

AHCC Meeting - 18 January 2023
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Attendees

Residents:

Chelsea Ward-Waller (President)
Jena Ferrarese (Secretary)
Emily Weiser (Board Member at Large)
Carolyn Ramsey (Vice President)
John Whitlock (Board Member at Large)
Karlene Leeper
Sheri Whitethorn
Paige Coatney
Larry Hayden
Bev Lewanski
Becky Robbins
Anthony Reinert
Maddy Stokes
Jay Lawton
Emma Jacobson
Michael Galginaitis

Guests:

Remington Purnell - State House Rep. Mina's office
Karen Bronga - Anchorage Assembly
Meg Zaletel - Anchorage Assembly
Felix Rivera - Anchorage Assembly
Seth Tigarian - State Sen. Dunbar's office
Carl Jacobs - Anchorage School Board
Katherine Pfeiffer - Chris Tuck campaign

Call to Order, establish quorum, introductions

Approve January 2024 Agenda

Moved by C. Ramsey, seconded by E. Weiser; approved by consent

Assembly/Legislative/School Board Reports and JBER

Assembly Member Bronga - heads up about the Parks Bond on the Jan 23rd Assembly meeting - please email Assembly reps for feelings about this bond. Resolution for NSAA 60th anniversary. Cemetery bond for Eagle River and Girdwood. Short term rentals and Holtan Hills. Jan 23rd meeting agenda is posted on the Assembly site.

Assembly Member Zaletel - lots of 2024 work devoted to snow handling and costing out in detail what clearing within 84 hours looks like vs 72 hours vs {x} hours. Going to Finland (Helsinki and Oulu) to learn about how they handle snow, particularly non-motorized. Check out bond resolutions, which will be first thing on the agenda after the recognition resolutions. Other business may need to be pushed back to a special meeting, but TBD.

Assembly Member Rivera - body worn cameras are being installed at 2-4/workday, around half-way done(ish), there are 350 total. Homelessness: Assembly approved Next Step pilot program for 150 people through April for \$1.5 mill. \$500K for pilot program for modular housing units (e.g., pallet shelter) this summer. Also looking at longer-term plans for housing.

Assembly Member Volland - Bonds time of year. Public safety and transit bond that would double the annual amount (\$500K to \$1 Mill). Assembly confirmation Chief Medical Officer up for debate.

R. Purnell for State Representative Mina - Rep Mina spoke on ranked-choice voting in DC and on community solar within AK. Hosted immigration round table - recorded and available upon request. Priorities: HB196 for SNAP, HB191 for EMS scope increase to strokes and heart attacks, waiving business license fees for first time business owners, removing immigration status for driver's license requirements. SNAP application is now online

(<https://dhss.alaska.gov/health/dpa/Pages/SNAP/Online-SNAP-Application.aspx>).

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Constituent Survey: <http://bit.ly/3Jq28xQ>

School Board Member Jacobs - FY25 budget coming out within the next couple weeks, will be available for public input. Legislature holding special session to consider overriding the Governor's veto of various things, including school funding. Will have a parent rep on the School Board's communication committee going forward.

S. Tigarian for State Senator Dunbar - Senate majority caucus priorities: increasing education funding and returning to defined benefits for public service employees. New legislation: SB159 AK Veterans Poppy Day; SB162 Adding residency in state as protected category for real estate/real property; SB166 Mental health and psychedelic task force. Online SNAP application (<https://dhss.alaska.gov/health/dpa/Pages/SNAP/Online-SNAP-Application.aspx>). PFD application open.

Senator Dunbar

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Sent written info:  [January 2024 Community Council Update.pdf](#)

JBER Representative Boston - absent

Senator Tobin - sent written info:  [Sen Tobin January Community Council Report.pdf](#)

Resolution in Support of winter maintenance

https://docs.google.com/document/d/1hadjzVTfKB_KZERhffzJH-2pGeQgOwbh/edit

J. Whitlock moves to approve, C. Ramsey seconds - open to discussion

Discussion of minor changes

Resolution as amended approved by 15 Y, 0 N, 0 Abstain

Resolution in Support of education funding

<https://docs.google.com/document/d/19MkxGNM-pUHYIXTe6seZbA-ziBTTFiBG/edit>

J. Whitlock moves to approve, E. Weiser seconds - open to discussion

No discussion

Resolution approved by 14 Y, 0 N, 0 Abstain

Federation of Community Councils (FCC) report

Report from A. Moser - written update; they are trying to hire an Executive Director ([job posting here](#)); [presentation from Assembly and Mayor's office](#) on legislative package, encourages reading break down of requests

Community concerns

C. Ward-Waller -

- AHCC Executive Board is starting to work on the capital projects list, if you are interested in being part of conversations then please reach out to the Board.
- Water on 15th near Merrill Field is *not* leachate (results just came in) but will likely involve all the Muni departments, but especially PM&E (Project Management and Engineering).
- Open House for Seward to Glenn PEL on Feb 7th at Fairview Rec Center

J. Ferrarese - discussion about a potential proposal to revamp how areas are prioritized for plowing.

Motion to adjourn - made by E. Weiser, seconded by J. Whitlock; no objections