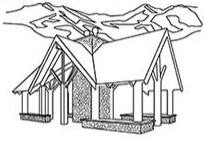


# Abbott Loop



## Community Council

### Minutes

GENERAL MEMBERSHIP MEETING

March 31st, 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 6:32 pm

- Round of Introductions
- Changes or additions to agenda, no corrections or changes, approved.
- Approval of minutes: Kathleen Easley, no corrections or changes, approved.
- Approval of treasurer's report: Heather Schrage, \$232.71. \$161 for pavilion rental for June picnic. Need donations for food. Budget was \$346 for food last year.

#### APD Report

- Report and Q & A- APD Officer, not in attendance.

#### AFD Report

- Report and Q & A- AFD Fire Chief Doug Schrage
  - 26 new firefighters (all but 3 local residents) graduated. New firefighters reduce overtime costs. Community is welcomed into the stations.
  - Bonds: Prop 3- Area Wide, 2 new ambulances to replace two 2008 units. \$300,000 equals out to about 47 cents/\$100,000 assessed property value. Prop 6- Anchorage Fire Service Area/Eagle River, to replace two Fire engines (1-2004/1-2008). 1.1 million equals out to about 42 cents/\$100,000 assessed property value. All have exceeded their life expectancy and are over the timeline of use expected out of these vehicles.
  - Mobile Crisis Unit- Team set up in July 2021, working 221 days so far with over 1,110 responded via 911 calls. These are people in crisis. Team is staffed with licensed physician/mental health professional and paramedic.  
Question: What do you do when you retire an ambulance or fire truck?  
They are auctioned off or donated after 25 yrs.

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

- Senator: Josh Revak: Report for March, not in attendance.
- Representative: Calvin Schrage: newsletter was attached to March agenda, report for March:
  - COVID outbreak at the capital- 30 cases, asked for masking, down for several days and this created delays with Operating Budget.
  - Budget is ready to hit the House floor, one last chance to make changes and then on to the Senate. Increased revenue allows them to fund many programs. Highlights: This allows for two year K-12 Education funding, basically pre-approves funding for 2 years. School Bond debt reimbursements. One time education bump for extra relief. Energy relief to add to Permanent Fund Dividend-should equate to \$2500/person. Fund PERS/TERS at 100%. Increase Public Health. Increase higher education and WAMI programs.
  - Redistricting-AK Supreme Court threw out some maps that had Senate pairings that were considered gerrymandering and they will have to redraw maps. 4/2/22 opportunity to testify.
  - HB220-Retirement for Public teachers and employees.
  - Campaign Finance: AK Public Office Commission didn't accept limits on and the courts struck down limits in the Fall. Currently there are no limits for campaign contributions from out of state or individual donors

for legislative or municipal elections. Passed house, onto the Senate State Affairs committee. This is to limit outside or special interests, limit corruption.

- Saturday, April 2nd Don Young Funeral at Anchorage Baptist Temple at 11am, open to the public.  
Question: HB 272/273- Base Student Allocation- explanation. 10 years with no increase to BSA/basically flat funding as inflation has gone up. This is trying to inflation proof the BSA. There is a formula that drives this. Bills are in the House Finance, in its last committee, then public testimony- which the public can call or email. Question: Anchorage Port. Anchorage Port is in need of repair, there is a real will and desire to repair this but it is expensive to do so, so funding is potentially from: Muni court case with a ruling that can remediate design and bring some funding. Grant funding from the large infrastructure bill, legislature, or muni establishing user fees or other options for revenue.

- Representative Laddie Shaw- not in attendance.

#### Assembly & School Board: Q & A [www.muni.org/departments/assembly](http://www.muni.org/departments/assembly)

- Assembly member Felix Rivera
  - Facilitated Collaborative Process-Admin and Legislative Drafting Group- updated on Housing/Homelessness committee-review their website. Press release 3/23/22. Seven million to continue care. Winding down mass care facilities- some now and next week. Transitioning out of this into housing. Five Planks: **Sockeye**-Complex care, **Permanent Supportive (PSH)/Workforce Housing (WFH)**- Barratt Inn on hold pending more info. **Navigation Center**- Roger Hickel awarded contract for construction Tudor/Elmore, final site selection and facility design. **Special Populations Shelter**- location not identified- 5 million from legislation. **Substance Abuse Treatment & Housing**- Salvation Army has secured 60% funding from SOA to begin repairs of a 68 bed facility that was damaged in the 2018 earthquake.
  - Reapportionment- approved new maps, still using old maps for this election. June new North Anchorage assembly seat, vote for new member in 2023.
  - Body Worn cameras- Administration is putting together policy. Gaps in release of records to the public. "Final" policy does not achieve this. Regular review of policy set as every 2 years or sooner. Now onto union for "change in work circumstances," and they will work through negotiations. Then they will need to bring forth a provider/supplier.
- Assembly member Meg Zaletel
  - Golden Lion has been purchased, we need to use this facility. It could be a treatment center.
  - AMATS/TIP- Draft 2023-26 goes out for public comment in May (30 days). Asked for an initial 2 week comments in April, public participation and planning are difficult with timelines. High on the list is Academy/Vanguard 2024- 1 million design, 2025 4 million right of way acquisition, then after 206 4.7 million will still be needed.
  - CRISA- Coronavirus funds, 10.7 million can be used for projects, no match required, for projects that can be completed 10/2023 and fully obligated by 2024. Studies/lighting upgrades in major areas like midtown, Northern Lights and Tudor. Corridor studies- what could enhance these areas. Can use some of the one time funding for speeding up of projects. Paving projects 88th Lake Otis to Abbott. Roads that need repairs are being added to the list.
- Assembly member Suzanne LaFrance- Not in attendance, Kurt Parkan reporting for her.
  - She appreciates patience with any requests, as requests for information are required to go through the Administration.
  - Road maintenance 907-343-MEND, pothole repairs.
  - Maintenance of snow removal- is this better or not this year, asking for input.
- Assembly member John Weddleton- not in attendance.
- School Board member: Andy Holleman, not in attendance. Reporting from member Carl Jacobs.
  - Town Hall with three Superintendent finalists, emails are welcome. 23 applicants, ended with three finalists. Announcement should be coming in the next seven days or so.
  - Bonds- Prop 1- Properties, encourage a yes vote on this.
  - He has brought up an amendment to ASD School board policy to compel board members to attend community council meetings. They are already assigned areas of Anchorage.
- Mayor's Office Report - No one in attendance. Asked to join the meeting.
- JBER Community Engagement Rep Luke Waack -Not in attendance.

