

AGENDA

GENERAL MEMBERSHIP MEETING
Thursday, January 27th, 2021, 6:30-8:30 PM
LOCATION: Zoom
NEW ZOOM for 2022:

https://us02web.zoom.us/j/88969066143?pwd=M3I0TVFTWDI0b1FhRkZvV2dT WkQ5Zz09

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- A member of the Abbott Loop Community Council by adding the initials ALCC after your name. A member is anyone who resides in or has a business in the ALCC district.
- A guest by adding the word *Guest* or your affiliation after your name.

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.)

To ask a question or make a comment use the "raise hand" function.

Prior to speaking each speaker should state their name, address (street and cross street is ok) if a member, or guest if a guest.

Individuals calling in via the telephone must identify themselves as ALCC with name or Guest with their name and affiliation. The host can assist you. To mute/unmute tap *6. To raise your hand *9

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

Call to order

- Round of Introductions
- Changes or additions to agenda
- Approval of minutes: Kathleen Easley
- 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: Newsletter attached will be attached to January agenda.
- Representative: Calvin Schrage: Newsletter and report attached to January 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

o CIP update

- 2022 CAPSIS Projects Rep. Schrage
- Pokey Circle (off 84th Avenue) significant drainage problem on Pokey Circle one that is recurring and has been for several years. A low spot where water has nowhere to go. There are existing AWWU facilities there, but they do not include a lifter station or other means to move water uphill.

Parks & Rec Committee: Mark Miner

Planning & Zoning Committee (munimaps.muni.org/planning/allcomments.cfm): **Needs Chair**

Public Hearing for Review and Recommendation by 4 Boards & Commissions as follows: Platting Board 03/02/2022; Planning and Zoning Commission 03/07/2022; Urban and Design Commission 03/09/2022 & Zoning Board of Examiners and Appeals 03/10/2022. Remit questions by mail or email to Corliss Kimmel & Lori Blake (corliss.kimmel@anchorageak.gov & lori.blake@anchorageak.gov https://www.muni.org/CityViewPortal/Planning/Status?planningId=17507

Cannabis & Alcohol Committee: **Needs Chair**

- Anchorage Golf Course Liquor Licenses renewal, Licence # 4815. Hearing was at the regular Assembly Meeting on January 25, 2022 at the Loussac Library.
- Tundra Jane- 2429 E. 88th Ave Suite 300, licence # 12808 Marijuana licence renewal
- Great Northern Cultivation, Inc.- 2341 Cinnabar Loop. licence #10747 Marijuana licence renewal
- Marijuania Licence renewal RETAIL ESTABLISHMENT: HILLSIDE NATURAL WELLNESS, #10837, 8639 Toloff St
- Marijuana Licence renewal MANUFACTURING FACILITY: GLACIER EXTRACTS, #10828, 8639 Toloff Street

Membership & Events: Lizzie Newell

• Vote to approve funding for the Abbott Loop Community Council summer picnic at Abbott Loop Community Park in June

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

Old Business

- Statewide Redistricting Maps: Effect on Abbott Loop Community council https://www.akredistrict.org/
- Community Discussion Draft of Title 21 Parking and Site Access Amendments on October 29, 2021

New Business

- Bill Wilkowski and Joe Josephsen- Greenback bill- Home weatherization meeting on Zoom
- Steven Parkinson- APD patrol officer reached out about a gate needed to be locked at the William Clark
 Chamberlin Equestrian Center located within the Ruth Arcand Park to deter people from entering and potential
 issues.

Announcements

Next Meetings:

February, 24th, 2022 Abbott Loop Community Council Monthly Meeting March, 31st, 2022 Abbott Loop Community Council Monthly Meeting April, 28th, 2022 Abbott Loop Community Council Monthly Meeting

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
- Alaska Redistricting- https://www.akredistrict.org/
- 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 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 & Kathleen Easley kathleentesates kathleentesates 807-748-6076.

Dena'inaq ełnen'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

ABBOTT LOOP COMMUNITY COUNCIL

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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	Needs Chair	Needs Chair	Lizzie Newell Chair	Dan Rudder Lead	Kari Nore Chair
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Dear Friends and Neighbors,

As we begin the 2022 legislative session here in Juneau, I want to give you and your family an update on the legislature, the bills we are working on, and how this impacts our community.

As always, it is an honor to serve our community and I am here if you have questions, need assistance with an issue you may be facing, or to share your thoughts, ideas, or concerns. You can reach me by email at Rep.Calvin.Schrage@akleg, on my personal cell 907-240-8986, or our office 907-465-4931.

