

February 29th, 2024

Minutes- ALCC General Membership Meeting

6:30-8:30 pm

IN PERSON: Trail Side Elementary, 5151 Abbott Rd and VIA ZOOM

Call to Order

- Round of Introductions 6:31 pm
- Changes or additions to agenda- Change of order/Felix R will speak 1st, approved with this change.
- Approval of minutes from January 25th, 2023: Kathleen Easley-no objections- approved as is.
- Treasurer's report: Heather Schrage- \$146/donations last month, balance is \$456.72, The June picnic cost is around \$450-500, passing a bucket to collect tonight to collect funds.

Legislative Reports: Q & A

- **Senator District F: James Kaufman-**
 - State and personal business- had assembly in Juneau- House was working on SB140. Believes ongoing work is needed on this bill. Happy to hear about the port/worked on funding for this- thanks the assembly. Project is being run well. Chair of Senate Transportation- Interfaces with communities and feds. State/Federal/Local- STIP- being delayed- wait until STIP is all turned in and approved to work through. Restoring navigator type- interfaces with feds- group that interviews approved bill- geographic and board. Re-employment bill. Capital projects- worked on with Calvin and Julie- CAPSIS entries- focused on safe pedestrian (ie kids getting to school) and Elmore and Coventry Drive. ASD Special schools- high risk kids, completed a tour of a school- they are doing amazing things with the kids. March State 28 project conference.
- **Representative District 11: Julie Coulombe**
 - Childcare bill-strong support- headed to the Senate. Tax credits for employers to provide childcare. Increased the income amount so more families would be eligible for assistance. Performance Scholarship bill, notified students earlier to be able to plan. SB140 passed- doesn't think the governor will veto, there is lots of work going on in the background. Crime restoration bill- victims who have lost wages, childcare, etc- it will open up what can be asked for restitution. Town Hall 3/9 2-4 pm, All Anchorage delegation there at Cuddy Hall/UAA.
- **Representative District 12: Calvin Schrage**
 - Anchorage caucus on 3/9 Cuddy Hall. SB-140- House rules committee, acting in inappropriate ways to that end- though a week in the Senate and House then to Governor. Put together an excellent package- this helps in all areas of education. Reads Act- \$500/child who needs help with reading. Signaling funding goes to the classroom- Excellent bill that both Senate and House support. Governor's veto comments, dismayed with his threats. Looking at solutions with him. Tight year with funding- looking forward to the conversations. STIP is covered. Executive Orders issued by the Governor- he has issues 12 to close some boards (barbers and hairdressers/midwives/massage therapy) and wants to put those duties/transferred to other sections- that are not staffed or able to take this on.

Community Reports and Q & A:

- APD- can request an officer and they will attend if duties permit, not requested for February.
- [Assembly member\(s\)](#)
 - **Felix Rivera**-Ordinance-Daniel Volland to prohibit turns on red lights downtown area. March 19th deliberating. Data/analysis- will be brought forward and work sessions coming up. Homelessness- Emergency cold weather shelters- 3 locations currently operating as non and congregate, running fairly smoothly. Next question will be to extend it to 5/24. April 30th as of now- looking to extend to 5/31/24. Then extending the cold weather location at E 56th through summer. Muni covers- October

through April, we need help from partners to manage summer time. Shelters are a short term stop gap- next step- housing ad supports- 65 individuals have been helped- Hoping for 150 by end by end of cold weather time. Phase 2- summer 150- following Houston TX model- It is camps to housing- no shelter or step in the middle. Mayor announced an initiative to look at abatement and camps that will be stood up-goal to see what can be done to mitigate negative effects to areas/neighborhoods and within the camps. Public health concerns issue with trash/feces, public safety issue- goal of “self-mediation” educating folks to do better in the camps-1) fix the issues, 2) abate the camp site.

