

Turnagain Arm Community Council

Meeting Minutes for

September 9, 2021

I. 7:02 p.m. Call to Order:

Setting: Outside at the Bible Chalet (Indian)

II. 7:04 p.m. New Business – Guest Speakers

A. 7:04 p.m. School Board Representative

1. Kelly Lessens – Seat B

Robust summer school participation due to COVID setbacks - approximately 9000 students attended.

ASD overall attendance was about 44,000 students.

ASD using a Symptom Free Policy which includes mandatory face masks.

Transparency issues addressed and positive cases posted by school.

\$112 M in federal funds which includes:

Student learning loss appropriation

Ventilation systems upgrades

Student to teacher ratio stabilization

Goals and Guardrails:

Focus on student outcomes

3rd Grade pivot point

Math proficiency from 3rd to 9th grade

Career, college, and life readiness

Mental health (alcohol tax funded)

Asdk12.org – “Hot Topic”

B. 7:23 p.m. Highway Construction Update

1. James Lombardo – AKDOT Engineer

Everything wrapping up at end of September 2021 except for some landscaping and stabilization to be done at the beginning of next summer.

possibility

All structural aspects done this year.

Drainage issues at Stellar's Jay Rd. have been addressed with the possibility of revisiting issue next year if problems have not been rectified.

Bird Ridge Motel has potential drainage issues (Sawmill Rd. drainage has not been completed yet).

Enstar issues also being addressed.

As a community we are encouraged to "keep the discussion going" with reference to the rumble-strip noise nuisance.

Issues with Indian Rd. curve and safety additions are discussed.

Need for a speed limit is discussed.

C. 7:40 p.m. JBER Community Partnerships

1. Joy Boston

Mask must be worn indoors.

Summer construction has been completed.

Use Richardson Visitor Entrance (Boniface entrance closed currently)

Suicide Prevention Camp – September 19 – 20 at the Alaska Native Heritage Center.

Cultural Festival – Friday, September 10.

U.S. Army Alaska Commander Switch – Out.

Creating a regional center for Arctic Strategic Studies with a partnership including other Arctic nations. Climate change is one of the strategic

issues.

Arctic Thunder will be back in 2022 – July 30 – 31.

Operation Mary Louise – Women Veterans Celebration.

D. 7:47 p.m. City Assembly

1. John Weddleton

The Assembly is not fighting with the Mayor as the media would suggest.

They are only following dictated municipal government protocols.

Working on a multitude of homeless issues.

III. Old Business

A. 8:07 p.m. Minutes from Last Meeting - Approved

B. 8:12 p.m. License Renewals

1. Indian House Liquor License Renewal Vote:

In Favor-19, Against-0, Neutral-1.

C. 8:18 p.m. Rumble Strip Issue

1. A dialog is ongoing with State Representative James Kaufman

IV. 8:21 p.m. Next Scheduled Turnagain Arm Community Council Meeting:

1. Venue and exact date aren't determined at this time for our December meeting. Stay tuned.

VI. 8:22 p.m. Meeting Adjourned