



AGENDA

GENERAL MEMBERSHIP MEETING

Thursday, April 29, 2021 6:30-8:30 PM

LOCATION: Zoom:

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Please do not use the chat for private conversations or to ask questions. The chat should be used only to add relevant information (links, contact information etc.)

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Call to order:

This meeting is open to the public and will be recorded therefore, there is no expectation of privacy.

- Round of Introductions
- Changes or additions to agenda
- Approval of minutes
- Approval of treasurer's report: Thank you to the FCC for contributing \$75 to our annual picnic.

APD Officer if available

- Possible report and Q & A

Legislative Reports: Q & A <http://akleg.gov/>

- Senator: Josh Revak
- Representative: Calvin Schrage
- Representative Laddie Shaw

Assembly & School Board: Q & A www.muni.org/departments/assembly

- Assembly member Felix Rivera
- Assembly member Meg Zaletel
- Assembly member Suzanne LaFrance
- Assembly member John Weddleton
- School Board member:

- JBER Community Engagement Rep, Luke Waack: Of note this month, Northern Edge is a military exercise the Dept. of Defense conducts in Alaska every two years with all services participating. The US Air Force is leading the exercise. The exercise begins May 3 and ends May 15. This exercise will bring 10,000 service members to Alaska. Anchorage residents may see an increase in foot traffic in businesses and some increased aircraft traffic.

Candidates for Chugach Electric Board Elections: <https://www.chugachelectric.com/media/annual-meeting-election>

- Erin Whitney

Reports

- **FCC Representative** Bruce Roberts
- **Roads & Projects Committee:** Emily Sullivan
 - CIP update
 - Neighbor request to add a crosswalk and independent turning lanes at E 64th and Meadow, near both Polaris K-12 and Rilke Schule
- **Parks & Rec Committee:** Mark Miner
- **Planning & Zoning Committee** (munimaps.muni.org/planning/allcomments.cfm): Vicki Gerken
- **Cannabis & Alcohol Committee:** Dustin Sherman
 - Oaken Keg Liquor License Renewal Application
 - Alaska GreenWorks, LLC, Shawn Clark, Request Special Land Use Permit for Marijuana (Cultivation Facility), 8860 Arlon St
 - Long Branch Saloon Liquor License renewal
 - Barbie's Café Liquor License renewal

Marijuanal license renewals:

- Marijuana Manufacturing Facility - Product Glacier Extracts, LLC GLACIER EXTRACTS 8639 Toloff St., Ste. 3 Abbott Loop 8/31/2021
- Marijuana Cultivation Facility - Standard Great Northern Cultivation, Inc. GREAT NORTHERN CANNABIS 2341 Cinnabar Lp. Abbott Loop 8/31/2021
- M11304 Marijuana Manufacturing Facility - Product YNY Investment, LLC HIGHER ALTITUDE 2429 E 88th Ave. Abbott Loop 8/31/2021
- M10837 Retail Marijuana Store Hillside Natural Welleness, LLC HILLSIDE NATURAL WELLNESS 8639 Toloff St., Ste. 1 Abbott Loop 8/31/2021
- M11303 Retail Marijuana Store YNY Investment, LLC HOLLYWEED 907 2429 E 88th Ave. Abbott Loop 8/31/2021
- M12808 Marijuana Cultivation Facility - Standard ACF Ventures, Inc. TUNDRA JANE 2429 E 88th Ave. Abbott Loop 8/31/2021
- **Membership & Events:** Lizzie Newell
- **Abbott Loop Community Patrol:** Dan Rudder, Lead; <http://www.accpatrols.org/>
- **By-Laws Committee:** Kari Nore

Old Business

- **A Resolution** Opposing Amendments To AMC 21.050.040 by Russell Briggs (Resolution is at the end of the documents)
- **DOWL Engineering:** We are excited about the progress that has been made on the new Solid Waste Central Transfer Station. Davis Constructors, the project Contractor, broke ground last summer and has worked through the winter on the foundation of the Tipping Building, including the transfer truck tunnel. This summer Davis will start setting the steel frame for the massive 91,000 square feet structure, constructing the concrete entry and exit ramps, and installing onsite utilities (water, storm water, and sewer). Adjoining the Tipping Building is the

Warm Storage and Administration Buildings – construction of these smaller buildings will begin later this year. Lastly, Davis will break ground late this year or early 2022 on three other separate buildings that comprise the new CTS campus: a vehicle maintenance building, a Household Hazardous Waste building, and Commercial Scale House. Completion of the entire project is on schedule for a public opening by late 2022 or early 2023. We want to thank everyone for their continued support of the project and you can find up to date project information or provide input at the project web page: www.newscentraltransferstation.com

