



AGENDA

GENERAL MEMBERSHIP MEETING

Thursday, August 26, 2021 6:30-8:30 PM

LOCATION: Zoom:

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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: Patti Higgins
- Approval of treasurer's report: Heather Schrage

APD Officer if available

- Report and Q & A

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

- Senator: Josh Revak
- Representative: Calvin Schrage: Full report attached to this Agenda
- 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: Andy Holleman
- JBER Community Engagement Rep, Luke Waack:

Reports

FCC Representative Bruce Roberts

- **Roads & Projects Committee:** Emily Sullivan
 - CIP update

Parks & Rec Committee: Mark Miner:

Planning & Zoning Committee (munimaps.muni.org/planning/allcomments.cfm): No Chair

Cannabis & Alcohol Committee: Dustin Sherman

- Tundra Jane Marijuana Establishment License Renewal
- Glacier Extracts License Renewal
- Hillside Natural Wellness License Renewal
- Special Land Use Permit for Alcohol (Distillery License) for Midnight Sun Brewing, LLC dba Midnight Sun Brewing Co. 8111 Dimond Hook Dr. Hearing date Oct 12, 2021 at Loussac Library Assembly Chambers 3600 Denali Street

Membership & Events: Lizzie Newell

Abbott Loop Community Patrol: Dan Rudder, Lead; <http://www.accpatrols.org/>

Old Business

- **Norm Drive** manholes update

New Business

- **Ak Child & Family** Alexandra Peter, Treatment Foster Home Recruitment and Support Specialist to ask for assistance regarding the need for foster parents.
- **Nominations for Officers and Board Members.** Annual elections are held in September. Nominations can be made from the floor at the September meeting.

Announcements:

Next Meetings:

September 30, 2021 Abbott Loop Community Council Monthly Meeting

October 28, 2021 Abbott Loop Community Council Monthly Meeting

Nov/Dec Holiday gathering TBD

- The Muni and 49th State Angel Fund have a great upcoming program for early-stage startups. To apply: <https://www.gbetastartups.com/anchorage> [Click here](#) to download the flyer.

It's time to build the community garden plots at the new Chanshtnu Muldoon Park Community Garden and put the finishing touches on the Food Forest!

- Work parties: Sept 11/12 (Sat/Sun) 10AM-2PM and Sept 14/16 (Tue/Thur) 5PM-8PM
Kristi Wood email: bikemoredriveless@hotmail.com phone/text: 907-278-2453

Community Forestry: Remove chokecherry trees and get \$100 for replacement. Those wishing to remove and replace one or more Prunus trees from their property may complete the application at <https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/JPKNCNZ>. Community Forestry staff will visit once to determine if the trees are eligible, and again to verify they've been removed and disposed of properly.

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 (Potluck 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

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PRESIDENT	Bruce Roberts	Pat O'Hara	Lizzie Newell	Kristi Futrel
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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	Vacant Chair	Dustin Sherman Chair	Lizzie Newell Chair	Dan Rudder Lead	Kari Nore Chair
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Dear Friends and Neighbors,

The third special session of 2021, called by Gov. Dunleavy, began last week. I've been here in Juneau, working hard to move our state toward a responsible and sustainable fiscal plan, pass this year's PFD, and restore funding for critical programs such as the WWAMI Medical School and University of Alaska Performance Scholarship. While I am optimistic that we will accomplish this goal within the coming days, we must continue to fight to fully restore these funds as the House Minority has continued to withhold their vote for the reverse sweep - an action taken each year to restore funding for vital programs in Alaska.

Beyond fighting to restore these funds, we have also been tasked with addressing the items put forward by the Governor for the special session. These items include:

- Gov. Dunleavy's constitutional amendments.
- New revenues (unspecified).
- Legislative appropriation for the PFD and other programs.

Comprehensive Fiscal Policy Working Group

Over the last two months, I was honored to be one of 8 members on the Fiscal Policy Working Group made up of two members from each caucus from both legislative bodies and tasked with developing a fiscal plan framework for the legislature to consider. We met a total of 35 times for either public hearings or internal work sessions for a total of over 70 hours. We also held public hearings where we heard from hundreds of Alaskans from all over our great state.

