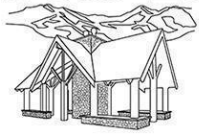


Abbott Loop



Community Council

AGENDA-GENERAL MEMBERSHIP MEETING

Date: February 23rd, 2023

Time: 6:30-8:30 PM

Location: **HYBRID MEETINGS******

IN PERSON: Abbott Loop Elementary 8427 Lake Otis Parkway

VIA ZOOM:

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/84481926062?pwd=R2dvRXlpMXEyREJ4ZDFsNFY0L0NlZz09>

Meeting ID: 844 8192 6062 Passcode: ALCC

Zoom Meeting etiquette:

- The hybrid meetings are new to our council, so have patience with us and the technology.
- You must list your name. If you are a member of Abbott Loop Community Council- type ALCC after your name. If you are a guest- type guest and/or your affiliation after your name.
- Please do not use the chat for private or side conversations. Chat can be used to add relevant info such as links or contact info. Or to gently help us "fine tune" our meeting by indicating sound problems, etc.
- To ask a question or make a comment use the raise hand function.
- Prior to speaking each speaker should state their name, area of Abbott Loop they live in, and if they are a member, or guest.

If you would like to receive email notifications from the Federation of Community Councils about ALCC meetings, visit www.communitycouncils.org and click "Sign-Up" (upper right-hand corner of page). This will get you registered for emails and reminders before meetings.

- A member is anyone who resides in or has a business in the ALCC district.
- The setting is informal and participation is encouraged.
- Meetings are open to the public and everyone is invited and welcome!

Call to Order

- Round of Introductions
- Changes or additions to agenda
- Approval of minutes from January 2023: Kathleen Easley
- Treasurer's report: Heather Schrage

APD Report-Report and Q & A, requested and will attend if duties permit.

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

- Senator District F: James Kaufman
- Representative District 11: Julie Coulombe
- Representative District 12: Calvin Schrage

Community Reports and Q & A:

- Assembly member(s) www.muni.org/departments/assembly
- School Board member(s) <https://www.asdk12.org/Page/1442>
- Mayor's Office Report <https://www.muni.org/departments/mayor/Pages/default.aspx>
- JBER Community Engagement

Candidate Introductions

Reports

FCC Representative: Bruce Roberts

HALO Report: Lizzie Newell

Roads & Projects Committee: Mary Miner

- Academy/Vanguard Resolutions. Article and Anchorage Assembly ARs [here](#)
- Traffic Calming Projects - <https://www.muni.org/Departments/traffic/Pages/TrafficCalming>

Parks & Rec Committee: Mark Miner

Planning & Zoning Committee: Mary Miner

Cannabis & Alcohol Committee: Yolanda Meza

- Little Italy- transfer of liquor license #2988
- O'Malley on the Green- renewal of liquor license #5030

Membership & Events: Lizzie Newell

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

Old Business

- Andre Spinelli BR3 zoning for the properties along Abbott between Elim and Golovin Streets, request for support. 2nd visit and request to vote on a Resolution of support- [Info and Maps](#).
- 10 year Review of Community Council District Boundaries- [Link to info here](#). Patti Higgins
- DOT Project Manager Christina Huber regarding the Academy/Vanguard Drive project

New Business

- Bradly Coy- Municipal Traffic Engineer speaking on pedestrian safety.
- Martin Miller/Nicolette Dent- Singletrack Advocates (STA) is hoping to develop a new set of singletrack trails in Hillside/FNBP. [Information here](#)
- Lizzie Newell- Request for volunteers for helping with Zoom/Audio/Video.

Announcements/Comments

Upcoming Meeting Dates

ALCC monthly meetings are usually the last Thursday of the month. The May meeting is scheduled for the 3rd Thursday because of the school year ending May 23rd.

