

Campbell Park Community Council
Thursday, October 15th, 2020, 7:00 PM
teleconference via Zoom

1. Call to Order – The Campbell Park Community Council (CPCC) gathered on Zoom at 7:04 PM. A quorum was present.
2. The agenda was approved as amended with addition of new business item, returning to meeting in person.
3. The minutes of the September 17th meeting were approved.

4. Reports

A. Assembly

1. Felix Rivera – Reported on reorganization of the Assembly, on Friday the 16th, to fill the position of chair and vice-chair. The new chair will become acting mayor upon the resignation of the Mayor Berkowitz. Attorneys will discuss options for timing of the next mayoral election. A budget work session will also be held tomorrow. We expect to vote on the budget on November 17th. So far it seems that the tax increase will apparently amount to \$100 on a \$300,000 house. The administration is also planning to put a proposal on the April ballot for funding of body cameras for the police department. The police department is in favor of body cameras.

2. Meg Zaletel – The Assembly approved disposition of funding from the sale of Municipal Light and Power. \$177M will go the ML&P Trust, generating ongoing income. The 2021 Proposed Budget is at

<http://www.muni.org/Departments/budget/Pages/default.aspx>. The Alcohol Tax is in appendix R. The work session page is

<http://www.muni.org/Departments/Assembly/Pages/Meetings-Worksessions.aspx>. The Homelessness Committee will do a deep dive on strategies for homeless issues on Wednesday the 21st at 11:00. The Assembly is investigating use of mental health first responders, starting with a consultant report on best practices.

B. Legislature

1. Senator Elvi Gray-Jackson – In response to a request by Elvi and others, the state is now providing COVID-19 statistics broken down by race and ethnicity, as required by federal law. Six weeks of FEMA payments are scheduled to begin next week. In response to Elvi's request, an additional ballot drop box will be placed at Forrest Middle School. Minimum wage will increase in 2020 from 10.19 to 10.34. She asked that

people be made aware of state required property tax savings available to seniors and disabled veterans.

Commenting on a question about validation of absentee ballots lacking witness signatures, Jean Sauget noted that the witness signature did not provide proof of ballot validity, compared to other measures used to validate ballots.

2. Representative Andy Josephson – Reported that he participated in forums on housing and homelessness and a program on medical insurance. He presented on Medicare, focused on the role and the governor in customizing Medicare coverage. The Finance Committee discussed response to the ruling that bonds cannot be used to payoff oil credits and the revenue forecast for the coming year. He is inquiring whether the Dunleavy administration violated state law in continuing to fund expansion of the Janus decision regarding union dues. He is investigating the over harvest of wolves on Prince of Wales Island. Lastly he is investigating the use of “reverse sweep”, the Constitutional Budget Reserve (CBR) and the new fiscal year. The governor opposes restoration of accounts from the CBR. Hickel v. Cowper is being used as a guide in determining what accounts should be sweepable and those should not be sweepable.

C. Mayor’s Office – No report.

D. School Board – Margo Bellamy reported on the new school opening plan, to begin November 16th. Free Student Meals will continue through 12/31 or until funds run out. Families should check-in with their school for information and distribution process or visit the district’s website @ <https://www.asdk12.org/Page/15786>. Free flu shots will be available to students, their families, and other individuals until October 21st.

E. Federation of Community Councils – No report

F. Homeless Committee – No report

G. CPCC Chair – Jean Sauget – No report

5. Unfinished business

A. Trash and Squatters – Steve Johnson. Muni has not yet removed the large tent in the woods south of Campbell Creek in the area bordered by Alpenhorn and Brayton. The tent will probably be there all winter. The Campbell Creek area east of Lake Otis remains clear of camps in areas that were heavily used by squatters last year.

6. Alaskans for Better Elections Initiative –Proposition 2 Presentation – Jason Grant described the features of Ballot Measure 2, an election reform measure. Discussion followed.

7. New business – Naomi Sweetman suggested that CPCC again begin meeting in person, with Zoom access provided for those who did not want to meet in person. She will investigate the availability of the meeting room at the Episcopal Church and will report at the next meeting.
9. Next meeting will be held November 19th, 2020, at 7:00 PM.
10. The meeting adjourned at 8:27 PM.