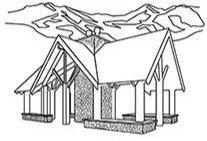


# Abbott Loop



# Community Council

## AGENDA

### GENERAL MEMBERSHIP MEETING

March, 31st, 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 Report

- Report and Q & A- APD Officer

## AFD Report

- Report and Q & A- AFD Fire Chief Doug Schrage

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

- Senator: Josh Revak: Report for March
- Representative: Calvin Schrage: Newsletter and report for March
- Representative Laddie Shaw

## Assembly & School Board: Q & A [www.muni.org/departments/assembly](http://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
- Mayor's Office Report
- 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

- Meadow Street Park Picnic Shelter- Rebecca Colvin Rilke APC Facilities
- Spruce Park Update
- BLM Announces Draft Recreation Area Management Plan - [Campbell Track](#)

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

- Case No. 2022-0042 (Text Amendment re ADU development in Girdwood Valley) which is scheduled as a Public Hearing before the Planning and Zoning Commission on April 18, 2022. Review and Recommendation by Planning and Zoning Commission to the Anchorage Municipal Assembly of an Ordinance amending AMC Subsection 21.09.050C.2. to encourage development of accessory dwelling units within the Girdwood Valley.
- Andre Spinelli/Craig Bennett- Three lots located off of Abbott Rd, across from Fred Meyer. Request by owner for support in change to the land use designation 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\*\***

- Seward's Folly Bar and Grill at 1811 Abbott Road, License # 4692 renewal application Beverage Dispensary
- I Luv Sushi at 9920 Lake Otis Parkway, Suite 2A, License # 5705 renewal application Restaurant/Eating Place
- Los Arcos Restaurant at 2001 East Dowling Rd, License # 3953 renewal application Beverage Dispensary

**Membership & Events:** Lizzie Newell

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

### Old Business

- Statewide Redistricting Maps: Updates <https://www.akredistrict.org/>
- Spruce Street Extension Upgrade Project- Morgan McCammon DOWL

### New Business

- Wildfire and Egress volunteers- Jen Schmidt and John See UAA, gave a presentation to ALCC. Looking for help to update the GIS database with names of streets. Then help identify areas of concern to reduce fuel hazards using the wildfire exposure map, evacuation routes, and local knowledge. Email [jischmidt@alaska.edu](mailto:jischmidt@alaska.edu)

## Announcements/Comments

Next Meetings:

April, 28th, 2022 Abbott Loop Community Council Monthly Meeting  
May, 26th, 2022 Abbott Loop Community Council Monthly Meeting  
June/July will be ALCC picnics- TBA

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/](https://abbottloopsouth.nextdoor.com/news_feed/)
- Abbott Loop North Next Door: <https://nextdoor.com/neighborhood/abbottloopnorthak--anchorage--ak/>
- Abbott Loop Community Council Facebook page: <https://www.facebook.com/abbottloopcc> or search @abbottloopcc
- Information about the Academy Dr- Vanguard Dr. Project <http://www.academyandvanguard.com/>
- Information for the [Dowling/Seward Highway project 2022/2023](#)
- State of Alaska DOT Seward Highway project O'Malley to Dimond can be found here: <http://www.sewardhighway.info/>
- Information for the Seward Highway & 36th Avenue Interchange Project <http://www.36thinterchange.com/>
- Anchorage Bowl Land Use Plan:  
<http://www.muni.org/Departments/OCPD/Planning/Projects/AnchLandUse/Pages/default.aspx>
- 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](mailto:brucearoberts@hotmail.com) 907-952-9969 & Kathleen Easley [katmandu26@hotmail.com](mailto:katmandu26@hotmail.com) 907-748-6076.