Last week, we released our final report with recommendations and agreed-upon assumptions to help get our state on sound fiscal footing. I want to thank my colleagues who gave up months of their time during this beautiful Alaska summer to work on these important issues. I am proud of the work we accomplished and see this as a meaningful step in the right direction.

It is my hope that this framework will serve as the roadmap for the Legislature and Governor as we work together to find real solutions to Alaska's fiscal challenges. You can find the Fiscal Policy Working Group report at:

http://akleg.gov/docs/pdf/2021_Fiscal_Policy_Working_Group-Final_Report.pdf

COVID testing / vaccination appointments

With news this last week that the Pfizer vaccine has been granted full authorization by the FDA, and with physicians reporting that our hospital systems are under severe strain due to severe COVID-19 cases, here are some facts that I think are worth noting:

- The Pfizer vaccine has been fully authorized by the FDA meaning that it has been proven to be both safe and effective.
- Vaccinated individuals are 90% less likely to contract Covid.
- Vaccinated individuals are 25 times less likely to become seriously ill or die if they do contract COVID-19.

COVID-19 testing sites and vaccinations remain free to the public and links to find free testing facilities and to schedule a COVID-19 vaccination can be found below.

Find a testing site: <http://dhss.alaska.gov/dph/epi/id/pages/covid-19/testing.aspx>

Schedule your COVID-19 vaccination: <https://anchoragecovidvaccine.org/>

SB21 signing

Earlier this week, Gov. Dunleavy signed SB21, a bill originally put forward by one of our very own Abbott Loop neighbors that I was proud to co-sponsor and see signed by Gov. Dunleavy. This bill consolidates oversight, licensure, and certification for EMTs and paramedics under the Department of Health and Social Services, expediting this process and helping our state recruit and retain first responders.

Invasive Trees

The Alaska Division of Forestry is currently offering a \$100 Gift Certificate to Anchorage Homeowners who remove invasive Mayday and Canada Red Cherry or Chokecherry trees from their property. Having personally removed more than a dozen of these trees from my own property I can attest to their invasive nature and I am happy to have them gone. For more information, please visit their website here: <http://forestry.alaska.gov/community/grants>

Legislative Update Townhall with Rep. Schrage

Join me next Thursday, September 2nd at 6:00 pm for a virtual House District 25 legislative town hall where I can provide an update on the Legislature, answer your questions, and hear your thoughts and ideas. You can RSVP here and questions can be asked live during the event or by email to Rep.Calvin.Schrage@akleg.gov.

Infrastructure Funds to Alaska

A major national infrastructure bill, the Infrastructure and Jobs Act, passed the U.S. Senate and is expected to pass the U.S. Congress later this year. This bill appropriates \$1 trillion for infrastructure projects across the country, with billions of dollars in federal funding coming to Alaska. Due to years of reduced revenue for our state, the list of much needed infrastructure projects, capital improvements, and deferred maintenance projects in our state have significantly increased. These funds will help modernize existing projects across the state and provide funding for much needed new infrastructure projects. The Alaska Journal provided the following breakdown of approximate funding for various projects across Alaska:

Road construction and repair

- \$3.5 billion over five years to build, repair and maintain Alaska roads and highways.
- \$225 million to address more than 140 bridges that are labeled “structurally deficient.”

Mining, oil and gas

- The bill provides more than \$4.7 billion to clean up old oil wells, such as those drilled by the federal government on the North Slope. About \$150 million will be available to tribes involved in such clean-up.
- Projects to mine and develop critical minerals in Alaska, such as graphite used in lithium-ion batteries, will be eligible for federal loan guarantees to help them secure financing.
- \$6 billion will be available for battery processing and manufacturing, including grants for processing facilities, which could help firms looking to produce and refine battery materials such as graphite and rare earth elements in Alaska.
- \$18 billion in loan guarantees is available for the Alaska LNG project that seeks to tap long-stored natural gas from the North Slope for delivery in Asia. The guarantees could help the \$38 billion project access funding.

