



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

BASHER COMMUNITY COUNCIL

NEWSLETTER

November 07, 2019

NEXT COUNCIL MEETING: Thursday, November 14, 2019, 7:00 PM – 8:30 PM.

LOCATION: BAXTER ELEMENTARY SCHOOL, MULTIPURPOSE ROOM (Cafeteria).

AGENDA ITEMS FOR November 14:

- LEGISLATIVE AND ASSEMBLY REPORTS (as available)
 - Lance Pruitt, SOA Representatives report
 - Cathy Giessel, SOA Senate report
 - Pete Peterson, MUNI Assembly report
 - Forrest Dunbar, MUNI Assembly report

- FIRE STATION NO. 14 REPORT – C Shift (as available)

- UPDATE: Campbell Airstrip Road Upgrades Project – Completed well over a Year ago.

Warrantee work will still proceed when/if/as necessary; we are not sure when the warrantee period ends. Some cracks (post-earthquake) on the bike path have already been reported by us to PM&E; to my knowledge these were repaired. Report anything that you see to the LRSA board or me who can inform PM&E.

- LRSA REPORT– I believe that Ted Trueblood is able to attend this meeting; thus, he will present the LRSA report. Ted Trueblood and Harry Haywood were re-elected to the LRSA Board for a 3-year term earlier this year. Jack Walker may be available to respond to any follow-up on the Campbell Creek overflow problem and the summer improvement program that we just had completed based on his spring presentations. Most of you have likely seen the improvements that have been made as you have driven by.
- 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.
- John Parker, President; CEO, IRIS and John See, Anchorage Fire Department (AFD) Forester, would like to present an update on the wildfire detection system. AFD will be entering the testing phase of this project by next week. At the March and September BCC meetings, John mentioned the planned Thermal Imaging Wildfire Detection System that is being 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:
<https://www.alaskapublic.org/2019/08/30/new-technology-could-help-save-anchorage-homes-from-wildfires/>
Note: AFD will hopefully still be providing Firewise Home Inspections; however, I believe that all new inspection requests are being pushed out to at least next spring's schedule. You can schedule a home inspection by either calling John See's MUNI phone, 267-4902, or by applying online as follows:
<http://www.muni.org/Departments/Fire/Wildfire/Pages/FirewiseHomeAssessments.aspx>

However, John will likely not be able to respond in the immediate future due to lack of budget/manpower availability.

- Carolyn “Care” Clift, a member of a group called “FairVote Anchorage”, would like to make a short presentation to BCC regarding an initiative for Ranked Choice Voting be put before the voters in the 2021 Municipal Election (or sooner). Carolyn believes that this is a great, money-saving idea for municipal elections. Carolyn would also like to announce her candidacy for Alaska State Senate, District N. She is running as an Independent (Undeclared) candidate on a petition.
- There likely will not be a USPS presentation; they’ve been unresponsive to Margaret. Margaret or I will let you know if/when that might occur.
- David Matthys and Troy Weiss, on behalf of the BCC Crime Task Force, had sadly reported at last March’s meeting that they were unable to keep this Crime program operational due to a lack of volunteers. It is unlikely we will restart this Crime program, unless several people step up to the plate and volunteer to help out.
- The alternate Federation of Community Councils (FCC) Delegate is still Hilary Morgan. Margaret Nelson is still the 2nd alternate Delegate. Susan Kent-Crafts is still the 3rd alternate Delegate. However, anyone else who wishes to attend any of the monthly FCC meetings usually held on the 3rd 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,
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