## Dena'inaq e'nen'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

| OFFICERS              |                 | DIRECTORS  |               |                |
|-----------------------|-----------------|------------|---------------|----------------|
| <b>PRESIDENT</b>      | Bruce Roberts   | Pat O'Hara | Lizzie Newell | Dan Rudder     |
| <b>VICE-PRESIDENT</b> | Susan Soule     | Mark Miner | Yolanda Meza  | Emily Sullivan |
| <b>SECRETARY</b>      | Kathleen Easley | Kari Nore  | Patti Higgins | Marilyn Russel |
| <b>TREASURER</b>      | Heather Schrage |            |               |                |

### STANDING COMMITTEES SPECIAL COMMITTEES

| <b>PARKS &amp; REC</b> | <b>Roads &amp; Projects</b> | <b>P &amp; Z</b> | <b>Cannabis &amp; Alcohol</b> | <b>Membership &amp; Events</b> | <b>Community Patrol</b> | <b>By-Laws Committee</b> |
|------------------------|-----------------------------|------------------|-------------------------------|--------------------------------|-------------------------|--------------------------|
| Mark Miner<br>Chair    | Emily Sullivan<br>Chair     | Needs<br>Chair   | Needs<br>Chair                | Lizzie Newell<br>Chair         | Dan Rudder<br>Lead      | Kari Nore<br>Chair       |
| Sheila Cernich         | Dan Boland                  | Akis Gialopsis   |                               | Kari Nore                      | Patti Higgins           | Susan Soule              |
| Patti Higgins          | Mike Moeglein               | Dan Boland       |                               | Sheila Cernich                 | Pat Higgins             | Patti Higgins            |
| Susan Soule            | Bruce Roberts               |                  |                               | Patti Higgins                  | Thomas Greenman         |                          |
|                        |                             |                  |                               |                                | Phil Parks              |                          |



Dear Friends and Neighbors,

A lot has been happening here and I want to provide you with an update on the Legislature, the progress on our bills, new developments with redistricting, and how all of this will impact 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](mailto:Rep.Calvin.Schrage@akleg), on my personal cell 907-240-8986, or our office 907-465-4931.

### **COVID in the Capitol**

As you may have heard, we have seen a significant spike in COVID-19 cases in the Capitol which has slowed down progress this week in the House. The good news is that the legislative session was moving quite quickly up until now and is expected to return to normal next week.

### **Operating Budget**

Despite the delay caused by COVID-19 this week, I remain confident we will soon have the budget on the House Floor. This will be the final opportunity for amendments to the bill before it heads over to the Senate. Here are some highlights from our budget that will be headed to the floor:

- \$1.2 billion in funding for K-12 education. This effectively funds this year's budget and next year's budget (a year ahead of time) in order to provide stability to our educators and avoid pink slips.
- A permanent fund dividend and energy relief check totaling \$2,550.
- \$57 million in one-time education funding to boost per-student funding allocation this year.
- \$530 million to fully pay off the remaining debts owed to oil and gas companies.
- \$395 million set aside to rebuild the Higher Education Investment Fund, used to pay for university scholarships and medical education.

## **Redistricting Update**

Last week, the Alaska Supreme Court issued its decision on the lawsuits challenging the final map adopted by the Alaska Redistricting Board. In their decision, they ruled the Anchorage senate pairing that included the South Muldoon and Eagle River house districts as “unconstitutional political gerrymandering.” The Alaska Redistricting Board is now ordered to redraw this senate pairing which could have a rippling effect to other Anchorage senate districts.

## **Redistricting Public Input Opportunity**

The Alaska Redistricting Board will be meeting via Zoom to take public testimony on the Anchorage Senate pairings this Saturday, April 2nd from 2 pm to 4 pm. Community members may testify by calling the numbers below or by attending in-person at the Anchorage LIO, located at 1500 W. Benson Blvd. Written testimony can also be submitted to [testimony@akredistrict.org](mailto:testimony@akredistrict.org)

To attend via Zoom:

<https://us06web.zoom.us/j/85829474438?pwd=S1dhcUJiOUp0U1FaWi9HZHkzOWxvdz09>

The public may listen or testify via the Legislative Teleconference System by dialing:

- Anchorage 563-9085
- Juneau 586-9085
- Other 844-586-9085

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

### **HB 234 Political Contribution Limits:**

After days of debate and amendments on the floor, HB 234 passed the House with support from Republican, Democrat, and Independent legislators! I want to thank my fellow representatives who stood up to protect our state and local elections from being taken over by outside and special interests by supporting our bill.