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New Business

- **Citywide Cleanup:** Month long event sponsored by Matson begins May 1. Orange bags picked up and returned to Fred Meyer on Abbott Rd. Does the Community Council want to plan a cleanup in conjunction with the Chamber? <https://www.anchoragechamber.org/citywide-cleanup-regulations-and-bag-pickup-locations-2/#:~:text=May%201%20%2D%2029%2C%202021!,allow%20for%20more%20social%20distancing>. Register for your **FREE** Summer Disposal Pass starting Saturday, May 1.
- **A Resolution** Supporting Amendments To AMC 21.050.040 by Janice Parks (Resolution is at the end of the documents)

Announcements:

- Spruce St Extension Community Meeting Thursday, May 13, 2021, 5-6 pm: The project team will provide an update on the status of the project, including the results of the stakeholder survey. <https://sprucestreetextension.com/schedule>
- **Paint the Town** Annual Program: <https://www.nwalaska.org/wp-content/uploads/Paint-the-Town-Nomination-Form-2021.pdf>

Next Meetings:

May 27, 2021 Abbott Loop Community Council Monthly Meeting

June 24, 2021 Annual BBQ at Abbott Loop Community Park (depending on COVID-19 alert level) 4-8 pm

July 29, 2021 Potluck at a Park

- August 26, 2021 Abbott Loop Community Council Monthly Meeting

September 30, 2021 Abbott Loop Community Council Monthly Meeting

October 28, 2021 Abbott Loop Community Council Monthly Meeting

Nov/Dec Holiday gathering TBD

Adjourn:

Resources:

- Abbott Loop Community Council: <http://communitycouncils.org/servlet/content/2.html>
- Abbott Loop Community Forum: <https://www.facebook.com/abbottloopcc/?fref=ts>
- Whisper Faith Kovach Playground & Fenced Dog Park: <https://www.facebook.com/groups/720624007969641/>
- Abbott Loop South Next Door: https://abbottloopsouth.nextdoor.com/news_feed/
- Abbott Loop North Next Door: <https://nextdoor.com/neighborhood/abbottloopnorthak--anchorage--ak/>
- Information about the Academy Dr.-Vanguard Dr. Project <http://www.academyandvanguard.com/>
- Anchorage Bowl Land Use Plan: <http://www.muni.org/Departments/OCPD/Planning/Projects/AnchLandUse/Pages/default.aspx>
- State of Alaska DOT Seward Highway project can be found here: <http://www.sewardhighway.info/>
- APD safety message emails or text alerts: <https://local.nixle.com/register/> or send a text to 888777

- [Assembly 101 playlist for those wanting to learn all about Assembly procedures, how to participate, etc.](https://www.youtube.com/playlist?list=PLylc7U989Xcav5eQC9FmjAEofZD576ecb)

The Abbott Loop Community Council generally meets on the last Thursday of the month from 6:30pm to 8:30pm at Abbott Loop Elementary except in May (date change due to school closure), June (Summer Picnic), July (sometimes picnic), November and December (combined meeting.) If you have agenda items, please send your requests to both: Bruce Roberts brucearoberts@hotmail.com 907-952-9969 & Patti Higgins patti49er@gmail.com 907-360-2561

Dena'inaq elnen'aq' gheshtnu ch'q'u yeshdu. (Dena'ina)
 I live and work on Dena'ina land. (English) ~ Translation by Joel Isaak and Sondra Shaginoff-Stuart

OFFICERS		DIRECTORS		
PRESIDENT	Bruce Roberts	Pat O'Hara	Lizzie Newell	Kristi Futrel
VICE-PRESIDENT	Susan Soule	Vicki Gerken	Yolanda Meza	
SECRETARY	Patti Higgins	Kari Nore	Mark Miner	
TREASURER	Heather Schrage	Marilyn Russel	Dustin Sherman	

