

Campbell Park Community Council
Minutes
December 19th, 2023
Via Zoom and in-person at
St. Mary's Episcopal Church, Cay Room

1-3. Call to order, approval of agenda and approval of minutes. Chairwoman Nicole Cupp called the meeting to order at 7:00 PM. The agenda and minutes were approved as submitted.

4. Guest Speaker

Anchorage Gospel Rescue Mission Kathy Lamantia spoke about the Anchorage Gospel Rescue Mission, active in Anchorage for about 57 years. The Mission provides sleeping space for about 100 people per night, feeds three meals per day/7,000-8,000 meals per month, and provides long term programs, including housing, for about 34 people. She said that the proposed Dry Camp at Tudor & Elmore would probably not impact operations at the Anchorage Gospel Rescue Mission unless the Dry Camp did not offer meals.

5. Old Business

Dry camp resolution After reading and discussion of the resolution in favor of a dry camp near the corner of Tudor road and Elmore Road, Chairwoman Cupp tabled action until the January meeting. TJ Andrew noted that the preferred term for such camps is "allowed camp" not "sanctioned camp." Discussion included comment that the higher number of a population range would be interpreted as ; the actual population.

6. New Business

Resolution to begin CPCC meetings with a blessing. Noting that Michael Burke was not at the meeting, Chairwoman Cupp deferred discussion until the January meeting.

Telephone dial in procedure for meeting participation. Steve Johnson reported that this procedure already exists, though the phone numbers and codes have not been posted for the past year or more. Going forward, telephone instructions and corrected numerical strings will be included with agendas and at <https://communitycouncils.org/cpcc>.

Election of officers at the January meeting. The chairwoman asked for nominees for candidates for all positions, including representative to Federation of Community Councils. Nicole Cupp has not decided whether she will stand for election to a full term as chairwoman. Steve Johnson is willing to serve as secretary for another year.

7. Reports

Legislature

Sen. Elvi Gray-Jackson - No report, present.

Sen. Forrest Dunbar - Sen. Dunbar invited questions about bills in progress or pre-filed:

- Direct the Alaska Industrial Development and Export Authority (AIDEA) to extend loan authority to entities that build affordable housing;

-SB 166, establishing a task force investigating use of psychedelic drugs for therapeutic purposes.

In response to a question, he stated his support for a bill to enforce the existing state tax on vehicle rental to online vehicle rentals. The funds from this tax are used to pay for state parks.

Rep. Andy Josephson - Alexander Schroeder summarized prefixed bills and bills in the works written by Rep. Josephson, who was not present for this meeting.

-HB 238, amendment to make it a crime to vandalize a place of religious worship, in the same category as vandalizing cemeteries and burial sites.

-Create a separate statute for vehicular homicide.

-HB 239 For the purposes of Workers Compensation, create a presumption of job related illness for PTSD for fire fighters.

-HB 248 Create requirement to give informed consent for a pelvic exam during medical procedures.

-Extend statewide requirement to give notice of a rent increase to renters from 30 days to 60 or 90 days.

Rep. Andrew Gray - Rep. Gray spoke about the need to hire life guards for the swimming pool at East High, Swim teams cannot practice at East High due to the lack of life guards, who are hired by the city, not the school. To practice, swim team members must find transportation to the swimming pool at Bartlett High School, which is not always feasible. Rep. Gray has pre-filed the following bills:

-HB 220, creating a 6% statewide tax on rooms rented for lodging for 30 days or less.

-HB 225, requiring the Division of Elections to post unofficial election results before the certification of elections.

He is also working on a bill related to foster care, a bill for mandatory hearings within 72 hours for young people admitted to mental hospitals and a bill retaining sibling relationships when other family relations are severed at time of adoption.

Mayor's Office - no report, not present.

Assembly

Felix Rivera - Reported on the passing of the budget and overriding of mayoral vetoes; snow plowing and contracting; meeting with the Houston delegation on housing the unsheltered.

Meg. Zaletel - No report, not present

School Board - Carl Jacobs spoke about the school district budget, pay increases for teachers and other employees and the need for additional state funding to help account for inflation.

APD Officer Vickerman - No report, not present.

FCC Delegate Kevin Fimon - FCC did not meet in December. However, the Assembly's budget included additional funding for FCC, making the FCC manager position close to full time, and with funding for training of community council officers by the Ombudsman's office.

Housing and Homelessness Committee - TJ Andrew - No report.

Acting CPCP Chairwoman - Nicole Cupp - No report

8. Open Forum

In response to a question about the bonded debt of the Municipality, Felix Rivera stated that the debt is owned by individual and institutional investors across the United States and perhaps other countries. The actual numbers and identities of investors is not available to issuers of debt, such as the Municipality.

9. The meeting adjourned at 8:56.

Steve Johnson
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Campbell Park Community Council