Water and wastewater system repair

- Over \$180 million for the state, an amount that will be spread across five years.
- \$230 million for the EPA’s Alaska Native villages grant program, which supports new and improved wastewater and drinking water systems. About 245 communities in Alaska are eligible. The bill also increases the federal cost share from 50 percent to 75 percent.
- \$3.5 billion for Indian Health Services sanitation facilities, with a portion available for Alaska villages without access to running water and sewer.
- About \$10 billion is available to states to address PFAS contamination through Clean Water and Drinking Water programs. The funding will focus on small and disadvantaged communities, such as those in Alaska. PFAS are manmade chemicals that have been widely used, including in foam to help fight fires, and have been found in the ground in some Alaska locations. They can damage the liver and immune system and cause birth defects.

Ferry service

- Creates a five-year, nationwide subsidy for ferry service in rural areas. The subsidy is about \$200 million per year. A portion of that money will go to the Alaska Marine Highway System.
- Changes federal law so the Alaska Marine Highway System can use federal highway-aid money to pay for operations and repairs. The exact amount of ferry funding will still be set by the governor and Alaska Legislature.
- \$250 million for a test program to build electric or “low-emitting” ferries that pollute less than a traditional ferryboat. The bill says at least one grant under the test program must be distributed in Alaska.
- \$73 million under the Construction of Ferry Boats and Ferry Terminal Facilities Program, which includes support for operating costs. Alaska operators that have previously benefited under the program include the Alaska Marine Highway System, Ketchikan Gateway Borough, Inter-Island Ferry Authority, and Seldovia Village Tribe.

Ports

- \$2.25 billion for the Port Infrastructure Development Program, which will provide funding for ports throughout Alaska.
- \$250 million for remote and subsistence harbor construction, important in rural Alaska for delivery of supplies like diesel fuel to run power plants.
- \$429 million on the Coast Guard’s unfunded priority list and for child care development centers. The money will support Coast Guard operations in Kodiak, Sitka and Ketchikan.

Broadband

- At least \$100 million to improve internet access, part of \$42 billion being provided nationally.
- Alaska Native tribes will receive a share of \$2 billion given to the national Tribal Broadband Connectivity Grant program, and another \$1 billion is available for middle-mile broadband infrastructure grants.

Railroads and airports

- Alaska will get a share of three big nationwide grant programs. In the bill, those programs receive \$25 billion, collectively. The state owned and operated 237 airports as of 2019, most in rural Alaska, according to state figures. Municipal airports, such as those owned by Juneau and Kenai, also stand to benefit.
- Nationally, railroads will receive \$5 billion through the Consolidated Rail Infrastructure and Safety Improvement Program; the Alaska Railroad will receive a share of that money.

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- \$362 million over five years for a mix of transit formula grants available under the Federal Transit Administration, which support public transportation systems.
- Funding is available to help improve a portion of the Alaska Highway in Canada, between the Alaska border and Haines Junction, Yukon, and the Haines Cutoff that goes from Haines Junction to Haines in Alaska.

Other

- About \$215 million will be available over five years to help tribes adapt to climate issues. Of that, \$130 million is for community relocation, which can help Alaska villages where land is eroding.

- The Denali Commission, a federal agency created to develop rural Alaska infrastructure, receives \$75 million in the bill. Some federal internet-infrastructure improvement programs require local communities to pitch in financially; the bill allows the Denali Commission to pay that local share.
- Provides \$146 million for hydropower and marine energy research, which will help support the Alaska Hydrokinetic Energy Research Center at the University of Alaska Fairbanks.
- \$264 million in funding for geothermal, wind, and solar energy projects, which will help support renewable energy projects in Alaska.
- Over \$34 billion for programs that support carbon capture and storage, hydropower, and other technologies that could benefit Alaska.
- \$6 billion for energy efficiency measures such as the Weatherization Assistance Program that can help Alaskans reduce energy costs.
- More than \$3.3 billion is available for thinning and controlled burns to help create fuel breaks and reduce wildfire risk on Department of the Interior and Forest Service lands, including in Alaska.
- More than \$2 billion will go to the Department of the Interior and the Forest Service to restore the ecological health of lands and waters, including in Alaska.
- Provides \$20 million to build, upgrade and operate public-use recreational cabins.

Constituent Surveys

Please take a few minutes to share your thoughts on many of the most prominent issues facing the Legislature and the various PFD proposals put forward by the governor and legislators.



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bit.ly/3vv55De to take our

June Constituent Survey

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Warmly,

Representative Schrage

PS - I am honored to serve as your Representative. Please do not hesitate to reach out to our office anytime.

Contact Representative Calvin Schrage



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