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Campbell Park Community Council
Thursday, September 17th, 2020, 7:00 PM
teleconference via Zoom

1. Call to Order – The Campbell Park Community Council (CPCC) gathered on Zoom at 7:03 PM.
2. The agenda was approved as amended with addition of resolution in support of AO 2020 establishing Anchorage Historic District. The resolution includes a section for listing potential historic landmarks within CPCC. The chair read the draft resolution, which will be posted at the CPCC page at Federation of Community Councils, <http://communitycouncils.org/servlet/content/8.html>.
3. The minutes of the July 16th meeting and the unofficial notes of the August 16^h meeting were approved.

4. Reports

A. Assembly

1. Meg Zaletel – Assembly Chambers have reopened, with good compliance to mask wearing and social distancing rules. In October the Assembly will consider a rezoning request for the roller rink on the East side, a departure from normal procedure. In this case, the neighborhood is in favor of the petitioner’s request for rezoning. The Assembly has created the Office of Equity and Justice, to work with the Office of Equal Opportunity and the Ombudsman’s Office. The Officer will be appointed by the Mayor and approved by the Assembly. Emergency Order 14-02 took effect on August 31st and will expire on the 16th of October. The Assembly’s CARES Act funding page is at <https://assembly-cares-act-muniorg.hub.arcgis.com/>.

2. Felix Rivera – For years 2017 to 2020, January to June, the quarterly police report to the Safety Committee strong year to year decline in reported property crime, murder, and car theft. Budget discussions in October will include rightsizing of the Health Department. Also occurring in October will be discussion of allocation of funds from the alcohol tax and from the sale of Municipal Power and Light. The MP&L sale is scheduled to close on October 30th.

The chair noted that the Police Department has offered to have swing shift police officers visit our meeting to introduce themselves and listen to concerns.

B. Legislature

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1. Senator Elvi Gray-Jackson – Because the state-wide emergency order expires on November 16th, there will probably be a special session after the election. The next session of the legislature begins on January 19th, 2021. Census door knocking ends on September 30th. There are now five Covid testing sites in Anchorage; no doctor's referral is required.

2. Representative Andy Josephson – Reported on the legal and financial issues resulting from the governor's disbursements of CARES Act funds using the RPL mechanism and also the budget for the university of Alaska.

C. Mayor's Office – No report.

D. School Board – Margo Bellamy. In person meetings of the School Board will resume on September 22nd. Rental of Anchorage School District (ASD) buildings, used by some community councils, will continue to be suspended until further notice. The dis-enrollment of 5,000 students will have a large impact on the ASD budget, depending on how the legislature appropriates funds to school districts. Using CARES Act funds, ASD has distributed 21,675 Chromebooks and 3,200 internet connectivity devices to support distance learning by students. A waiver permits ASD to distribute meals to all students, not just those who qualify for free or reduced price meals. Deliveries are available for those families who cannot come to one of the food distribution spots, as listed on the ASD website. Goals and guard rails for principals will be set in the areas of reading, math, and career life guidance. Efforts continue to identify a school to rename in honor of Senator Bettye Davis. The mayor's commission recommended as candidates the Fairview, Airport Heights, and East schools.

Elementary schools will reopen October 19th, pre-k to grade 6, pending achievement of health and safety targets. Students will attend five days per week, 5.5 hours per day. The school day will start at 9:30 AM. Self contained and special needs students, pre-k through 12th grade, will also start on October 19th. First year middle school students (6th or 7th grade, depending on school) will start on November 12-13. Other middle school students will begin on November 16th. The school day will begin at 8:45 AM. for comprehensive middle schools. In person high school classes will resume January 4th, 2021, at 8:00 AM.

Parent teacher conferences are scheduled for October 21 and 22nd.

E. Federation of Community Councils – Kevin Fimon – The Mayor, Chief of Staff and Assembly chair reported on opening up of Assembly and other meetings. There was discussion of potential purchase of buildings and transfer of CARES ACT funds for this

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purpose. The FCC will submit a budget request for 90,000, consistent with recent years and a big reduction from the \$200,000 budgets of fifteen years ago. Only three of the thirty seven community councils apply for the \$75 per year available for use in doing a mailing or renting a post office box, etc. If CPCC wants to use this money before the end of the calendar year, the request must be made now.

F. Homeless Committee – No report

G. CPCC Chair – For the Community Council surveys, requests were submitted for three traffic calming studies—these went nowhere. The Campbell Creek trail crossing at Lake Otis and Campbell Place is on the list but unfunded.

5. Unfinished business

A. Trash and Squatters – Steve Johnson. Last month I reported on the clearing of a long standing camp just South of Campbell Creek in the area bounded by Brayton and Alpenhorn. Earlier this month, at the same location, I saw a newly erected large wall tent, probably ten feet wide by twenty feet long. I have reported the site to Anchorage Works. If the tent is not removed by the end of September, the tent will probably be there all winter.

6. New business – Anchorage Parks Foundation is looking for volunteers to staff tables where Campbell Creek Trail crosses Lake Otis on Tuesday the 22nd and Saturday the 26th. The table will promote Take a Bike Ride Day (September 22) and the need for a safe bike and pedestrian crossing where Campbell Creek trail crosses Lake Otis Boulevard.

7. Discussion – Kevin and Maggie praised the conduct of the construction crew working on the new waterlines in the Bancroft park section of Campbell Park Community Council.

Kevin mentioned the need to recruit officers for the coming year, in time for an election in January 2021.

8. Next meeting will be held October 15th, 2020, at 7:00 PM.

9. The meeting adjourned at 8:20.