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BASHER COMMUNITY COUNCIL

NEWSLETTER

March 19, 2019

NEXT COUNCIL MEETING: Thursday, March 21, 2019, 7:00 PM – 8:30 PM.

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

AGENDA ITEMS FOR December 063:

- 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. Report anything that you see to the LRSA board who can inform PM&E.

- LRSA REPORT– Ted Trueblood is able to attend this meeting; thus, he will present the LRSA report. Ted Trueblood and Harry Haywood are up for re-election to the LRSA Board for a 3 year term; make sure you remember to

complete your mail in ballots. Jack Walker will speak on the Campbell Creek overflow problem and the summer improvement program.

The days are getting longer and although we seemed to have had an extended winter, spring is slowly coming in. Remember to drive carefully across the road portions that have degraded over the winter and will continue to degrade during the freeze thaw cycles ahead of us.

- 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 few 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 not too early to start thinking about it.

- David Matthys and Troy Weiss, on behalf of the BCC Crime Task Force, have sadly reported 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.

- Jon K. Scudder, Installation Encroachment Management Team Manager, JBER Community Planning Section, recently informed us about the JBER iSportsman Recreation Access System. On related issues, Kerry Reardon (a member of the Scenic Foothills CC- working with Karen Bronga) had asked to come and speak with us in Karen's place. There are 3 items she would like to address very briefly: 1) JBER recreational access & bridge closure; 2) The new connector trail over Muldoon swamp to CAR; and 3) the new proposed footbridge over north fork Campbell Creek.

- At the first fall BCC meeting we handed out information and maps indicating the latest locations under consideration for the Anchorage School District Bus Barn. There was a school board meeting on September 10 where ASD determined to look into 2 of the 5 considered sites. As most of you know, one of the sites was on Tudor (site 18). The entrance was on Tudor and the exit was to be on Campbell Airstrip Road by Benny Benson. The second location was off of Martin Luther King Jr. Ave (site 27). There was a follow-up community meeting October 2 at the Permit Center. The BCC was able to persuade the MOA and assembly to select Site 27 for the

location of a new Bus Barn. Assembly Members and those involved with the issue, including Margaret Nelson, will discuss next steps. Our LEGISLATIVE AND ASSEMBLY REPORTS will provide any updates on this project.

- BEAR TREE: Margaret Nelson will open a discussion on this re-occurring problem

Prior to the bus barn issue BCC was looking at the problem of the bear tree (you know where it is, adjacent to the sharp bend on Campbell Airstrip Road) and continued harassment of park wildlife and the public safety. A resolution regarding the bear tree will be presented to BCC members and the neighborhood for review and approval or rejection. It will be asking the AK Dept. of Fish & Game to cut down the bear tree after any inhabitants have left and before any new inhabitants this fall.

- New MOA Septic System Policy

A New Septic System policy was issued by the Acting Building Official. In October the Berkowitz administration issued a policy requiring that septic systems built with steel tanks older than 10 years of age be removed or replaced by the homeowners even if it is functioning properly as determined by a qualified engineer. This could cost upwards of \$10,000 to sell your home. I have not had the time to read and analyze this policy; however, a copy of the policy and its implications for homeowners will be presented by Margaret Nelson. Remember that a recent COSA is required at the time of all home sales that are on septic systems.

- ELECTION: Basher Community Council Spring Board Member Elections; I believe that all of our current Board Members agree to remain in their current positions. None of the present officers have told me that they do not wish to remain in their current position. However, per our bylaws, Nominations for Board Members have been open since before the December 6, 2018 BCC meeting. Since no individuals were nominated to run against any of the Current Board Members, then Elections will not need to be held at the first spring, 2019 BCC meeting to be held on March 21, 2019 in accordance with our adopted and accepted BCC Bylaws. Thus, we can vote to retain the current Board Members.
- Summer Community BBQ- I was too busy this past summer to set a date and provide the planning for this event. It has traditionally taken place mid-July; however, we can vote on alternative times. Discussions on this were tabled at the last two BCC meetings due to full agendas. At this BCC meeting we can decide if we wish to do some advance planning for next year. We need a volunteer(s) to step up to help planning for next year.

- Marilyn Stewart Deputy Director, Community Relations for Governor Michael J. Dunleavy, has been invited to attend this BCC meeting; however, I have not yet had a confirmation regarding her availability.
- 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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