

ABBOTT LOOP COMMUNITY COUNCIL

May 26, 2016 Minutes

Meeting called to order by President Ray Metcalfe at 6:40pm

Board members present: Ray Metcalfe, Patti Higgins, Bruce Roberts, Trish O'Hara

Minutes from April 2016 will be presented at the June meeting.

Treasurer's Report: None

Representative Millett's Office: Aide Jeff Turner was present for any questions.

Senator Meyer's Office: Aide Christine Marasigan was present for questions.

Assembly report: Elvi Gray-Jackson & Dick Traini

- *At the May 10th meeting, the Assembly approved the Marijuana Tax Ordinance. Copies can be found at www.muni.org.*
- *The Cell Tower ordinance public hearing was continued to the June 7th meeting. There will be a work session on June 3rd from 1:00 – 3:00 to review and comment on proposed Assembly amendments. A substitute version will be drafted to include amendments and will be published prior to June 7th.*
- *The Title 15, Housing Ordinance aka Bedbug Ordinance is being redrafted and the public hearing will be held on June 21st. A work session is being scheduled prior to the public hearing.*
- *The Title 17, Animal Control Ordinance is scheduled for public hearing at the June 7th meeting.*

Next meeting – June 7th

Anchorage School Board: Pat Higgins reported that Ed Graff was selected to be superintendent in Minnesota; the legislature has left the ASD in limbo; the School Bonds lost by a few hundred votes but Abbott Loop Elementary must have repairs done or the Fire Marshall will have to close the school; the district would like to do energy efficiencies to save money; Mt. Ilimana Elementary needs to move off base so it is accessible to civilians at all times. The district has looked at Lake Otis Elementary and other options including Kasuun. Kasuun is not likely to be chosen. There would be public hearings first. 150 children would be affected. July 1, 2016 the new superintendent arrives.

Mayor Berkowitz: Felix Rivera reported. The GIS is developing a map so that people know when street sweeping will be in their area. This year sweeping started in South Anchorage and next year it will alternate to Mt. View. Project management has an interactive map you can find on muni.org. Public Safety: 17 new police officers are starting their 14-16 weeks of field training; lateral training (candidates were already in some form of public safety such as State Trooper) starts on Monday and then they have field training. Their training will be much shorter. There will be a second Academy in June. AFD graduates a class in the summer. The number of Spice calls has dropped dramatically to just 5% of calls due to an Assembly ordinance regulating big dealers. Anchorage talks transit has a survey on muni.org – please take the time to fill it out. Homelessness: The first 12 months built a foundation for the coming plan. Coordination begins between MOA officers/IT/ADP/AFD and non-profits. Shelters can now communicate with each other. Citizens can report a homeless camp by taking a photo and send it to website. Location will be autolocated. P&R have to wait 15 days to abate the camp. You will get updates along the way. There is a 4-6 year backlog so this should speed it up. There are 10

Parks & Rec and CAP teams. There is also followup on Abatement. Social Services has 10 units at Sitka House, John Thomas House; Landlord liaison. They deal with 75 to 100 people at any given time. Time Square Park: The fountain is an easy place to hide and it disrupts line of sight. It will be removed in the next two weeks and removal is supported by the family. SRO's will give tickets to trouble makers.

CIP Discussion: Bruce Roberts gave a report from the Committee meeting. The Committee ranked their top 8 projects. Susan Soule moved and Amanda Hesser seconded that ALCC approve the Committee's recommendations. Motion passed. The other projects on the list are unranked.

Prospective Cannibus Business: Mark Oppegaard is proposing a retail business in the Los Arcos Building. He will ask for ALCC support at the next meeting. JoAnn called for a community engagement plan.

Move to Amend: John Dickerson asked the ALCC pass a resolution to support the Amendment to the U.S. Constitution on Corporate Personhood and Free Speech to establish that:

1. Only human beings are entitled to constitutional rights, and
2. Money is not speech, and therefore regulating political contributions and spending is not equivalent to limiting political speech.

Jillanne Inglis moved and Susan Soule seconded ALCC approve the Resolution. Motion passed unanimously.

People were asked if AICC should meet in June and the body approved.

Meeting was adjourned at 8:32pm