- March 30th, 2023
- April 27th, 2023
- May 18th, 2023 **3rd Thursday** Last day of school for ASD is May 23rd
- June/July Community Picnics and park gatherings TBA

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/>
- Abbott Loop Community Council Facebook page: <https://www.facebook.com/abbottloopcc> or search @abbottloopcc
- Information about Accessory Dwelling Unit Project <https://www.muni.org/Departments/OCPD/Planning/Projects/AnchLandUse/Pages/ADU.aspx>
- 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 Link [HERE](#)
- APD safety message emails or text alerts: NEW SYSTEM January 2023 Rave Mobile Safety, [Sign up here](#) or Text the word "Anchorage" to the number 67283.
- Alaska Redistricting- <https://www.akredistrict.org/>
- JBER Community Engagement Jber.pa@us.af.mil 907-551-8996
- Assembly Newsletter sign up [HERE](#)
- Assembly 101 playlist for those wanting to learn all about Assembly procedures, how to participate, etc. [HERE](#)

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 June for a community Summer Picnic at the Abbott Loop Community Park and July for an informal gathering at Whisper Faith Kovach park. 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.

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I live and work on Dena'ina land. (English) ~ Translation by Joel Isaak and Sondra Shaginoff-Stuart

ABBOTT LOOP COMMUNITY COUNCIL

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

STANDING COMMITTEES SPECIAL COMMITTEES

Parks & Rec	Roads & Projects	Planning & Zoning	Cannabis & Alcohol	Membership & Events	Community Patrol	By-Laws Committee
Mark Miner Chair	Mary Miner Chair	Mary Miner Chair	Yolanda Meza Chair	Lizzie Newell Chair	Dan Rudder Lead	Kari Nore 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,

We are just over 30 days into the 2023 Alaska State Legislative Session and much is happening in the Capitol, including budget subcommittees, visits from our federal delegation members, and growing momentum behind an increase to K-12 education funding.

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 at 907-240-8986, or at our office at 907-465-4931.



Congresswoman Mary Peltola and members of the House Coalition meet to discuss shared priorities and how to work together to deliver for all Alaskans.

Our Federal Delegation Visits the Capitol

Over the past month, Congresswoman Mary Peltola and U.S. Senators Dan Sullivan and Lisa Murkowski visited legislators in the Capitol and addressed both the House and Senate in joint sessions. This was Congresswoman Peltola's first address to the Legislature since being elected in 2022 and marked the first time in decades Alaska's sole member of Congress addressed the Legislature.

You can watch the addresses of our federal delegation members online at Gavel to Gavel at [ktoo.org/gavel](https://www.ktoo.org/gavel) or with the links below:

Congresswoman Mary Peltola: <https://www.ktoo.org/video/gavel/joint-legislative-session-2023021138/?eventID=2023021138>

U.S. Senator Dan Sullivan: <https://www.ktoo.org/video/gavel/joint-legislative-session-2023021036/?eventID=2023021036>

U.S. Senator Murkowski: <https://www.ktoo.org/video/gavel/joint-legislative-session-2023021177/?eventID=2023021177>

State of the Judiciary Address

Chief Justice Daniel Winfree offered his final State of the Judiciary Address to the Alaska Legislature before his retirement. In his address, the Chief Justice offered an update on the status of the judiciary, which has returned to nearly the same level of productivity as before the pandemic and is working its way through the backlog of cases that arose over the past two years. The Chief Justice also addressed the challenges presented by challenges with the recruitment and retention of public defenders, particularly in rural communities. Of note, the Chief Justice strongly defended and advocated for Alaska's apolitical selection process for judges which some politicians have aimed to change to a more politically-charged appointment process. He also commended the hard work and dedication of our judicial branch and workers.