- **Meg Zaletel-** Home Initiative- Zoning meeting. 6-7:30 Monday night. Early March goes before the Zoning Commision. Visited Finland- snow management. Priority for pedestrians and access for everyone. Will need policy changes. Schulte- snow removal- look at an analysis. Short term rental ordinance- Basically it is a registration, defines short term rentals, looking at this. Ombudsman’s investigation- keep the office truly independent. Port- the assembly authorized \$450 million (approved in bonds) to allow money to go out for bids. Allows construction to hopefully start in 2025. Eklutna River restoration- Binding terms sheet- think should be a public document, private terms of 91’ agreement. Muni is not following the policy- which should mean full restoration.
- [School Board member\(s\)](#)
 - Dave Donely- not in attendance, no report.
- [Mayor’s Office Report](#)- not requested, no one in attendance.
- [JBER Community Engagement](#) -no update.

Candidate Introductions

Janice Park- Candidate- State Senate District F

James Kaufman- Incumbent Candidate- State Senate District F

Suzanne LaFrance- Candidate for Anchorage Mayor

Julie Coulombe- Incumbent Candidate- House-Representative District 12

Chris Tuck- Candidate for Anchorage Mayor

Reports

FCC Representative: Lizzie Newell

- Nothing to report.

HALO Report: Lizzie Newell-

- Thursday, March 7 @ the Zoo 6-9pm. Candidate forum, asked about donation to support HALO. Motion to donate \$50 to HALO for putting this forum together, Mary Miner. Seconded by Mark. One opposed, 8 in favor- approved. ALCC will donate \$50 to HALO to support the candidate forum.

Roads & Projects Committee: Mary Miner

- Dowling Road Resurfacing Project - Lake Otis Parkway to Elmore Road- DOWL and Muni reporting on the project tonight. Not widening, not expanding, resurfacing only. Take the top layer of pavement (2007/2009) sometime- Doesn't work well in our conditions. Several spots sinking/cracking. Drainage improvements/ditches/water/spot drainage. DOT will resurface on Elmore at some time. ADA crossings- most are out of compliance. Manage site issues/brush clearing. 35% design, project is on ballot in April- if approved on Bond- construction could start Fall of 2024, starting at the end of Norm Dr. Coordinating with the state on the Elmore project.
- Bruce Roberts- Anchorage Transportation Fair March 28th, AK Airlines Center. State DOT/Anchorage Muni- roads and projects.

Parks & Rec Committee: Mark Miner

- AK Native Charter School- grant applied for can only be used on ASD grounds per Nicollete of Parks & Rec. Will continue to work with the school to see what we can do.

Planning & Zoning Committee: Mary Miner

- Spruce Hollow Subdivision- Spinelli Homes- Andre Spinelli-not in attendance to ask for support, maybe next month. Information is on the ALCC website under the “Current documents” section.

Cannabis & Alcohol Committee: Yolanda Meza- not in attendance.

- 2024/2025 Alcoholic Beverage License Renewal Application
 - Fraternal Order of Eagles #4207 LL# 3439 at 2020 E Dowling Rd #5
 - Brown Jug- Independence Park LL# 1941 at 2101 Abbott Loop Road

Membership & Events: Lizzie Newell

- Picnic this summer- moving on summer pavilion- June 27th 4:30-8pm Potluck/BBQ. We normally get the rental in March/April to guarantee the date/time. More on this next month.

Abbott Loop Community Patrol: Patty Higgins <http://www.accpatrols.org/>

- Nothing to report.

Old Business

- None

New Business

- Roger Marks- Discusses and asked for support for Bond Proposal on the April ballot to improve access to Chugach State Park/ Chugach Access Service Area (CASA).

Announcements/Comments

- No announcements

Upcoming Meeting Dates

ALCC monthly meetings are usually the last Thursday of the month but can be subject to changes based on holidays and the ASD school schedule.

- March 28th
- April 25th
- May 16th
- June/July Picnics- June 27 and July 25th

\$40 in donations tonight KE

Adjourn 8:10pm