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BASHER COMMUNITY COUNCIL

NEWSLETTER

September 01, 2019

NEXT COUNCIL MEETING: Thursday, September 12, 2019, 7:00 PM – 8:30 PM.

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

AGENDA ITEMS FOR September 12:

- 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

- FIRE STATION NO. 14 REPORT – C Shift (as available)

- UPDATE: Campbell Airstrip Road Upgrades Project – Completed over a Year ago.

Warrantee work will still proceed when/if/as necessary; we are not sure when the warrantee period ends. Some cracks (post-earthquake) on the bike path have already been reported by us to PM&E. Report anything that you see to the LRSA board or me who can inform PM&E.

- LRSA REPORT– I believe that Ted Trueblood is able to attend this meeting; thus, he will present the LRSA report. Ted Trueblood and Harry Haywood were re-elected to the LRSA Board for a 3 year term earlier this year. Jack Walker may be available to respond to any follow-up on the Campbell Creek overflow problem and the summer improvement program that we may have from his discussion last March.

- UPDATE: MUNI Road Maintenance/Restoration
 - As you all know, paving for CAR/Basher Rd. in the area near Basher Trailhead by the MUNI Street Maintenance Department has been completed for some time now. As mentioned a several times before, this is at best a temporary fix; in about 10 -12 years we will surely be faced with major road Maintenance/Restoration needs again. We are not sure whether (or how much) MUNI or State funds will be available when we face that situation. It is definitely not too early to start thinking about it.

- John See, Anchorage Fire Department (AFD) Forester, gave me the following information to present last spring; it is still ongoing. John likely cannot make this meeting, thus I will try to inform BCC on the programs below. AFD is starting to provide Firewise Home Inspections. You can schedule a home inspections by either calling John See's MUNI phone, 267-4902, or by applying on line as follows:
<http://www.muni.org/Departments/Fire/Wildfire/Pages/FirewiseHomeAssessments.aspx>
 At the March BCC meeting, John mentioned the planned Thermal Imaging Wildfire Detection System that is being installed with towers at Service High School and at the MUNI Permit Center/Fire Prevention Office. It has a range of approximately 6 – 8 kilometers. It is described in this u-tube video as follows:
<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=nEvrwxO85ul>
 The following is the latest update:
<https://www.alaskapublic.org/2019/08/30/new-technology-could-help-save-anchorage-homes-from-wildfires/>

- There may be a USPS presentation. Margaret or I will let you know.

- David Matthys and Troy Weiss, on behalf of the BCC Crime Task Force, had sadly reported at last March's meeting that they were unable to keep this

Crime program operational due to a lack of volunteers. Troy Weiss will present an update on this topic at this meeting. It is unlikely we will restart this Crime program, unless several people step up to the plate and volunteer to help out.

- The alternate Federation of Community Councils (FCC) Delegate is still Hilary Morgan. Margaret Nelson is still the 2nd alternate Delegate. Susan Kent-Crafts is still the 3rd alternate Delegate. However, anyone else who wishes to attend any of the monthly FCC meetings usually held on the 3rd Wednesday of the month, 6-8 p.m. in the 1st Floor conference room at 1057 West Fireweed Lane, Suite 100, is certainly welcome to do so.

Thank you,
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