

Campbell Park Community Council
May 21, 2020, 7:00 PM
teleconference via Zoom

1. Call to Order – The Campbell Park Community Council (CPCC) was called to order at 7:03 p.m. by Chair Jean Sauget.

2. Approval of Agenda and Minutes – The agenda was approved as submitted.

3. The draft minutes from February 20, 2020 were approved as submitted.

4. Reports

A. Assembly

1. Meg Zaletel

a. First quarter budget revision. General government mil rate increased \$9/100K, ASD increased to \$52/100K. \$48 of \$52 was due to governor's veto of funding for bond reimbursement.

b. Homelessness – Assembly voted \$300K to continue continuum of care program dealing with 22 individuals. Outcome based program; if not successful, Muni does not pay.

c. June 2nd: Mayor's emergency order is up for renewal, expires on June 5.

In response to question: The role of the Assembly with respect to the Mayor's emergency order is to accept or rescind the emergency order. Assembly can rescind individual orders without declaring an end to the emergency.

In response to question: Success in Continuum of Care program consists of individuals in the program staying in housing and not interacting with police.

2. Felix Rivera

a. Assembly will begin opening Assembly meetings to public on June 2nd. Work on protocols for opening meetings is still in progress.

b. Assembly developed a Covid-19 response plan. A link to the response plan document is available at the Assembly's home page. Purpose was to learn about impacts on businesses, landlords, tenants, etc. Cares Act stimulus funding. \$156M Corona Virus Relief Fund in pipeline for Municipality of Anchorage. Assembly is meeting with Mayor's Economic Resiliency Task Force and Governor's Alaska Economic Stabilization Team and setting up round table meeting for public discussion.

c. Timeline for alcohol tax. Public process started last week. Three committees are addressing uses of alcohol tax receipts. The second work session on the alcohol tax will be held in July.

[Meg and Felix signed off after their reports to attend another Community Council Zoom meeting.]

B. Legislature

1. Elvi Gray-Jackson

- a. Governor signed the Pioneer Homes Bill, HB96, lowering rates and limits future increases.
- b. Governor signed SB120 grants permission to Advanced Practice Registered Nurses and Physician's Assistants to prescribe psychotropic medication without consent to patients in court ordered inpatient care. The bill also authorizes police officers to take individuals to Crisis Stabilization Centers, as an alternative to making arrests.
- c. RPL Revised Program Legislation. Need to resolve issues involved in accepting federal funds for line items previously approved. Federal funds need to be appropriated. In this instance, funds were "ratified" by both houses rather than appropriated. Lawsuit proceeds.
- d. To be added to Elvi Gray-Jackson's newsletter via e-mail, send your e-mail address to Keith.Bauguess@akleg.gov or Jacob.Tatum@akleg.gov

C. Mayor's Office – no report

D. School Board – no report

E. Federation of Community Councils (FCC) meeting – Kevin Fimon reporting

1. June 2nd-Assembly reopening. Issue: relief of tax fees.
2. The Muni has revised Capital Improvement Program procedures and format. Deadline is June 15, 2020. Proposals should be listed in priority order. There is a new format for submitting requests.
3. Judge Greg Miller stated that jury selection may perhaps begin again in July, after two months of no jury selection.
4. Margo Bellamy talked about gaps in student involvement with online training.
5. Different members of the school board will have responsibilities for future Community Council meetings.
6. Election of FCC officers for term July 1-June 30
 - Daniel George – chair
 - Kevin Fimon F – vice-chair
 - Matt Kruchang – treasurer
 - Secretary – open

F. Homeless Committee – no report

G. CPCC Chair – Jean Sauget reported.

1. Three traffic calming studies will be submitted as Capital Improvement Program requests. Projects not funded in previous years could be added to the request list, in priority order, following up on Elvi Gray-Jackson's recommendation to submit projects every year, even when funding is not available, in anticipation of funds eventually becoming available. Kevin Fimon noted that the pedestrian bridge over Lake Otis Parkway has been mentioned as a capital project. Jean noted that the reconstruction of 40th Street is another project not funded in previous years.
2. Citywide cleanup in progress within limits of social distancing. CPCC has not organized anything this year.
3. Deadline for the Annual Tree (seedling) Sale is June 20th.
4. The deadline has passed for dump pass requests.

5. New Business

A. Brownfields Advisory Council – Steve Johnson reported that the Muni has an EPA grant for brownfields remediation and is required to seek input from the public. Shelly Rowntown, in charge of the project for the Muni, will present at the June CPCC meeting. The brownfields page on the Muni.org website provides background information on this project. According to a map at DEC, there are 14 unremediated brownfields within CPCC.

B. Trash and Squatters on DOT Land (New Seward Highway/Campbell Creek) – Steve Johnson reported that, in a change from previous practice, Muni now handles remediation of squatters and trash on DOT property in Anchorage. In response to a query, Andy Josephson's office provided a link to the DOT staffer who described the new practice. Subsequently, Muni personnel cleared the longstanding trash pile under the New Seward Highway at the Homer Avenue/Midtown CC side of Campbell Creek Trail. The two tents at Waldron Lake near Campbell Creek trail have also been removed and the sites cleaned. A complaint from a CPCC resident to our chair initiated this chain of events.

6. Discussion

Naomi Sweetman suggested that CPCC compose and submit a resolution on the need to remove squatters from public lands because of the danger of wildfires starting in camps. Cherie Northon and Jean Sauget will work on text of the resolution.

In answer to query, Kevin Fimon reported that AWWU has not yet put to bid the project to install new water lines on Shelikof, Rakof and Becharof Streets.

7. Next meeting will be held June 20, 2020.

8. The meeting adjourned at 7:44 p.m.