STANDING COMMITTEES

SPECIAL COMMITTEES

PARKS & REC	Roads & Projects	P & Z	Cannabis & Alcohol	Membership & Events	Community Patrol	By-Laws Committee
Mark Miner Chair	Emily Sullivan Chair	Vicki Gerken* Chair	Dustin Sherman Chair	Lizzie Newell Chair	Dan Rudder Lead	Kari Nore Chair
Shiela Cernich	Dan Boland	Akis Gialopsis		Kari Nore	Patti Higgins	Susan Soule
Patti Higgins	Mike Moeglein	Dan Boland		Shiela Cernich	Pat Higgins	Patti Higgins
Susan Soule	Bruce Roberts	Dustin Sherman		Patti Higgins	Vicki Gerken	Dustin Sherman
		*2040 subcommittee			Philip Parks	

PROPOSED RESOLUTION

2021-03-01

SUBJECT: OPPOSING AMENDMENTS TO AMC 21.050.040

PRESENTED BY: Russell Biggs

AUTHOR: Russell Biggs

Whereas the proposed amendments to 21.050.040 that will allow conditional use permitting for transient shelters in business zoned districts is a major change to Title 21 regulation;

Whereas transient shelters are the most restricted land use facility in the municipality;

Whereas many of the current business zoned district in the Anchorage Municipality are within close proximity to residential neighborhoods;

Whereas, the Municipality has historically not enforced the mitigation plan required in conditional use permitting regarding shelter use;

Whereas the current zoning laws provide for placement of these facilities within well over 100 acres of pre-existing PLI zoned properties within the Municipality where support services are already located;

Whereas the historical disruption of these facilities have resulted in tens of thousands of dollars of judgement against the Municipality due to disruption of the orderly functioning of the surrounding businesses; and

Whereas the proposed amendment's notification requirements does not provide an adequate public engagement to the affected neighborhoods; now, therefore, be it

Resolved that the Abbott Loop community council urge the Anchorage Assembly to reject the proposed the text amendments to AMC 21.050.040.

**Bylaws
Of
Abbott Loop Community Council**

Article I

Name

Section 1. —The Name of this organization shall be the Abbott Loop Community Council, hereinafter referred to as the "Council." The Abbott Loop Community Council is a non-profit, voluntary, self-governing association composed of residents, property owners, business owners and representatives from non-profit associations and other entities located within geographical areas designated as districts by the Anchorage Municipal Assembly.

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Article II

Boundaries

Section 1. —The boundaries of the Council shall be provided under AMC Section 2.40.040. and AMC 2.40.090. The geographical boundaries adopted by the Anchorage Assembly and appropriate associated map listed under municipal code §2.40.040 (Figure 1) shall apply to this Council, subject to any comprehensive review of community council boundaries to occur every ten years following the decennial U.S. Census, as required by municipal code §2.40.040. The findings of the boundary review are communicated to the Planning and Zoning Commissioner and to the Assembly for final review and approval.

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Article III

Purpose

Section 1. —The purpose of the Council shall be to provide a forum through which (1) members concerns can be voiced and made known to local government policy and decision making bodies. (2) Members will receive timely information on matters, which would or could affect their community so that they can become involved at the early planning stages and, (3) to improve communications and understanding within and among members of the council. Through this forum, members will contribute to sound government and well being of our community in conformance with the intent of the Anchorage Ordinance No. 77-333. The Council shall not endorse a candidate for Federal, State, or Municipal elected office.

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The purpose of the Council is to provide a direct and continuing means of citizen participation in local affairs and to perform those functions and exercise those powers granted or permitted by provision of municipal code §2.40.050 and §2.40.060. The Council is intended to give:

- A. Local people a method by which they can work together for expression and discussion of their opinions, needs and

desires in a manner that will have an impact on their community's development and services;

- B. Governmental agencies a method of receiving opinions, needs, desired and recommendations of residents and groups; and,
- C. Local governing bodies an improved basis for decision-making and assignment of priorities for all programs affecting community development and individual well-being.
- D. The Council shall not endorse a candidate for Federal, State or Municipal elected office

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Article IV

Membership/Meetings/Representation of Council

- A. ~~Section 1. Membership~~ Any person 18 years of age or older whose primary place of abode is within the Council's geographical boundaries is eligible for membership. Residents, non-resident property owners, business, owners and non-profit organizations as described in municipal code ~~Chapter~~ 2.40 with a physical premise located within the Council's geographical boundaries are eligible for membership. Business owners and non-profit organizations must possess one or more of the following:

- ~~a~~ valid Alaska business license;
- ~~a~~ valid Alaska professional license;
- valid incorporated status under Alaska Law; and,
- ~~T~~ax exempt status under Federal Law.