State Budget Update

Just over a month ago, the Governor released his proposed Fiscal Year 2023 budget for the State of Alaska. You can view the budget and other helpful resources at omb.alaska.gov/fiscal-year-2023-proposed-budget. The governor's proposed budget uses one-time federal funds from the American Rescue Plan and Bipartisan Infrastructure plan along with unexpectedly high oil prices to fund a relatively flat budget. As we've seen regularly, our state cannot depend on high oil prices or influxes of federal funds to reliably fund the essential services we all depend on. This is all the more reason for the governor and legislature to make meaningful progress on a fiscal plan now, instead of waiting until we are forced to make drastic decisions.

Over the last week, the Legislature has been working through the subcommittee process where we've been reviewing each of the various state department budgets, hearing from department leaders, and auditing their spending and performance. I am honored to serve on the subcommittees for the Departments of: Corrections, Environmental Conservation, Labor & Workforce Development, Natural Resources, Public Safety, and Revenue.

My Bills (you can learn more and track the status of these bills with the links)

<u>HB267 Ballot Curing</u>: This bill ensures eligible Alaskan who vote absentee have the opportunity to fix or "cure" their ballot if it is at risk of being rejected due to a minor error, such as a missing signature or date. This bill promotes election integrity, builds faith in our election system, and ensures Alaskans do not lose their voice in our elections over a minor error.

HB 240 Early Education Programs: This bill expands access to pre-kindergarten (Pre-K) programs for Alaskans across the state while building on the lessons learned from Alaska's most successful early education programs. This also empowers school districts to develop localized and culturally responsible pre-K programs through a six-year grant program.

HB 234 Political Contribution Limits: The 2021 Thompson vs Hebdon court decision struck down the strong and effective candidate contribution limits enacted by Alaskan voters through a citizens initiative in 2006. This decision provides uncertainty and opens up the possibility of unlimited and outside funds taking over Alaska's elections. Up until this decision, the yearly limit an individual could donate to a political candidate was capped at \$500. This promoted better accountability and trust in our elected officials. HB234 reinstates contribution limits increased to inflation and requires that they be updated every ten years based on state inflation rates.

HB 227 Muni Energy Improvement Assessment Program: This bill builds on the success of the Commercial Property Assessed Clean Energy (C-PACE) program by providing fixed-rate, long-term financing for energy efficiency and renewable energy projects. This bill supports small businesses and workers, helps to grow our local and state economy, all while promoting energy resiliency and clean energy projects for our great state and local community.

HB 163 Form Of Signature On Vehicle Title: This bill is a statutory update that would allow the Department of Motor Vehicles the option to use electronic signatures for vehicle title transfers.

Do you have ideas on legislation you would like me to introduce or support in the Alaska Legislature? If so, please share them with me by contacting our office or giving me a call on my cell.

Facebook Live Legislative Update

Join me this Saturday, January 29th at 1 pm for a Facebook Live legislative update from Juneau. You can follow my Facebook page at facebook.com/repcalvinschrage.

Property Tax Assessment Appeal Process

We've been hearing concerns from community members that the property tax appraisals going out have been shockingly higher than expected. If you or someone you know believes there may have been an error, you can find information on how to appeal the appraisal here.

Free Rapid COVID-19 Tests Mailed to You

Households can now order a set of four free at-home COVID-19 testing kits from the U.S. Postal Service! Also, free N95 masks are expected to be available in Alaska communities soon (more details to follow). You can sign up for your free set of COVID tests at: special.usps.com/testkits

The State Capitol is Open

After the Capitol building was closed last year due to COVID-19, the Legislative Council ruled earlier this month to reopen to the public. This is great news! If you are thinking about traveling here to lobby for an issue you care about or speak with legislators, there are special discounts, such as "constituent fare" through Alaska Airlines and discounts on housing available to Alaskans traveling to Juneau.

Below are some additional resources for staying up-to-date and engaged:

Watch Committee Meetings – Most committee hearings are broadcast on Gavel Alaska at www.360north.org or through the Live Now tab on the AK Legislature's home page. House and Senate floor sessions are also available on Gavel Alaska at www.ktoo.org/gavel/.

Access Budget Materials – The Office of Management and Budget website has many helpful tools and presentations relating to the state budget. You can find these resources, and more, at https://omb.alaska.gov/.

Keep Track of Bills – Interested in tracking bills through the legislative process? You can follow along on BASIS: http://www.akleg.gov/basis/Home/BillsandLaws. Just type in a bill number in the search bar (ex: HB1) at the top of the page. You can also text a bill number (ex: HB1) to 559-245-2529 to enroll in text alerts.

Use Your Legislative Information Office (LIO) – LIOs are a great local resource for navigation the legislative process. The staff at the LIO can help you research bills and issues, navigate the state computer system, and participate in hearings by providing public testimony. You can chat with LIO staff Monday-Friday between 8:30 AM and 4:00 PM through their new chat interface, located in the lower right corner of http://AKLeg.gov.

Contact the Anchorage LIO – You can reach the LIO by phone (907-269-0111) or email: <u>LIO.Anchorage@akleg.gov</u>.

Warmly, Representative Schrage

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

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