

Basher Community Council Meeting

February 11, 2016

Baxter Elementary School, Multipurpose Room

MINUTES

Meeting called to order 7:03 p.m. by President Don Crafts.

More than 40 members of the Basher Community in attendance.

Legislative & Assembly Reports

Rep. Lance Pruitt

*Rep. Pruitt gave a brief report via cell phone from Juneau. The State House is specifically focused on the State of Alaska budget shortfall and process.

Assemblyman Pete Peterson

*The Assembly has approved the 2016 municipal budget. Peterson said it is \$2 million less than last year's budget but did not have the specific dollar amount of budget (operating). Here's a link to full budget for those of you who wish to see it.

<http://www.muni.org/Departments/budget/operatingBudget/Pages/2016ApvGGOB.aspx>

*Peterson stated the Muni is still looking to add additional police to APD.

*Before the muni voters this year is a bond package \$59 million, the same amount as the amount of bonds being retired this year. The Campbell Road project is included in this package.

*School District bond package is different. State is not reimbursing school bonds this year. The full amount of school bonds will be paid for by property taxes.

*Assembly dealing with the legal of marijuana.

Ordinances for marijuana businesses have been approved. "Legal proponents think we are being too strict," Peterson said, "while others on the opposite side believe we are helping new industry too much. I believe we have it just about right."

There will be strict federal background checks on everyone in the business.

Feb 24 is the date when people can apply for businesses. However, Peterson does not expect any businesses will be open until summer or late summer.

*Peterson has been participating in a rewrite of the cell tower ordinance. This to be on the muni agenda Feb. 23.

Fire Station No. 14 Report

None

APD Firewise Program

John See, Anchorage fire Dept., Wildfire mitigation

*Seen 100s of homes burned due to lack of defensible space.

His department or member of Firehouse No. 14 will come inspect your home free of charge.

Contact www.muni.org/fire for more information. (See documents section for flyer.)

*See stated conditions this year indicate some really tough situations developing with weather

and lack of snowpack. Fire season expected to start any time now.

*May be able to reimburse up to 50% of costs, up to \$500, for you to create an area around your home to protect from fire.

*Spruce trees within 15 feet of your home should probably come down.

*Urged residents to sign up for Nixle (www.Nixle.com.)

*Reminded residents that many days are no burn days in the Muni. Call the burn hotline to know if this is the case. Burn hotline--267-5020.

If people are burning on a no burn day, See urged residents to contact the fire department on the non-emergency line (907)786-8900. Fines will be levied for those who burn without a burn permit.

*If this is a dry summer as last year, may curtail the sale of fireworks.

*Wood lots will be open for business. \$15 a load in South Anchorage; ER and Girdwood wood lots are free.

2. Officer _____, neighborhood crime watch program. Doing since 2009.

Signage on farpoint is only area

Easy to organize

Take street or one side, or a short distance. Point of program is neighbors watching for neighbors stuff. Have to be able to see your neighbor

Keep it small and keep it simple.

Organize 10 people at the most

Have meeting in neighbor's home

Other programs: nixle

Crime mapping--draw a map around my house

Participation packet

Transportation projects: Campbell airstrip and rebuild overpass at Glenn Highway

Bill Johnson, CRW design team

2014 picked up project again

Surveyors out last year, drilling

65% design

Moving forward

Federal grant for trail portion, just under \$2 million

Bond issue April 2016 ballot

If road bond doesn't pass, will do the trail

Hoping for construction this summer.

March 9, open house at Baxter Elementary

7-8:30

Barbara---by laws committee

Road Service area report---doing well. Some glaciation.

Speed Limit: Muni traffic will not discuss speed limit. 1/3 mile will be designed 40
Remained of road 30

Dan Loch, Guardian Security

2nd Thursday in May
May 12, 7-8:30