



STUCKAGAIN AND NEAR POINT, LOOKING EAST FROM FAR NORTH BICENTENNIAL PARK

BASHER COMMUNITY COUNCIL

NEWSLETTER

January 31, 2020

NEXT COUNCIL MEETING: Thursday, February 06, 2020, 7:00 PM – 8:30 PM.

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

AGENDA ITEMS FOR February 06:

- 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 – A Shift (as available)

- Campbell Airstrip Road Campbell Airstrip Road Speed Evaluation.

The MUNI Traffic Department compiled Traffic/Speed Data in May of 2018. Kris Langley in the MUNI Traffic Department presented me with these studies late last year during a one on one meeting that I had with her. She has been tasked with developing an evaluation to determine what the posted speed limits on Campbell Airstrip Road should be. This evaluation had been put off while our two main road upgrade projects were ongoing. Thus, the speed limit evaluation will now occur this spring.

She is more than willing to take into consideration our Basher Community input regarding what the posted speed limits on Campbell Airstrip Road should be. Of course, Kris has other guidelines that she must consider.

- UPDATE: Campbell Airstrip Road Upgrades Project – Completed almost two Years ago.
 - Warrantee work will still proceed when/if/as necessary; we are not sure when the warrantee period ends. Report anything that you see to the LRSA board or me who can inform PM&E.
- LRSA REPORT– Ted Trueblood and Jack Walker are unable to attend this meeting; however, Bob Groenweg will present the LRSA report. Most of you have likely seen the improvements up on the Campbell Creek overflow problem and the summer improvement program that were made as you have driven by. Winter has been unusually cold; however, there has not been that much snow to remove.
- 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 at several times since then, 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 Parker, President; CEO, IRIS and John See, Anchorage Fire Department (AFD) Forester, will not be available to present an update on the wildfire detection system. AFD has entered the testing phase of this project. At the March and September BCC meetings, John mentioned the planned Thermal Imaging Wildfire Detection System that is being installed with towers at Stuckagain Heights (across from the Basher Trailhead) 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/>

Note: AFD will hopefully still be providing Firewise Home Inspections; however, I believe that all new inspection requests are being pushed out to at least next spring's schedule. You can schedule a home inspection by either calling John See's MUNI phone, 267-4902, or by applying online as follows:

<http://www.muni.org/Departments/Fire/Wildfire/Pages/FirewiseHomeAssessments.aspx>

However, John will likely not be able to respond in the immediate future due to lack of budget/manpower availability.

- Carolyn "Care" Clift, a member of a group called "FairVote Anchorage", would like to make a short presentation to BCC regarding an initiative for Ranked Choice Voting be put before the voters in the 2021 Municipal Election (or sooner). Carolyn believes that this is a great, money-saving idea for municipal elections. Carolyn would also like to announce her candidacy for Alaska State Senate, District N. She is running as an Independent (Undeclared) candidate on a petition.
- Again, there likely will not be a USPS presentation; they've been unresponsive to Margaret. Margaret or I will let you know if/when that might occur.
- David Matthys and Troy Weiss, on behalf of the BCC Crime Task Force, had sadly reported previously that they were unable to keep this Crime program operational due to a lack of volunteers. It is unlikely we will restart this Crime program, unless several people step up to the plate and volunteer to help out. Volunteers??? Stolen packages....Drones...etc.
- 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,
Don Crafts, Basher Community Council President
343-8451 (w), 95 2-4627 (c), 344-5666 (h)