

AHCC meeting minutes  
January 16, 2025

**Attendees:**

Residents:

Becky Kurtz  
Carolyn Ramsey  
Paige  
Emily Weiser  
Karl Kisser  
Dave Gardner  
Brita Mjos  
David Washburn  
Sheri Whitethorn  
Helen O'Harra  
John Whitlock  
Meg Kurtagh  
Joan Fisher  
Rayette Sterling  
Dan Ruthrauff  
Emily Becker  
Barbara P  
Aaron J  
Ed Brewer  
Carol  
Andrew Erickson

Guests:

Assembly Member Felix Rivera  
Assembly Member Meg Zaletel  
Representative Genevieve Mina; staff Remington Purnell  
School Board Member Dave Donley  
John McPherson – HDR  
Galen Jones – DOT  
Amy Burnett – HDR  
Rory McAllister - HDR

**Approval of agenda:** Karl moves to approve, seconded by Joan

**Elected officials' reports:**

Assembly Member Zaletel:

· Ballot: Jan 21 Assembly meeting is the last chance to put things on the ballot for April. It will not include a sales tax proposition. Will include bonds and two levies. One levy is for APD fleet and the other is for ARDSA road maintenance vehicles. Bond propositions will be similar to past ballots, including parks, ARDSA for road maintenance, public facilities, safety, CASA (Chugach access), fire protection, etc. The total amount will be similar to recent years.

- Candidate registration for the Municipal election is open and ongoing

**Assembly Member Rivera:**

- Report (from a third party) came out on officer shooting of Easter Leafa, with 11 recommendations to improve policies, practices, procedures, trainings
- Housing: The Mayor has released a strategic goal for adding 10,000 housing units in 10 years. One ordinance was recently approved to simplify restrictions in the B-3 zone to make it easier to build housing there (mixed-use residential/commercial zone). Another is coming up Feb 11<sup>th</sup> to suspend residential development standards for multifamily units, with the intent to spur more multifamily development, based on feedback from developers on ongoing hurdles.
- Homelessness: warming center has been open every day, now regardless of temperature. Shelters in the emergency cold-weather shelter system are consistently full. 2-day summit on homelessness will be held in March.

**Representative Mina:**

- Legislative session starts Jan 21
- Priorities: pension reform, increasing education funding, southcentral energy crisis
- Looking into the current delay in retirement contributions for teachers
- Will be chairing the House Health & Social Services Committee, will likely be on the House Transportation Committee
- Upcoming legislation on 1) improving EMS; 2) codifying DOT's responsibilities to support all transportation modes (including non-motorized) and coordinate with local agencies on priorities for roads

**School Board Member Donley:**

- Had to postpone meeting due to icy roads; will include testimony on closing schools
- Expecting large budget deficit for next year, which would increase class sizes; pending the BSA and request from ASD to the state to increase funding based on updating the district cost differential
- School bond will be on the ballot in April

**Seward to Glenn Connection PEL presentation** from DOT and HDR:

- Project info at <https://sewardglennconnection.com/>. Second round of draft alternatives is out for public until January 23<sup>rd</sup> – now extended through end of February. The presentation provided by the project team tonight was similar to the December public open house: [https://sewardglennconnection.com/documents/20241210\\_SG%20PEL%20December%20Public%20Meeting%20Presentation\\_V5%20\(FINAL\).pdf](https://sewardglennconnection.com/documents/20241210_SG%20PEL%20December%20Public%20Meeting%20Presentation_V5%20(FINAL).pdf)

**Resolution on the Seward to Glenn Connection PEL:**

- Discussion included: whether we should oppose AB when that's essentially the cut-and-cover we've supported in the past; whether we should support the MTP/MTP+
- Karl moves to postpone until the next AHCC meeting; Brita seconds. 15 in favor, none opposed. Vote is postponed and the committee will meet again to do any further work on the resolution.

**FCC report:**

None

**Community concerns:**

None

**Adjourn:** moved by Brita, seconded by Karl, adjourned 8:41 pm