

Basher Community Council  
Meeting Notes  
May 12, 2016  
7:03 pm

1. Nate Paulson, New AFD Battalion Chief introduced himself.
  - a. Fire dept. personnel will be conducting drills to ensure they are ready for any fire emergency.
2. Assemblyman Pete Peterson Report
  - a. Recommending naming Fire station #3 after Max Gruenberg, accepting comments now. New station completed this summer and ribbon cutting later this summer. Hope to have lettering on the station at that time.
  - b. At last assembly meeting approved the sale of bonds including the bond to complete the ½ mile on Campbell Airstrip Road.
  - c. Budget adjustments including using \$425,000 of surplus funding this year to address the number of homeless people camping around Anchorage. Mayor has put together a 3-year plan to get 100 people off the streets each year for the next 3 years. Hoping that will take care of problem. There is some federal match money.
  - d. Added a new code enforcement officer to deal with marijuana industry.
  - e. Two new ambulances in service due to increased number of calls—due to aging population--those over the age of 65. Some spice overdoses from the homeless causing some delays for other calls.
  - f. Assembly authorized a \$250,000 feasibility study on whether we need a storm water facility in Anchorage.
  - g. Assembly has set \$5 million of the \$15 million surplus in the budget towards property tax relief, but not going to send it out due to the state budget situation.
  - h. Cell towers—work session tomorrow at city hall at 1:30 p.m. on the final draft of how the muni deals with cell towers.
  - i. New traffic patterns on Glenn Highway going North, be aware may be a change from what you are used to.
  - j. Voted yes to keep the LIO offices downtown, per the municipal plan.
3. Assemblyman Forrest Dunbar report.
  - a. Lives in Scenic Foothills. Elected in April and have attended 2 meetings.
  - b. Noted the marijuana Code enforcement officer is being paid out of fees collected from the marijuana industry.
  - c. If see a homeless camp contact APD at 907-786-8900.
  - d. Working on development of a new trail from the Benny Benson School to the Chugach Foothills. Funding has been procured.
  - e. Contact information: 343-4119, [dunbarforrest@muni.org](mailto:dunbarforrest@muni.org)
4. Forester and Wild Fire Mitigation Officer John See
  - a. Fire dept. now conducting home inspections for fire mitigation. Call 267-4902 to schedule.
  - b. Evidence that Spruce Bark Beetles are back. They showed up last fall and this spring. Talkeetna area is showing the most signs. The beetles are hitting 10-12 inch diameter trees. Recommends consider spraying your most precious trees.
  - c. Burn suspension is still in effect. Call 267-5020 BEFORE having any kind of outdoor fire. Violations are now progressive: \$75 first offense; \$150 second offense and \$300 third offense.

- d. Want to report an illegal burn contact 267-4950.
  - e. Wildfire activity will be reported via Nixle. To sign up go to [nixle.com](http://nixle.com).
  - f. Starting new program: "Ready, Set, Go" so people know what to do in the case of a wildfire.
5. Road update: Delayed for a year
- a. Historic features have been discovered near the trail route—65 foxhole excavations, foundation for a tent, shell casing and some old chocolate milk cans. Have to catalog and complete additional work including underground surveys. Will conclude by summer. Hope to bid the project this fall and complete some of the brush clearing.
6. Dave Battle, Fish & Game presentation on Bears
- a. Call 911 if threatening human life
  - b. Call ADF&G at 267-2257 M-F 8-5 or the State Troopers after hours at 352-5401 for non-life threatening issues
  - c. Want to hear if brown bears are in the area 267-2185
7. Ted Trueblood, LRSA (AKA the road fix it group)
- a. Limited budget for what can be done to fix the potholes this year, \$160,000 budget with \$24,000 provided by state parks
  - b. Potholes on the park road are really blowing our budget
    - i. Seeking funding from the park for its part of the road
  - c. Top of hill potholes
    - i. Neighborhood really grown, roads are wearing out
    - ii. Repair estimated at \$70,000
  - d. Discussed increasing mill rate towards roads from 1.25 to 1.5.
    - i. Would give another \$30,000-\$35,000 to help with road maintenance
    - ii. To be taken up at Sept. meeting
  - e. Estimated cost of list of things needing to be done is about \$220,000
  - f. Discussed asking for funds through the muni bond process
8. Hillary Morgan to act as back up to Don Crafts on attending Federation of Community Council meetings
9. Picnic scheduled July 20

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