



STUCKAGAIN AND NEAR POINT, LOOKING EAST FROM FAR NORTH BICENTENNIAL PARK

# BASHER COMMUNITY COUNCIL

## NEWSLETTER

May 03, 2021 Revised, May 10, 2021

**NEXT COUNCIL MEETING:** Thursday, May 13, 2021, 7:00 PM – 8:30 PM.

**LOCATION:** This will be a regular BCC meeting, calling in utilizing ZOOM.

**AGENDA ITEMS FOR May 13:**

- Note that I will be running the ZOOM meeting and Margaret Nelson will be hosting the ZOOM meeting.  
Here's the Zoom link. People can just click on it and it will direct them straight to the meeting online.

**Join Zoom Meeting:**

<https://zoom.us/j/91028746175?pwd=WlhVaHVZOW5qd3J2RUtCbEV6bjE1UT09>

Meeting ID: 910 2874 6175

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Please remember to turn off your microphone, except when speaking, to avoid too much background noise and electronic feedback.

- LEGISLATIVE AND ASSEMBLY REPORTS (as available)
  - Liz Snyder, SOA Representatives report
  - Roger Holland@, SOA Senate report
  - Pete Peterson, MUNI Assembly report
  - Forrest Dunbar, MUNI Assembly report
  
- FIRE STATION NO. 14 REPORT – B Shift (as available)
  
- Campbell Airstrip Road Campbell Airstrip Road Speed Evaluation.

The MUNI Traffic Department compiled Traffic/Speed Data in May of 2018. Kris Langley, Associate Traffic Engineer, Traffic Engineering – Safety was tasked with developing an evaluation to determine what the posted speed limits on Campbell Airstrip Road should be. This evaluation and the resulting signage was completed last fall. Kris will evaluate the few concerns (that our community has provided to me). This will start soon now that spring has finally arrived. Additionally, Tim Myland, Assistant Traffic Engineer II, Traffic Engineering will be on-line during our meeting to discuss the unsafe parking situation on Campbell Airstrip Road at the top of the hill near the entrance to the Basher Trailhead. Tim and I discussed and agreed on a possible solution that might work for both BCC and the MUNI, which he will present at our meeting for our concurrence.

- UPDATE: Campbell Airstrip Road Upgrades Project – Completed almost three Years 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 or me who can inform PM&E.

S6/CAR LRSA REPORT– One of the LRSA Board Members will be on-line to present the LRSA report. (LRSA will decide who will present on Wednesday). LRSA Board of Supervisors (BoS) will be having a meeting on Wednesday, May 12, 2021 10:00 AM. These are open meetings.

Join Zoom Meeting:

<https://us04web.zoom.us/j/72061458771?pwd=WUgxaGxJbThOUjRUQ09MUETlT0tQdz09>

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Passcode: DWA4m0

Topics on the agenda include 1. New maintenance contract. 2. 2021 summer work program.

- 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 at several times since then, 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 definitely not too early to start thinking about it.
- Regular BCC CIP list report (Construction in Progress)-We will be putting in our submittal request to the MUNI Public Works on or before the May 31, 2020 deadline. Our LRSA Board and I believe that our priority should remain as we have indicated past several years: to upgrade the section of Basher Road from mile 1.1 to mile 3.5 (top Big Hill) to include offsetting bike/walking trail as was also outlined in previous annual submittals. Additional parking and other ideas will be discussed during this meeting.
- Hilary Morgan will update us on the recent Basher Community Patrol and Safety Committee Meeting.  
Date: Thu May 6, 2021 4:30pm – 5pm  
Community Patrol Community Patrol Members:  
Troy Weiss, Craig Nardi, Margaret Nelson, Diane Schenker, Richard Fuller, Loran Baxter, Robin Dublin, Hilary Morgan, Doug Luiten, Barbara Luiten

Troy Weiss updated me with the following:

Some things Troy asked me to pass on:

1. Lots of talk about parking signage. A letter from community council is needed to John Crapps. (Note: John Crapps is retiring!)