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- B. If more than one qualifying resident share the same habitual, physical dwelling address, each may be a Council member. Alternate designations for resident memberships shall not be recognized. Property owners shall be the owner of record. Per municipal code §2.40.030 non-resident property owner, business owner, and nonprofit organizational memberships are single memberships, and shall have a designated primary representative and may have a designated alternate representative.

- C. Any person who qualifies under section A of this article is a voting member immediately after signing the member attendance roster at any General Membership meeting (as described in Article V) and having attended one (1) Council meeting in the preceding 12 months. The membership list and meeting attendance roster shall be used only for Council business.

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- D. The Council shall not charge dues or require any financial contribution as a condition of membership, voting or other participation. The Council may collect "voluntary annual dues" to help fund the Council's operating expenses.

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Article V

Meetings

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The Council has a policy and practice of open meetings to encourage participation of persons from all segments of the

community. General Membership meetings shall use Roberts Rules of order.

A. General membership meetings shall normally be held the last Thursday of every month. Special membership meetings can be called by the President or designee at the request of any ten (10) members. No general membership meeting may be held without prior membership notification. Minutes shall be taken at all meetings.

B. A quorum shall be the members present at a meeting (Including 2 of the 4 elected officers and 4 members of the board).

C. Each member present at a meeting will have one vote. (Eligibility per Article IV). Any person casting a vote may be challenged as to their eligibility for membership. If the person challenged cannot provide proof of eligibility requirements, their vote will not be counted. Matters will be passed by a simple majority of those present, except as specified elsewhere in the By-laws.

D. Meeting Procedure:

- a. Speakers List - If applicable, to ensure an equal opportunity for all Council members to express their views in an orderly manner, a speakers list for old and new business will be posted. Speakers will be heard to three (3) minutes either for or against a subject. Rebuttals will be limited to one (1) minute. Open discussions will follow the speakers list.
- b. Prior to speaking, a member will announce their ~~his~~ name and street ~~address~~.
- c. New business introduced from the floor, which requires a recommendation to the Municipality, or State shall not be voted upon until the following meeting, thereby permitting notification of all the members of the business item. A 2/3 vote may override this rule.
- d. Any vote taken on other than internal procedural matters of the Council will be reported in their entirety to include (1) number of members present, (2) number of "yeas", (3) number of "nays" (4) number of abstentions.

E. Special meetings/Board of director meetings:

- a. Items of importance to the Council which require action during the time after the last General Membership meeting and before the next scheduled one, may be decided by a vote of at least seven (7) of the thirteen (13) board members. The results of such votes and all action taken shall be fully reported at the next General Membership meeting by the Secretary.
- b. Meetings of the Board of Directors may occur at any time for the purpose set forth in in the previous section. Such meetings do NOT require prior public notification. Any member of the council is welcome to attend. Per Municipal Code 2.40.030 non-resident property owner, business owner, and non-profit organizations memberships are single

Article VI

Officers/Board of Directors

A. Organization: The Council shall consist of eligible members, a Board of Directors, Council Officers, and as needed,

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working committees. The Board of Directors shall consist of nine (9) Council members, and four (4) Council officers of President, Vice President, Secretary and Treasurer.

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- B. General Duties of Council Officers: Officers of the Council are to carry out internal procedural matters of the Council, coordinate presentations at meetings with necessary agencies, and organizations, and report actions taken by the Council. Any officer who specifically or by inference indicates that they are speaking for or representing the Council beyond the reporting of a vote or specifically authorized to do so by vote of the members will be subject of recall vote.
- C. Officers: The members shall elect a President, Vice President, Secretary, and Treasurer to serve as the Council's officers. The members shall elect 9 members to serve on the Council's Board of Directors.
- a. President - The President shall be the principal officer of the Council and shall in general supervise and control the business and affairs of the Council. They shall, when present, preside at all meetings and shall perform all duties incident to the office and such other duties as may be appropriate from time to time.
 - b. Vice-President - In the absences of the President, the Vice-President shall perform the duties of the President. They shall arrange for the meeting place. The Vice President shall supervise the activities of the Publicity Committee. The Vice-President shall perform other such duties from time to time as may be assigned by the President.
 - c. Secretary - The Secretary shall keep the minutes of the meetings. The Secretary is responsible for maintaining records and correspondence of the Council. The Secretary shall perform other such duties from time to time as the President or designee may assign them
 - d. Treasurer - The Treasurer shall be responsible for the management of the Council's finances including regular/monthly status reports to be known as the "Treasurer's Report," also for the annual report to the Council members known as the "Treasurer's Annual Report. The Treasurer will have charge and custody of and is responsible for all funds of the Council. The Treasurer will make disbursement as necessary upon the authorization of the board. The Treasurer shall perform other such duties from time to time as the President or designee may assign them.
 - e. Board of Directors - Members of the Board of Directors shall attend the General Membership meetings, serve on Council committees and assist in Council business. Members of the Board of Directors shall perform other such duties from time to time as the President or designee may assign them. As much as is possible, board members should represent a geographical diversity within the council boundaries.
- D. Elections: Officers and Board of Directors will be elected annually at the September meeting. Eligibility to run as an Officer or member of the Board of Directors complies with the definition of membership in Article IV.
- E. Tenure: Officers/Board of Directors will serve for a one-year term and may be re-elected to consecutive terms.
- F. Vacancies: The President or designee may appoint a member to fill a vacant position until an election can be held to fill the unexpired term. The election must be announced through membership notification to members.
- G. Absences: Any Officer/Board of Director absent from six (6) consecutive meetings may be removed from office at the sixth meeting and an election scheduled for the next meeting to fill the vacancy.

