturday, from 2 to 4pm, The Landmine is hosting a public town hall about the snow plowing situation. I will be there, along with other state and city officials, to field questions and talk strategy. The town hall will take place at Landmine Studios, 2518 E Tudor Rd, Ste 100, as well as on Zoom, and livestreamed on Youtube, Facebook, and X.

Housing Legislation: AIDEA

This coming session, my office will be presenting legislation directing the Alaska Industrial Development and Export Authority (AIDEA) to extend its loan participation program to entities that seek to build more affordable housing in our state.

We face a problem on two fronts: falling population and a housing market that is not keeping up with demand. The solution is to build more affordable and accessible housing stock. The State of Alaska can be part of the solution when it comes to addressing the housing crisis. This bill gives AIDEA an opportunity to make good on their statute-mandated mission to promote the health, security, and general welfare of the state, particularly through workforce housing.

Psychedelic Medicine Task Force

I have pre-filed a companion to Representative Armstrong's Alaska Mental Health and Psychedelic Medicine Task Force bill. The Task Force will assess the use of psychedelic medicine to address the mental health crisis, consider barriers to access, and explore legal pathways for legalization, while considering potential public health impacts. This is a response to the likely FDA legalization of psychedelics for therapeutic purposes that many mental health advocates, especially veterans' groups, are anticipating.

Film Industry Coalition

I am working on legislation to reinvigorate the Alaska Film Industry!

A new season of True Detective, set in Alaska, will be airing soon; unfortunately, much of it was shot in Iceland rather than here. Our goal with this legislation is to make Alaska a desirable place to film, thereby bringing outside money into our economy and providing work for Alaskan film professionals, from producer to actor, writer to set builder, and all those between. If you are interested in being involved or following our progress, please reach out to my office.

SNAP Backlog

Have you or someone you know experienced delays or issues with receiving assistance from the federal Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program or other state benefits? We want to hear from you. Please share your experiences with our office, as the state works to address the current backlog and seek long-term solutions to ensure Alaskans facing food insecurity receive the support they need.

<https://tinyurl.com/SenDunbar-Newsletter>