

BASHER COMMUNITY COUNCIL QUARTERLY MEETING

Via Zoom

February 24, 2022 7-8:30 p.m.

MINUTES

President Don Crafts

Secretary Margaret Nelson

The meeting was called to order at 7:08 p.m. by President Don Crafts

There were 12 people in attendance

Alaska State Legislative Report, Senator Roger Holland

Senator Roger Holland gave a report on his activities in Juneau with the legislature. He discussed his position on the Permanent Fund Dividend and more specifically a bill which came out of the Senate Education Committee of which he chairs. Senate Bill 111, which is known as the Alaska Improvement and Modernization Act, sets outcomes which aims to improve that all students are proficient in reading by age 9. For more information contact Senator Roger Holland at sen.roger.holland@akleg.gov or cell phone 907-351-8277

Community Safety Patrol Report, Troy Weiss

Resident Troy Weiss and chair of the Community Safety Patrol reported on the activities of the Community Safety Patrol. There are currently 7 active participants and the group would like to have more people join. In January the group conducted 10 patrols in the neighborhood encompassing about 8 hours. They also meet once a month and review safety items, what's being posted on police statistical maps. Highest area of crime in the neighborhood are the parking lots. Troy stated people should always lock your car and not leave anything else in sight when parking in a lot to hike the local trails.

The safety patrol group is also working with the LRSA Board on safety along our neighborhood roads such as trimming back trees, plowing of parking lots so that visitors are not parking in main streets. The groups have completed the installation of no parking signs at the top of Basher. This summer they painted lines at the top of Basher which added 20 parking spaces and got cars off the road.

If you are interested in joining the Community Safety Patrol please contact Troy.

Opportunity to Apply for Grant from Anchorage Park Foundation

Resident Ann Gabler too the floor to discuss possibly reapplying for an Anchorage Park Foundation grant that our Community Council endorsed in 2018. Unfortunately that program did not go forward then since the cost of signage went beyond the amount of money we would have received, according to Ann. Then Ann lead the effort to get interpretive signs that gave directions and recognize wildlife to the north of the big hill. Originally the grant was for \$7,500. The deadline for applications is March 17.

The members in attendance voted unanimously to “proceed with writing a grant proposal to the Anchorage Community Park Foundation through the 2022 Community Challenge Grant Program to design, create and install interpretive signs.” The purpose of the signage would be to inform the

general public accessing the Bicentennial Park and State of Alaska parklands off Basher Road about the wildlife in the area. It is the intent of the signage to also honor the Dena'ina Athabascan people who are the original indigenous people of the region by sharing their names for the different wildlife inhabiting the area. Leading the effort will be Ann Gabler of the Basher neighborhood. The Basher Community gives Ann Gabler it's full support for the effort and expresses its appreciation for the opportunity to the Park Foundation.

Limited Road Service Area Report, Ted Trueblood, chair

Ted Trueblood, Chair of Section 6 of LRSA Board of Supervisors gave a recent report

1. 2021 was a busy year for the LRSA Board, some of which was reported earlier.
 - a. Long time Board chair Harry Haywood resigned from the Board as he had moved out of the neighborhood.
 - b. The Board was reconstituted with Ted Trueblood as chair, Eric Johnson as co-chair, Jack Walker as secretary and Bob Groeneweg as contract administrator.
 - c. Lonnie Brown was appointed by the Mayor to fill out the remaining time on Seat D, vacated by Harry Haywood.
 - d. Our long-time contractor relinquished the contract on May 31st, but did agree to a negotiated contract to complete most of the summer 2021 work program. He completed most of the work items on our priority list for a reasonable price.
 - e. Northern Gravel and Trucking won the new contract. They initially hired our long time grader operator to plow our neighborhood, but he retired at the end of the year. Their pricing for the work is reasonable and they have been very responsive.
 - f. We came out of the 2021 budget year with a good surplus, which will be considered for use in our upcoming summer work program.
 2. Two seats on the LRSA Board are up for a vote at the Municipal elections in April. Seat D, Lonnie Brown incumbent, and Seat E, Ted Trueblood incumbent, are on the ballot. Both incumbents are running for reelection.
 3. The next Board meeting will include a drive through of all the neighborhood roads in April, where we will discuss the summer work program.
 4. Winter road maintenance has been a bit of a challenge, with more frequent snow events and periods of thaw/rain and refreezing. The contractor's grader operator who had been plowing our roads for many years retired and the new operator took some time to learn the neighborhood and how we dislike driveway berms, etc. Call outs for sanding have been answered timely with good coverage.
 5. The Municipal Transportation Improvement Program (TIP) may get a large influx of Federal funds this year, so we were encouraged to submit prospective projects for funding. The Board voted to support
 1. reconstruction of Campbell Airstrip Road through the Far North Bicentennial Park with a separated trail from the Campbell Tract trailhead parking to the Basher trailhead parking and
 2. Construction of a vehicle trail from Stuckagain Heights to Tudor Road for non-motorized access and emergency egress. The two TIP project proposals were drafted by Board chair Ted and submitted to the Muni TIP planning office on behalf of the S6/CAR LRSA and the Basher CC.Drive through in April and discuss summer work program.
- Winter road maintenance has been a bit of a challenge. New operator is learning how much we dislike driveway berms.

Discussion took place with Ted and neighbors regarding snow removal. Resident Mrs. Kullberg complained that snow removal this year is lacking. Ted reported that the LRSA is working with the new grader operator on how to plow the local roads most effectively.

Anchorage Assembly Report

Forrest Dunbar and Pete Peterson gave the assembly report.

Reapportionment Anchorage

Resident LuAnn Picard gave a presentation about the assembly proposed maps for new political boundaries within Anchorage. Due to the limited number of individuals in attendance it was decided to present a resolution to the community via email for a vote.

Candidate Presentations

The following candidates gave presentations at the meeting: Rachel Ries, candidate for school board; Stephanie Taylor, candidate for assembly; Forrest Dunbar, candidate for assembly and Chris Hall, candidate for assembly.

Meeting adjourned 9:03 p.m.

Submitted by Margaret Nelson, Secretary