



STUCKAGAIN AND NEAR POINT, LOOKING EAST FROM FAR NORTH BICENTENNIAL PARK

# BASHER COMMUNITY COUNCIL

## NEWSLETTER

May 10, 2017

**NEXT COUNCIL MEETING:** Thursday, May 11, 2017. 7:00 PM – 8:30 PM.

**LOCATION:** BAXTER ELEMENTARY SCHOOL, MULTIPURPOSE ROOM (Cafeteria).

**AGENDA ITEMS FOR February 09:**

- LEGISLATIVE AND ASSEMBLY REPORTS (as available)
  - Lance Pruitt, SOA Representatives report
  - Cathy Giessel, SOA Senate report
  - Pete Peterson, MUNI Assembly report
  - Forrest Dunbar, MUNI Assembly report (newly elected)
  
- FIRE STATION NO. 14 REPORT – C Shift (as available)
  
- TAX PROPOSAL for increasing the Parks and Recreation Service Area - John Weddleton, MUNI Assembly, shared several documents which I sent in an earlier E-mail for comment and review. John will presented the details for this proposal and responded to questions at our last meeting. Much of Anchorage (including Stuckagain Heights and Bear Valley) is outside of any Parks and Recreation Service Area. The MUNI left it to the voters to approve the expansion of the current Anchorage Parks and Rec Service Area to capture effectively everything north of Turnagain Arm that isn't

already in a Parks and Rec service area, other than Fire Island. **This didn't pass at the last Muni election.**

- UPDATE: Campbell Airstrip Road Upgrades Project – start TBD
  - Bill Johnson (CRW) was scheduled to provide an update on the Campbell Airstrip Road Upgrades Project at our May 11 meeting; however, the project team determined that a better use of Bill's time was to give an update to all those who will be in attendance at the CRW Engineering Group open house Thursday, May 18<sup>th</sup> at 5:30 PM - 7:00 PM at 4700 Elmore Road. They will be discussing the Campbell Airstrip Road Upgrade and Trail Improvements (Tudor Road to Mile 0.7). We have already gone out for and received bids on the bond/Fed. grant project on the lower portion of the road and the trail extension. The contract was awarded to GMC. They cleared a couple weeks ago and are starting stump removal this week. PM&E will give an update at this meeting, May 11.
  
- LRSA REPORT– Ted Trueblood
  
- MUNI Road Maintenance/Restoration
  - Paving for CAR/Basher Rd. in the area near Basher Trailhead by the MUNI Street Maintenance Dept. is now promised verbally to be funded by unused funds leftover from other projects to an upper limit of \$200,000. It appears this is a done deal, however, it is not yet scheduled. Jason Bockenstedt (PM&E, Maintenance and Operations, Special Admin Assistant) and possibly Paul VanLandingham (PM&E, Maintenance and Operations, Senior Maintenance Manager) may be at the May 11<sup>th</sup> meeting to discuss how this project will proceed.
  
- Summer Community BBQ- need to set a date for this event. Usually mid-July.
- Natasha Walsh may be at the meeting for an update on Neighborhood watch.
- Dave Battle, Fish & Wildlife will be at this meeting to discuss the Bear Watching and related issues.

Thank you,  
Don Crafts, Basher Community Council President  
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