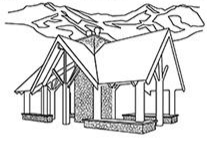


Abbott Loop



Community Council

Minutes

GENERAL MEMBERSHIP MEETING

February, 24th, 2022, 6:30-8:30 PM

LOCATION: Zoom

This meeting is open to the public and will be recorded therefore, there is no expectation of privacy.

Call to order 6:30 pm

- Round of Introductions
- Changes or additions to agenda -no changes, approved.
- Approval of minutes: Kathleen Easley- no changes, approved.
- Approval of treasurer's report: Heather Schrage
 - not in attendance, Bruce Roberts reporting balance of \$394.12 with \$152 committed to pay for the rental of Abbott Loop picnic in June. Lizzie will submit for reimbursement.

APD Officer if available

- Report and Q & A -not in attendance.

Legislative Reports: Q & A <http://akleg.gov/>

- Senator: Josh Revak: Report for February, Emma from Senator Revak's office reporting.
 - CAPIS input system- 5 or 6 proposals submitted by Bruce from ALCC to look at funding are a priority for funding March 3rd. One bill SB148 passed and is now on the house side.
- Representative: Calvin Schrage: Newsletter on ALCC February agenda
 - Budget- Governor proposed flat budget. Some increases for 2022. Two dividends proposed; one a 50/50 payment and one supplemental payout. This would be a cost of 2.5 billion, concerning as the states entire budget is 4 billion. Uptick in federal funds and COVID relief and additionally oil prices increasing to \$100/barrel. We should look at this increase in revenue put toward savings and keep downward pressure on budget and spending.
 - House/Senate working in smaller groups looking at department budgets and spending. Four amendments accepted. Redistricting is currently five separate lawsuits, court's ruling and final revisions should be decided by June 1st. HB227 Earthquake and Energy improvements. HB227 Political Contribution limits. HB267 Voting.
 - Question: Stand on Rep. Eastman's removal? Taking this seriously, looking at actions and fitness and looking at fact finding before supporting removal. Question on Solar energy not being effective in Alaska because of winter conditions. I am a believer in the right energy development in the right areas, House Energy Chair. Interested in new opportunities.
- Representative Laddie Shaw -no in attendance

Assembly & School Board: Q & A www.muni.org/departments/assembly

- Assembly member Felix Rivera
- Assembly member Meg Zaletel
- Assembly member Suzanne LaFrance
- Assembly member John Weddleton

Assembly members not in attendance, at a special Assembly meeting.

- School Board member: Andy Holleman and Tom Roth from ASD-
 - Review of Bonds, 111 million dollar bond package. One third roof repairs and upgrades. One third Inlet View, built in 50's, will have new construction on site in a different footprint, and the school will stay in session during construction. One third Security vestibules in 12 schools, security. Question about "defunding" SROs. ASD does not want to remove SROs but understand that they are city employees, do not

have school assigned duties, and work in the community patrolling and are called to other areas, as well as not at schools in the summers. ASD is asking the Muni to cover this cost, it should come from muni funding. Question: Why are kids not performing and we keep funding? Lots of reasons, many factors and we have a lot of work to do, funding is important.

- JBER Community Engagement Rep Luke Waack- not in attendance.

Candidate Introductions

Randy Sulte, Assembly candidate- not able to hear him because of connection issues.

Calvin Schrage, Candidate for Representative District 25 AK Legislature- declined campaigning while actively working in the legislature.

Reports

FCC Representative Bruce Roberts

- BallotTrax system from Anchorage municipality to sign up and follow your ballot <https://anchorage.ballottrax.net/voter/>
- AMAT Cordinatorgave 2050 plan- measurement and citreia, Seward Hwy 2023 underpass, Scooter to Vanguard. Academy/Vanguard delayed and there will be a 2-3 year gap in this first project.
- Park Challenge Grants- Anchorage Park Foundation. Funding for projects.
- Title 21 Access/Parking downtown area and site access.
- Seward Hwy to Glenn Hwy study
- School board there to present Bonds for the upcoming April vote.

Roads & Projects Committee: Emily Sullivan- not in attendance, reporting by Bruce Roberts.

o CIP

- 88th and Little Brooke- safety barrier
- Pokey Circle (near Abbott Loop Elementary) flooding in cul de sac

Parks & Rec Committee: Mark Miner with Patti Higgins reporting.

