Campbell Park Community Council

April 18, 2019, 7:30 p.m.
Tudor Elementary School

1. Call to Order
    a. The Campbell Park Community Council (CPCC) meeting was called to order at 7:31 p.m. by Chair Sandy Traini and asked for everyone to introduce themselves.

2. Reports
    a. Legislative
        i. Rep. Andy Josephson
            1. It's around day 94, I will be home tomorrow. Theoretically, we could work close to Memorial Day without violating the law.
            2. Confirmation votes; all cabinet nominees were approved. Most board and commission members were approved.
            3. Two Workers' Comp bills are moving a bit.
            4. House cut $257M from budget, however, some cuts were restored (school budget funding) by the end of the process. May result in a tax increase of about $250 for the typical home in Anchorage if no state participation in helping out with school bond debt.
            5. Moratorium on our assistance was extended thru 2025. The lack of a fiscal plan is costing folks money.
            6. The Governor has submitted four crime bills. The House has its own bill and it has started to move.
            7. The Governor wants to cut $130M from the U of A budget, then use that money to pay full dividends.
            8. Dan Sullivan, former mayor, was appointed & confirmed to the RCA board – I did not vote for him.
        ii. Sen. Elvi Gray-Jackson
            1. My bill recognizing February as Black History Month was unanimously approved on April 5, 2019. Also, on April 5, I was honored that the Senate unanimously passed my resolution recognizing April as Sexual Assault Awareness Month. Alaska leads the nation in domestic violence and sexual assault.
            2. We are receiving many emails, calls and letters from constituents disappointed with the Governor's proposed budget.
                a. Education and Early Development Cuts
                    i. Cuts over $300M from K-12 education formula.
                    ii. Eliminates all early childhood education grant programs including pre-K, Best Beginnings, Head Start and more.
                b. University of Alaska
                    i. Cuts $155M (nearly half) of U of A funding.
                c. Health and Social Services
                    i. Eliminates Senior Benefits program.
                    ii. Cuts Pioneer Home funding in half and raises fees.

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iii. Cuts $271M from Medicaid services.
iv. Cuts dental care for low income Alaskans.
v. Alaska Psychiatric Institute – $3.2M reduction.

d. Public Safety
    i. Cuts Public Safety budget 11.5%.
    ii. Cuts State Trooper budget by $21M.
    iii. Cuts 56 full-time Public Safety employees.
    iv. Cuts $3M from Village Public Safety Officer program.

e. Oil Tax Credits
    i. Increases the budget by $227M to pay for more oil tax credits, on top of the already existing $1.9 billion.

f. Governor's Office
    i. Increases the Governor's budget by 7.6%.

g. Refuses $480M in federal funds.
h. Cuts 75% of the Marine Highway funding.
i. Eliminates the Power Cost Equalization fund.
j. Eliminates Public Broadcasting funds.

3. I serve on three Finance sub-committees (Labor & Workforce Development, Commerce, and Economic Development) and Health and Social Services. The process was long, but it finally ended with the last close-out (budget recommendations) occurring today.
4. Legislators met in joint session to confirm/deny the Governor's choses for Commissioners of the major State departments. All 13 of the cabinet nominations were approved. Out of nearly 100 board and commission appointees, 6 failed to get the 31 votes needed.
5. It was an honor to present my friend, Dick Traini, with an Alaska Legislature Citation honoring his service and contribution to the community of Anchorage for nearly 20 years.

b. Assembly – Meg Zaletel
    i. Been on the job since Tuesday.
    ii. Working on the 1st quarter budget revisions.
    iii. Working on a trapping ordinance introduced by Pete Petersen.
    iv. Felix was elected chair.

c. Assembly – Felix Rivera
    i. Congratulations to Meg on her election.
    ii. Meg and the other two newly elected Assembly members have been asked to set the tax rate.
    iii. The alcohol tax proposition failed – voters expressed concerns over where the funds would be spent. Over the next few months, will work with the Administration on crafting something that will assuage their concerns and bring it back next April. The tax would have provided funding for homeless camp abatement, housing, substance abuse treatment, etc. Very little room in the current budget.