The dire reality is that unless HB 234 is passed and signed into law by the governor soon, Alaska's elections will be open to unlimited donations from anyone, anywhere in the country. This is unacceptable and is in direct conflict with the overwhelming desire of Alaskans for fair and reasonable limits on campaign contributions.

I am optimistic that together, we can prevent that from happening and protect Alaska by passing HB 234. HB 234 has its first Senate hearing scheduled for Thursday, April 7th in Senate State Affairs!

If you would like to submit testimony in support of HB 234, please email [SenateStateAffairs@akleg.gov](mailto:SenateStateAffairs@akleg.gov). I ask those testifying on any legislation to do so in a thoughtful and respectful manner (a good rule of thumb is would you send this to your grandparents?)

### **HB 227 Muni Energy Improvement Assessment Program:**

Our bill to build on the highly successful Commercial Property Assessed Clean Energy (C-PACE) program that provides fixed-rate, long-term financing for energy efficiency and renewable energy projects will have its final House floor vote soon. 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.

So far, HB 227 has received broad support from my colleagues in the house and I expect it will pass overwhelmingly once voted on the floor.

### **Don't miss out on this year's PFD!**

The deadline to file for your 2022 Permanent Fund Dividend is March 31st at 11:59 pm. You can apply at: <https://mypfd.alaska.gov/>

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

### **Muni Election**

The Anchorage municipal election is on April 5th. Two seats on the Anchorage School Board and 5 seats on the Anchorage Assembly are up for election this year. Additionally, both the Anchorage School District and the Municipality of Anchorage have bonds on this year's ballot.

For more information, and for ballot drop box locations, I encourage you to view the League of Women Voter's Ballot Review which you can find here: <https://www.muni.org/Departments/Assembly/Clerk/Elections/Documents/LWV/2022%20League%20of%20Women%20Voters%20Ballot%20Review%20-%20Online.pdf>

Also, new this year, voters can find out the status of their ballot by using BallotTrax at [www.anchoragevotes.com](https://www.anchoragevotes.com), where voters can sign up for texts, email, or voicemail alerts



regarding ballot status. Additionally, voters can call the Municipal Voter Hotline at 907-243-VOTE (8683) to confirm ballot return envelope status and get assistance.

### **Passing of Don Young**

We are all deeply saddened by the passing of Congressman Don Young. A close friend to many lawmakers on both sides of the aisle, Don Young built a reputation as a fiercely loyal public servant who frequently delivered on promises to bring home funding for projects here at home. Accordingly, on Saturday, a memorial service will be held at the Anchorage Baptist Temple. The event will begin at 11 a.m. local time, and a live stream will be available. Services are open to the public.

### **Election for U.S. Congress**

With the passing of Don Young, Alaska will have to hold a special election to see who will serve out the rest of Congressman Young's term (ending January, 2023). As such, a special primary has been set for June 11. The top four vote-getters in the special primary will advance to an Aug. 16 special election, in which ranked-choice voting will be used. The June 11 primary will take place mostly by mail, with ballots sent automatically to all Alaska voters registered at least 30 days before the election.

### **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 on February 28th. The deadline to apply for Alaska Housing Homeowner Assistance is Monday, April 4, 2022, at 11:59 p.m. AKDT. You can check your eligibility, learn more about the program, and sign up to be notified when pre-registration is available at [alaskahousingrelief.org](https://alaskahousingrelief.org).

### **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](https://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](https://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](https://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](http://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](http://akleg.gov/basis/Home/BillsandLaws). Just type in a bill number in the search bar (ex: HB 234) at the top of the page. You can also text a bill number (ex: HB 234) 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](http://akleg.gov).

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