

Campbell Park Community Council
June 18, 2020, 7:00
teleconference via Zoom

1. Call to Order – The Campbell Park Community Council (CPCC) was called to order at 7:05 p.m. by Chair Jean Sauget.
2. Approval of Agenda – The agenda was approved as submitted.
3. The draft minutes from May 21st were approved as submitted.

4. Reports

A. Assembly

1. Felix Rivera. Assembly held first round of committee meetings on use of alcohol tax (\$12M-13M) Second round of meetings planned for July. Federal CARES money, via State of Alaska should reach Municipality of Anchorage in July. New Central Transfer Station will have groundbreaking on July 9th. Port of Alaska design moving forward, details on design and finance should be available in a month. Storm Water Utility rates study in progress. In response to question, he noted that planning meetings on alcohol tax are intended to provide more detail within the categories of expenditures approved by the voters. In response to a question about drug abuse as a cause of illegal camping, he said that the homeless Committee and others are addressing this issue.

2. Meg Zaletel. An erroneous story was circulated that Golden Lion Hotel/36th would be used as a homeless shelter, which was not true. Proposal is to use Golden Lion as a drug abuse treatment center, and three other buildings (Alaska Club on Tudor Road, Bean's Cafe, and Best Value Motel) as homeless shelters. Proposal to use Golden Lion as treatment facility would replace earlier plan to remodel former Clithroe Center as a treatment center. In answer to question about opening up B-3 Zoning for alcohol and drug treatment centers or homeless shelters, such uses are already permitted and not part of new proposal. An important part of the proposal is to limit impact of shelters on surrounding community. Alaska Club facility would be day and night facility with fenced outdoor area and not a situation where people would leave at one time and arrive at one time. In answer to question about how residential shelters qualify as businesses, she said that B3 zoning district includes many types of uses in addition to businesses per se, per the zoning code. The Title 21 pages on the Muni.org website show acceptable uses for B3 and PL1. In response to a question about funding for purchase of the properties, she said that the proposal is to use CARES Act funding. There followed a lengthy discussion of the propriety of using CARES Act funding to remediate homelessness and related issues in addition to financial losses directly resulting from the Covid-19 shutdown. She said that that funds to compensate for missed rent

payments will be made directly to landlords, not tenants, though applications will be made by tenants. Approximately \$1.8M will be made available for missed rent payments for the months of April, May and June 2020.

During the month of July, the Assembly will address issues relating to School Resource Officers (SROs), who are paid by the Municipality, rather than the school district.

B. Legislature

1. Elvi Gray-Jackson commended Assembly members Rivera and Zaletel for attention to the issue of homelessness. Given the lack of a state mandate on mask wearing and social distancing, she suggested that businesses voluntarily require these practices. She further noted that legislature should have reconvened to address issues related to CARES Act funding, including continued eligibility for businesses that had previously accepted federal Payroll Protection Plan (PPP) and other federal funds. She noted her speech on the death of George Floyd and continuing problems of racism and inequality.

2. Andy Josephson. Key developments in Legislature included \$1.25B CARES Act funding, which was not appropriated by the Legislature. Funding was dispersed under a Revised Program Legislative Process, which is limited to additional funding of existing programs and not applicable to new programs. A lawsuit is challenging this procedure. The issue of the legislature's constitutional role in appropriation will arise again if further federal CARES Act funding becomes available.

C. Mayor's Office – no report

D. School Board – no report

E. Federation of Community Councils (FCC) meeting– Kevin Fimon reported that there was no June meeting per normal practice. So far there is no guidance on whether there will be a July meeting, either as the usual July picnic or another Zoom meeting per FCC bylaws.

In a discussion of Kevin Fimon's question about the efficacy of state payments directly to individuals, as PFDs or other payments, Andy Josephson explained the reduction in PFD amounts by noting the lack of any new state revenue sources, such as taxes on income or sales or oil, since the collapse of oil prices. He said that because state government expenditures have already been greatly reduced, even closing the university and prison and state troopers would not free up funds to pay an unreduced, statutory PFD.

F. Homeless Committee – no report

G. CPCC Chair – For the Community Council Survey, Jean Sauget submitted as capital requests three resolutions for traffic calming studies and a resolution in favor of the safety bridge connecting Campbell Creek Trail across Lake Otis Boulevard. Although funding for these requests is not presently available, the requests are now on record.

5. Unfinished business

Trash and squatters. Steve Johnson noted, under an agreement with Alaska DOT, the Municipality has removed the trash on DOT land under the Seward Highway. He said that the major remaining issue is the persistence of squatters in elaborate camps along Campbell Creek, year after year. At the CPCC meeting of May 21st, members suggested writing a resolution on this subject to present to the Municipality. [Subsequent to the meeting, a review of minutes of the previous meeting showed that Cherie Northon volunteered to draft a resolution in cooperation with the chair.]

6. New Business

A. MOA brownfields program – Shelley Rowton

Shelly Rowton described the Municipality's EPA grant funded program to identify and evaluate contaminated properties – "brownfields" - not already identified in the DEC listing of brownfield properties. Privately owned properties are eligible for the program. Lead and asbestos abatement may be eligible under the program. The program website, Revitahub-muniorg.hub.arcgis.com, describes the application process and sites nominated to date. The program does not cover sites owned by the party responsible for the contamination. In answer to a question, Shelly said that the program probably would cover evaluation of a building which formerly contained a meth lab.

7. Next meeting will be held July 16, 2020 at 7:00 PM.

8. The meeting adjourned at 8:45 PM.