iv. Assembly member Petersen and I have asked the Anchorage Economic Development Committee to review on-site consumption of marijuana edibles separate from inhalation. Hope to have a proposal introduced on May 7.
v. Port of Alaska
    1. Assembly approved the one bid submitted by three very prominent consultants ($45K) who will work for the Assembly on port issues, i.e. currently looking at $2 billion in costs and possible ways to reduce them, is there anything else we can do to reduce the burden on Anchorage taxpayers.
vi. The Assembly will consider a "safe trails" ordinance banning trapping near trails.
vii. SAP status – hiring and training an in-house team so we don't have to rely on $350 per hour consultants. We are spending $1.5M less on consultants now than we did a year ago. There is a June deadline to get major fixes done.
viii. Kevin reported that he and Naomi are Rotarians and will be at the King Career Center to hand out 10 scholarships on Wednesday, April 24.

d. Mayor's Office – no report.
e. School Board – Alisha Hilde
    i. This will probably be my last meeting; school board members rotate each year.
    ii. Marijuana in the middle & high schools is a complex issue, especially vaping.
    iii. Waiting to see what the Legislature does with the budget.
    iv. Vocational Ed. programs are out of this world; everything from CNA licensure to Associates degrees, across all demographics. Students are getting hands-on experience.
    v. Your school board members want your input. Go to www.asdk12.org for contact information.
f. FCC Report – Kevin Fimon
    i. Citywide Cleanup Week, April 27-May 4; free dump days, April 27 & May 4, 8am-5pm at the Anchorage Regional Landfill.
    ii. U.S. Census Bureau is hiring for a variety of temporary jobs, www.2020census.gov/jobs.
    iii. Title XXI – proposal coming before Planning & Zoning ~ June 10th.
    iv. Resolution being worked on to go back to the Municipality regarding the 30-day notice. New language asks for at least 31 days.

3. Old Business
    a. Change meeting time
        i. MMSC to change the meeting start time to 7 p.m. effective with the September 2019 meeting. Will need to notify the Federation, ASD, Mayor's office and our Assembly members, and advertise on Facebook, Next Door, etc. Sandy will speak to Pastor Burke about using the church year-round.

4. New Business
    a. Community Council Survey Committee needs to know what capital improvement projects (CIP) we would like to address by May 31. Training will be held on April 24. Dick

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Traini and Jean Sauget volunteered to attend. CC members should present their wishlist at the May CC meeting.

b. Homeowner Kathleen Witkowska wrote a letter to the mayor about the strip of land at Lake Otis & 52nd not being cleaned up as it has in past years. She is a master gardener.
c. Robert Moore discussed the problem of speeding vehicles on Shelikof. Would like a resolution/petition from the Council for speed cushions.
    i. Need a traffic calming study performed by the Muni.
    ii. Prepare separate resolutions for problem streets: 1) Shelikof & Chirikof; 2) Little Tree.
d. APD Community Policing – officers will be assigned by Community Council.
e. Snow dump at New Seward & Dowling – Amanda Adams
    i. Looking for support for a resolution to remove the dump right by her 4-plex, worried about well contamination. DEC guidance on snow disposal states 150 ft. between dump and private well. No Muni regulations have been put in place since the DEC turned the regulation over to local governments.
    ii. Dick Traini have someone from Code Enforcement & Water Quality come to the next meeting.

5. Discussion
    a. Equal Rights Commission Annual Report – Sandy Traini
        i. If you believe you have experienced discrimination or harassment, you may contact the Commission staff by phone, email, or walk-in and they will advise you of your rights at no charge. Complaint Hotline: 907-343-4343.
    b. New retail marijuana shop could be opened in the Tudor CC (across from Shelikof), in the tiny green house, 1551 E. Tudor.
    c. Tom Davis, Planning Dept., will be at the next meeting to give us an update.

6. Approval of Minutes
    a. The minutes from the March 21, 2019, were approved.

7. Next Meeting
    a. Tudor Elementary School, May 16, 2019, at 7:30 p.m.

8. Adjournment
    a. MMSC to adjourn at 8:56 p.m.

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