There are several subcommittees for several parks. Winchester Park, Forest Park, Art Walk, Dog Park at Whisper Faith, Whisper Faith, Spruce Park, Nadine Park, and Meadow Park. Dale McCoy and Jon Ruter live in the Coventry circle area and are interested in helping with Winchester park. Want to improve access from two neighborhood areas leading into the park- develop these access points for increased walkability and safer areas. Will work on this for community parks grant. The Parks & Rec Committee will put this on their CIP to get this into the cue. Jon and Dave will help with grant applications and Parks will set up some meetings to get this going.

Planning & Zoning Committee (munimaps.muni.org/planning/allcomments.cfm): **Needs Chair**

- Craig Bennett S4 Group and landowner owner Andre Spinelli. Gave slideshow of the area/streets. This is three small lots located off of Abbott Rd, across from Fred Meyer. Owner would like to change the land use designation of the site from *Compact Mixed Residential* to *Town Center* and the zoning designation of the site from *R-5 (Low Density Residential)* to *B-3 (General Business District)*, this would then match the use and zoning designations of property to the south and west of the lots. Another neighbor has sought this same change for two lots behind these three. Muni has declined changing this. One lot is along Abbott. Owner believes this B-3 designation is general business that doesn't exclude housing. Mixed responded for support. Agree that this is the start of the conversation and S4 will send the maps and lots to us for posting in minutes.

Cannabis & Alcohol Committee: **Needs Chair**

- Nothing update

Membership & Events: Lizzie Newell

Abbott Loop Community Patrol: Dan Rudder, Lead; <http://www.accpatrols.org/>

10 hours/ 16 meeting and patrol hours for February. Reminder to slow down in neighborhoods.

Old Business

- Statewide Redistricting Maps: Update <https://www.akredistrict.org/>

New Business

- Basel Street- Jason Henning, resident in the ALCC area. Asked about filling potholes or how to get these roads repaired. Encouraged to look at the Roads & Projects committee. They will meet in March. Bruce reports there are 26 projects on the list, 1-3 will get addressed.
- New building off Hartzel and Lore is a new Greatland Foods Distribution Center- large freezer warehouse.

Announcements/Comments

Next Meetings:

March, 31st, 2022 Abbott Loop Community Council Monthly Meeting
April, 28th, 2022 Abbott Loop Community Council Monthly Meeting
May, 26th, 2022 Abbott Loop Community Council Monthly Meeting
June/July will be ALCC picnics- more information coming

Comments:

Adjourn 8:32 pm

Resources

- Abbott Loop Community Council: <http://communitycouncils.org/servlet/content/2.html>
- Abbott Loop Community Forum: <https://www.facebook.com/abbottloopcc/?fref=ts>
- Whisper Faith Kovach Playground & Fenced Dog Park: <https://www.facebook.com/groups/720624007969641/>
- Abbott Loop South Next Door: https://abbottloopsouth.nextdoor.com/news_feed/
- Abbott Loop North Next Door: <https://nextdoor.com/neighborhood/abbottloopnorthak--anchorage--ak/>
- Information about the Academy Dr.-Vanguard Dr. Project <http://www.academyandvanguard.com/>
- Anchorage Bowl Land Use Plan:
<http://www.muni.org/Departments/OCPD/Planning/Projects/AnchLandUse/Pages/default.aspx>
- State of Alaska DOT Seward Highway project can be found here: <http://www.sewardhighway.info/>
- APD safety message emails or text alerts: <https://local.nixle.com/register/> or send a text to 888777
- Alaska Redistricting- <https://www.akredistrict.org/>
- Assembly 101 playlist for those wanting to learn all about Assembly procedures, how to participate, etc.
<https://www.youtube.com/playlist?list=PLylc7U989Xcav5eQC9FmjAEofZD576ech>

The Abbott Loop Community Council generally meets the last Thursday of the month from 6:30pm to 8:30pm at Abbott Loop Elementary except in May (date change due to school closure), June (Summer Picnic), July (Potluck Picnic), November and December (combined meeting). If you have agenda items, please send your requests to both: Bruce Roberts brucearoberts@hotmail.com 907-952-9969 & Kathleen Easley katmandu26@hotmail.com 907-748-6076.

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I live and work on Dena'ina land. (English) ~ Translation by Joel Isaak and Sondra Shaginoff-Stuart

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STANDING COMMITTEES SPECIAL COMMITTEES

PARKS & REC	Roads & Projects	P & Z	Cannabis & Alcohol	Membership & Events	Community Patrol	By-Laws Committee
Mark Miner Chair	Emily Sullivan Chair	Needs Chair	Needs Chair	Lizzie Newell Chair	Dan Rudder Lead	Kari Nore Chair
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