Cameras:

2. ABG is unable to support cameras at mailboxes. 3. Jack Walker with LRSA is very supportive of remote cameras on the road. They would use for plowing and sanding decisions. 4. Chris Northcutt is best option for powered cameras. 5. We can use battery operated game cameras on dump sites. I have 1 or 2 we can use.

7. There was a bust in hood for dumping. Yea!!! Only \$75 but great success. We should start a good neighbor award.

- Denny Hostetter, Public Affairs Specialist, Joint Base Elmendorf-Richardson  
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[dennis.hostetter@us.af.mil](mailto:dennis.hostetter@us.af.mil) Dennis has been invited to discuss ways to increase the iSportsman usage and to inform on how the program works to all those who are not familiar with it.

- John Parker, President; CEO, IRIS and John See, Anchorage Fire Department (AFD) Forester, will not be available to present an update on the wildfire detection system. AFD has completed the testing phase of this project. The project went on hold for a short while, thus I do not have any current information. Well over a year ago at one of our BCC meetings, John mentioned the planned Thermal Imaging Wildfire Detection System were installed with towers at Stuckagain Heights (across from the Basher Trailhead) and at the MUNI Permit Center/Fire Prevention Office. It has a range of approximately 6 – 8 kilometers. It is described in this u-tube video as follows:

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=nEvrwxO85uI>

The following is the latest update that I have available at this time:

<https://www.alaskapublic.org/2019/08/30/new-technology-could-help-save-anchorage-homes-from-wildfires/>

Note: AFD will still be providing Firewise Home Inspections for those already on the list; however, I believe that all new inspection requests are being pushed out to at least after June. Lan Hecimovich, Contractor - Firewise Coordinator, has taken over this program from John See. You can schedule a home inspection by applying online as follows:

<http://www.muni.org/Departments/Fire/Wildfire/Pages/FirewiseHomeAssessments.aspx>

However, Lan will likely not be able to respond in the immediate future due to lack of budget/manpower availability so be patient. In the meantime, see the attached “Firewise Self-Assessment” pdf.

- Again, there will very likely never be a USPS presentation; they’ve been very unresponsive to Margaret. Margaret or I will let you know if/when that it might occur (don’t count on it).
- Nickolas Rone, Police Officer, Anchorage Police Department will be on-line for the BCC meeting to discuss APD interaction with the BCC.
- Cory Stantorf, Wildlife Biologist II, State of Alaska-Department of Fish & Game, will be on-line for the BCC meeting to discuss bear/moose safety and wildlife interaction with the BCC.
- Van Le, AICP Manager – Planning Department, R&M CONSULTANTS, INC., updated me on the Scenic Foothills Connector Phase II Project progress since they met with BCC on March 11, as follows:
  - Plans updated based on comments from BasherCC, Ted and me regarding the trail intersection with Campbell Airstrip Road (see updated drawing)
  - Application submitted to MOA for UDC Public Hearing on June 9<sup>th</sup>
    - Application will also go to Planning and Zoning Commission on June 7 as an informational item only
  - MOA Watershed Management would like us to extend the main boardwalk by 120’.
  - Utility coordination unveiled a previously unknown buried utility we need to avoid. That might result in a realignment on the HLB parcel, west of the AWWU access road (see attached figure).
- The alternate Federation of Community Councils (FCC) Delegate is still Hilary Morgan. Margaret Nelson is still the 2<sup>nd</sup> alternate Delegate. Susan Kent-Crafts is still the 3<sup>rd</sup> alternate Delegate. These FCC meetings are still ZOOM. When face to face meeting resume, anyone else who wishes to attend any of the monthly FCC meetings, that are usually held on the 3<sup>rd</sup> 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,  
Don Crafts, Basher Community Council President  
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