Chief Justice Winfree after his address to the Legislature

Budget Subcommittees

The Alaska State House has been working through the FY 2024 State Operating Budget in the budget subcommittee process. These subcommittees consist of members of the House Finance Committee and members of both the House majority and minority. Each subcommittee is tasked with auditing the budget and operations of each respective state department, such as the Departments of Education and Early Development (DEED), Labor and Workforce Development, Public Safety, Revenue, etc. I'm grateful to serve on the Finance Subcommittees for the Department of Environmental Conservation as well as the budgets for the Governor's office and Legislature.

Once the budget subcommittee process closes out, the House Finance Committee will then begin working on the full FY 2024 operating budget. In the Senate, the Finance Committee members are working with other legislators across the state on capital projects as they work through the FY 2024 Capital Budget.



Rep. Schrage joins legislators and essential workers calling on the state to address the SNAP/Nutrition Assistance backlog crisis, staff shortages, and failures in recruiting and retaining skilled workers.

Alaska House Coalition's Press Availability

I joined members of our House Coalition, including Representatives Dan Ortiz, Rebecca Himschoot, and Maxine Dibert, who are experienced educators, to outline our legislative priorities for the year with a focus on educational improvements to help provide all Alaskan students a high-quality education. Our top priority is increasing the Base Student Allocation to ensure schools and classrooms have the resources they need and work to address challenges recruiting and retaining skilled and experienced education professionals. You can watch the [press availability here](#).

Base Student Allocation Funding Increase

One of the top priorities advocated for by both the House and Senate Coalitions is the need to provide additional funding for Alaska's students, teachers, and schools through an increase to the Base Student Allocation (BSA). In both chambers, legislation has been introduced to provide increased funding, including [House Bill 65](#) by Rep. Ortiz and [Senate Bill 52](#) by the Senate Education Committee. Both bills aim to meet the needs of Alaska's education system which has faced years of flat funding in the wake of growing inflation rates, serving as an effective cut to schools across our state. With growing pressure for Alaskans, I am optimistic we will be able to provide a meaningful increase to education funding and I will do all I can to help accomplish it.

Legislation Highlights

Our Bills

- [House Bill 37](#) - Elections, Voting, Ballots
- [House Bill 36](#) - Campaign Contribution limits for Elections, Recalls, and Referendums
- [House Bill 73](#) - DCCED Licensing Investigations

Other Bills to Follow

- [House Bill 17](#) - Contraceptive Coverage and Access
- [House Bill 22](#) - Defined Benefit for First Responders
- [House Bill 23](#) - Establishing Filipino American History Month
- [House Bill 28](#) - Marijuana Conviction Records
- [House Bills 49](#) & [50](#) - Governor's Carbon Credit Proposal
- [House Bill 59](#) - Expanding Postpartum Medicaid Coverage
- [House Bill 65](#) - Increasing BSA Education Funding

Apply for Your 2023 Permanent Fund Dividend

Eligible Alaskan residents have until March 31st, to apply for the 2023 Permanent Fund Dividend. If you have questions or run into any problems, please do not hesitate to contact our office. You can apply online at mypfd.alaska.gov.

IRS Releases Guidance the \$662 Alaska Energy Relief Payment in 2022 will not be considered taxable income

The IRS has informed the state that the \$662 energy relief payment Alaskans received last year with their dividend will not be taxable. Formal guidance on how to prepare 2022 tax returns for this payment will be provided in the near future which I will work to share once it's released.

Clean Energy Tax Credits for Consumers

The U.S. Department of Energy is offering tax credits to consumers, renters, and homeowners for energy efficient home improvement and residential clean energy property improvement upgrades, appliances, and products. Some of the investments covered include solar panels, home back-up power storage, electric or natural gas heat and water pumps, central air conditioners, natural gas, propane, or oil water heaters, gas or oil furnaces and water boilers, insulation materials, efficiency windows, and more. <https://www.energy.gov/policy/articles/making-our-homes-more-efficient-clean-energy-tax-credits-consumers>

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 – If you're interested in learning more about a bill from this session or from years past, you can learn more at 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 committee 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 me or our office anytime.

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