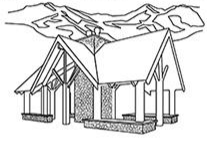


Abbott Loop



Community Council

AGENDA

GENERAL MEMBERSHIP MEETING

February, 24th, 2022, 6:30-8:30 PM

LOCATION: Zoom

NEW ZOOM for 2022

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/88969066143?pwd=M3I0TVFTWDI0b1FhRkZvV2dTWkQ5Zz09>

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On entering the meeting, please go to the participant list and indicate if you are:

- 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 and report for February
- Representative: Calvin Schrage: Newsletter and report for February
- 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

Candidate Introductions

Reports

FCC Representative Bruce Roberts

Roads & Projects Committee: Emily Sullivan
o CIP update

Parks & Rec Committee: Mark Miner

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

- Craig Bennett- Three small lots located off of Abbott Rd, across from Fred Meyer. Owner would like to change the land use designation of the site from *Compact Mixed Residential* to *Town Center* and the zoning designation of the site from *R-5 (Low Density Residential)* to *B-3 (General Business District)*, this would then match the use and zoning designations of property to the south and west of the lots.

Cannabis & Alcohol Committee: ****Needs Chair****

Membership & Events: Lizzie Newell

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

Old Business

- Statewide Redistricting Maps: Update <https://www.akredistrict.org/>

New Business

Announcements/Comments

Next Meetings:

March, 31st, 2022 Abbott Loop Community Council Monthly Meeting
April, 28th, 2022 Abbott Loop Community Council Monthly Meeting
May, 26th, 2022 Abbott Loop Community Council Monthly Meeting
June/July will be ALCC picnics- more information coming

Comments:

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=PLylc7U989Xcav5eQC9FmjAEofZD576ech>

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 katmandu26@hotmail.com 907-748-6076.

Dena'inaq elnen'aa' 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
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Dear Friends and Neighbors,

As we begin the second month of the 2022 legislative session, I want to give you an update on what is happening in the legislature, the progress of the bills we are working on, other important legislation, redistricting, and how all of 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.

Budget Update

The governor's proposed [Fiscal Year \(FY\) 2023 budget](#) in large part provides flat funding for essential services and adds two dividend payments, including a supplemental 2021 payment of \$1,215 and a regular 2022 dividend of \$2,560. In total, this would cost the state around \$2.5 billion. For comparison, in 2021, the budget for all state services was \$4.3 billion. The governor has also proposed a general obligation bond (GO Bond) that would borrow up to \$310 million for capital improvement and infrastructure projects. This bond proposal would require voter approval and be on the 2022 state election ballot.

It is important to remember that although this year our state has benefited from unexpectedly high oil prices, strong stock market returns, and one time federal funds, we know all too well that the stock market and price of oil can be volatile. Without structural changes from the legislature and governor, we still are faced with a more than \$700 million annual deficit which further highlights the need for action.

Subcommittee Wrap Up

In the Legislature, we are currently finishing the subcommittee process where we review each of the various state department budgets as proposed by the governor, hear from department leaders, and make changes to the proposed budget. Throughout the

process, I have offered a number of amendments that would help improve department performance and efficiency while reducing unnecessary spending.

State Revenue Forecast

The [Fall 2021 Revenue Forecast](#) was released and includes the Department of Revenue's forecast for oil price and production as well as other sources of state revenue. This forecast has many key changes from last year's Spring forecast, including a \$75.72 Fiscal Year 2022 price per barrel of oil (a \$14.72 increase) and \$71 price per barrel (an increase of \$9) for Fiscal Year 2023. Projected production numbers are also notably higher, including a FY2022 increase of 27,100 barrels per day (up from 459,700 to 487,700) and 23,600 barrels per day increase for FY2023.

What does this mean for our budget? The Unrestricted General Fund (UGF) revenue forecast for FY 2022 has now increased by roughly \$1 billion and \$800 million for FY 2023

Redistricting Update

The Alaska Redistricting Board has been faced with five lawsuits challenging their final map adopted at the end of 2021. These challenges include the South Muldoon and Eagle River senate pairing, the Mat-Su and Valdez house district, and two house districts in Southeast with Juneau and Skagway. The District Court reviewed these cases and has ordered the Alaska Redistricting Board to redraw the South Muldoon - Eagle River senate district and the two Juneau house districts. The court ruled against the Mat-Su challenge. These decisions will almost certainly be challenged and taken to the Alaska Supreme Court and a final or interim map is required by June 1st.

Of note in this case, the court found that the Redistricting Board failed to consider or make an effort to incorporate public testimony when drawing the Juneau house districts and East Anchorage Eagle River Senate district. If this decision is upheld by the state Supreme Court, it will play a major role in future redistricting processes.

The Juneau changes are not expected to impact Anchorage but, if affirmed by the Alaska Supreme Court, the ruling over the East Anchorage - Eagle River senate district would result in new senate pairings for Anchorage. It's not clear whether this will change our current senate district, but it is a real possibility.

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

[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 is set to have its first hearing in the House Community and Regional Affairs Committee next week or two. 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 234 Political Contribution Limits](#): This bill would reinstate reasonable and constitutional political contribution limits. Last year, Alaska's contribution limits (that were enacted in 2006 through a citizens' initiative) were struck down by the Ninth Circuit Court of Appeals. This resulted in uncertainty and a risk of unlimited and outside funds flooding our state and local elections. HB 234 is quickly moving through the House and should be moving to the House Floor in the near future. So far, there have been three bill hearings in House State Affairs Committee which can be found [here](#).

[HB267 Ballot Curing](#): This bill would ensure eligible Alaskans 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. HB 267 had its first hearing in the House State Affairs Committee earlier this month. You can find the committee hearing [here](#).

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.

Committee Update

In the House Energy Special Committee which I chair, we have been hearing various bills, including [HB 299](#), a proposal from the Governor to facilitate the implementation of small scale nuclear "micro reactors" to provide clean energy. These microreactors have many possible applications and could prove useful in providing clean heat and power, including in some of the remote areas in our state. Already, there are two projects that have come up, including one at Fort Eielson Air Force Base in Fairbanks, and one in Valdez. These would be the first micro-nuclear power systems in Alaska.

What do you think about this proposal?

Property Tax Assessment Appeal Process

We've been hearing concerns from community members that recent property tax appraisals 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 at muni.org/Departments/finance/property_appraisal.

The good news is that, this year, School Bond Debt Reimbursement from the state is expected to be fully funded. The governor's decision not to fund this obligation was the driving force behind high property taxes in recent years. Another positive note is that higher assessment values do not necessarily mean higher property taxes. The Assembly and mayor can still reduce the mil rate in a manner that takes into account the higher assessment values to keep taxes in line with past years.

Homeowner Financial Relief Assistance

Homeowners whose income was impacted by the COVID-19 pandemic will soon be able to apply for financial relief to help pay for mortgages, property taxes, insurance, and even utilities. Pre-registration will begin February 28th.

You can check your eligibility, learn more about the program, and sign up to be notified when pre-registration is available at alaskahousingrelief.org.

Sign up for your 2022 PFD

Eligible Alaskan residents can sign up for their 2022 PFD through March 31st. You can submit your PFD application at: pfd.alaska.gov.

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! You can sign up for your free set of COVID tests at: special.usps.com/testkits.

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

Watch Committee Meetings – Most committee hearings are broadcast on Gavel Alaska at 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 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 omb.alaska.gov.

Keep Track of Bills – Interested in tracking bills through the legislative process? You can follow along on BASIS: 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 navigating 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 akleg.gov.

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

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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