- H. Recall: A simple majority of the members at a General Membership meeting may vote for a recall election at the next monthly meeting. At that next meeting, a two-thirds vote of no confidence is required to recall an officer or board member.
- I. Public Office: An Officer or Board of Director of the Abbott Loop Council must resign immediately from their position when the member formally declares a candidacy, is elected or appointed to Municipal, State or Federal Office. Formal declaration means submitting a press release or filing a notice of intent to run for office, or forming a campaign committee, or soliciting funds. Elected officials are not eligible to serve as an Officer or Board of Director.

Article VII Committees

- A. There may be two types of committees. (1) Standing committees could be permanent committees of long duration. (2) Special committees and subcommittees could be formed to act on specific problem areas and tasks.
- B. Committees may be established at the recommendation of the President with the approval of the Board of Directors or the Council.
- C. Suggested Standing committees are:

(a.) Planning and Zoning Committee: This committee will be the primary point of contact for planning and zoning matters. The committee will relay information to the Council, make presentations to the Council, and relay any comments and recommendations to the Municipality that are authorized by the Council. The committee may be requested to perform other duties by the President or designee.

(b.) ~~Transportation/Public Services Committee~~ Roads and Projects: This committee will be the primary point of contact for

roads, sewer, water, power, telephone, gas and other services provided to the members of the Council. The committee will relay information to the Council and relay any comments and recommendations to the Municipality and other public service providers as authorized by the Council. The committee may be requested to perform other duties by the President or designee.

(c.) Parks and Recreation Committee: This committee will monitor the Council's Parks and Recreational areas, and make recommendations on conditions, changes and updates that pertain to the areas. The committee may be requested to perform other duties by the President or designee.

(d.) Membership Committee: This committee will be responsible for increasing the general membership and participation to the Council and maintaining the general membership list. The committee may be requested to perform other duties by the President or designee.

(e.) Alcohol/Marijuana Committee: This committee will be responsible for reviewing renewals, licenses and permits for alcohol and marijuana establishments. The committee may be requested to perform other duties by the President or designee.

Article VIII

Amendments

~~These By Laws may be altered, amended or repealed, or new By Laws adopted by a majority vote at any regularly scheduled General Membership meeting when the proposed action has been announced in the prior meeting. If not announced at a prior meeting a 2/3 vote shall be required and sustained by a majority vote at the next regular scheduled meeting at which time if passed shall become effective.~~

- A. Proposed bylaws changes must be noticed and discussed at a minimum of one (1) General Membership meeting prior to the meeting at which action will be taken. The notice shall include a state of the articles to be changes and the reason. The bylaws may be amended or repealed by a two-thirds (2/3) vote of the members present at a General Membership meeting.
- B. Within 45 days of approval by the Council membership, bylaws amendments shall be filed with the Municipal Clerk for acceptance by the Municipal Assembly as required by municipal code chapter 2.40. It shall be the responsibility of the Council President, or designee, to timely notify the Municipal Clerk regarding bylaws amendments.

Article IX

Finances

- A. There are no mandatory dues. However, the Council shall encourage its members and others to donate funds for the operation of the Council.
- B. Funds collected by the Council shall be deposited into an account or accounts at an established financial institution, with the Treasurer being responsible for all deposits and accountings
- C. The Treasurer shall sign each check or withdrawal. If the Treasurer is not available, the President shall sign the check or withdrawal in place of the Treasurer.
- D. Reports of the Council's financial status shall be reported at each meeting and reflected in the minutes.

Article IX

Dissolution of the Council

- ~~A. In the event of dissolution of the Council all assets will be turned over to the Federation of Community Councils, or to the nearest Community Council.~~
- ~~B. A. Unless otherwise provided by law, dissolution may occur by a vote of three-fourths (3/4) of the Council members at a General Membership meeting called for that purpose, or by mail ballot~~
- B. If the Council is dissolved by law or by this Article, the Council's property including, but not limited to, funds remaining in the Council treasury after all obligations are met, may be donated. The Council's donation shall be made to the Federation of Community Councils, or current municipal contractor, for community council use, or another nonprofit organization if designated in the dissolution action.

Updated and ratified by the Council this 24th day of May 2021.

Bruce Roberts
President, Abbott Loop Community Council

~~memberships, and shall have a designated primary representative, and may have a designated alternate representative.~~

~~Section 2. a) Meetings General membership meetings shall use Roberts Rules of order. General membership meetings shall normally be held the last Thursday of every month. Special meeting can be called by the President or designee at the request of any ten (10) members. No general membership meeting may be held without prior membership notification. Minutes shall be taken at all meetings.~~
~~Section 2. b) Representation of the Council Items importance to the Council which require action during the time after the last General Membership meeting and before the next scheduled one, may be decided by a vote of at least five (5) of the nine (9) board members. (Board members serve for the same term lengths as the three officers, and are elected in the same manner. As much as is possible, board members should represent a geographical diversity within the council boundaries). The results of such votes and all action taken shall be full reported at the next General Membership meeting by the Secretary.~~

~~Section 2. c) Meeting of the Board of Directors may occur at any time for the purpose set forth in Article IV Section 2. a) Such meetings do NOT require prior public notification. Any member of the council is welcome to attend.~~

~~Section 3) Quorum A quorum shall be the members present at a meeting (including 2 of the 4 elected officers).~~

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NOTES:
Req 1 prior meeting attendance in the last 12 months in order to vote
Change quorum to 2 elected officers, 2-3 members of the board, plus who ever else is in attendance
Issue of electronic meetings/voting — mark butler with FCC?
Maintain membership list?
Update committee list
Decorum in debate/p

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PROPOSED RESOLUTION

2021-04-01

SUBJECT: SUPPORTING AMENDMENTS TO AMC 21.050.040

PRESENTED BY: Janice Parks

AUTHOR: Janice Parks

Whereas, there was significant public outreach and opportunities for public comment in the Title 21 amendment process for the proposed ordinance to allow homeless and transient shelters, as a conditional use, in the B-3 District and adding use-specific standards; and

Whereas, further public outreach and opportunities for public comment will be required through Conditional Use Permit approval process, which requires a public hearing; and

Whereas, there is a lack of appropriately-zoned land for shelters. The proposed AO provides an adequate solution to allow shelters to exist in a broader part of our community, while still placing safeguards through the conditional use process; and

Whereas, the proposed ordinance promotes public health and general welfare and is consistent with the Comprehensive Plan particularly, Housing Policy 62 to distribute residential facilities throughout the Municipality that are operated for health, social services, and for persons with special needs; and

Whereas, homeless and transient shelters are one of the most restricted (limited in where allowed) use types in Title 21 but are something that our community needs. This action directly addresses barriers to fair housing by broadening the location for homeless shelters allowed by the zoning code to a second zoning district; and

Whereas, the ordinance is consistent with the purpose statement of the B-3 district and its reference to community uses; and

Whereas, the B-3 district is appropriate for shelters because of its location along major streets and public transit routes. The B-3 district is more likely than the PLI district to be located near employment centers and to services for the homeless; and

Whereas, by allowing shelters in the B-3 district, the public is provided certainty for the future, and that is what zoning is supposed to do. Because there is a lack of PLI district, providers will be forced to spot zone sites (to PLI), which does not provide the public with certainty; and

Whereas, a parallel ordinance creates a licensing requirement for homeless and transient shelters to operate in B-3 zone, allowing for more effective regulation of and mitigation of potential impacts; and

Whereas, many communities across the country allow shelters in more than one zoning district and often within at least one, if not more, of their commercial districts;

Whereas, we, the citizen of Anchorage inhabit Dena'ina land to which all of us are equally entitled to inhabit regardless of residential status;

Now, therefore _____ Community Council supports the text amendment to Title 21 allowing homeless and transient shelters in B-3 zoning districts.