## Candidate Introductions

- Jennifer Sone- AK State House District 11- New Seward Hwy/Hillside, Abbott/Huffman- Independence Park area.
- Meg Zalatel- Anchorage Assembly- Midtown
- Janice Park- Senate District 25, was 12F

## Reports

### FCC Representative Bruce Roberts

- Anchorage Community Development- Mike- development of library, Ship Creek, new building with 48 apartments on K St.
- City Wide Clean Up- Anchorage Commerce- Katie Cole
- John Weddleton spoke about Homelessness projects.

### Roads & Projects Committee: Emily Sullivan

o CIP update -March committee to meet and prioritize. Add some to the list. Asked for people to join in the meeting. Must submit list by May 31st.

### Parks & Rec Committee: Mark Miner

- Meadow Street Park Picnic Shelter- Rebecca Colvin Rilke Schule Governing board and ALCC member. School is 64th/Meadow, near Polaris. Close to Meadow Park with a sledding hill and open field. Want to make some improvements. They do routine clean ups at the park. Would like a picnic Shelter-large enough to hold 4-5 picnic tables, outdoor gathering place and educational spot. They have applied for a Park Foundation grant of \$40,000, then they will have a match from the school/families of \$40,000. Cost estimate is \$270,000. 2023 Muni Park Bond. Muni asked to put into place parking and sidewalks along the street. Informing ALCC, asking for support or a resolution of support. Aime Posanka ALCC member and Rilke Schule board- asking for support and if ALCC would put on CIP. Leslie Kleinfeld- asked them to bring a resolution forward. Micheal Meoglein- asked for a draft resolution to be brought to ALCC. Susan Soule- asked about the budget and cost estimate. Wanted to see designs and have one on file for review.
- Spruce Park Update- Mark Miner/Mary Miner-Block grant Funding. Winchester on one side of 84th and Spruce Park on the other. Master plan for both parks. 1991 was declared a SuperFund site- cleaned up. Sledding hills were constructed out of contaminated soil from Spruce Street from digging up/soil from the road was contaminated. Geo fabric and 2 feet of top fill added. ALCC P&R meeting to review. Application, CIP process/resolution of support to get master plan. Lots of work on this. Will have a meeting April 5th at 11:30am. Contact Bruce for a Zoom link and meeting agenda.
- BLM Announces Draft Recreation Area Management Plan - [Campbell Track](#) proposal to add a new lot in the Science Center, April 5th meeting.

### Planning & Zoning Committee ([munimaps.muni.org/planning/allcomments.cfm](http://munimaps.muni.org/planning/allcomments.cfm)): \*\*Needs Chair\*\*

- Case No. 2022-0042 (Text Amendment re ADU development in Girdwood Valley) which is scheduled as a Public Hearing before the Planning and Zoning Commission on April 18, 2022. Review and Recommendation by Planning and Zoning Commission to the Anchorage Municipal Assembly of an Ordinance amending AMC Subsection 21.09.050C.2. to encourage development of accessory dwelling units within the Girdwood Valley.
- Andre Spinelli/Craig Bennett- Three lots located off of Abbott Rd, across from Fred Meyer. Request by owner for support in change to the land use designation 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. Maps on [ALCC site](#) under Current Year ALCC Documents.

### Cannabis & Alcohol Committee: Volunteer Yolanda Meza (or for Planning and Zoning)

- Seward's Folly Bar and Grill at 1811 Abbott Road, License # 4692 renewal application Beverage Dispensary
- I Luv Sushi at 9920 Lake Otis Parkway, Suite 2A, License # 5705 renewal application Restaurant/Eating Place
- Los Arcos Restaurant at 2001 East Dowling Rd, License # 3953 renewal application Beverage Dispensary

### Membership & Events: Lizzie Newell

- ALC Park reserved for June 30th 4-8pm

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

- One patrol turned over evidence from a drive-by shooting that was tied to another crime. APD glad we are out in

our community patrolling. Call if you have concerns about crime, they can monitor. Call to join as well.

### Old Business

- Statewide Redistricting Maps: Updates <https://www.akredistrict.org/>
- Spruce Street Extension Upgrade Project- Morgan McCammon DOWL
  - Jovie Garcia-DOWL- 68th Project Tuesday 5/17 meeting at Abbott Loop Pavilion. Will do a presentation in April for ALCC.
  - Scope extends Spruce from Dowling. E 64th/E 68th. Upgrades and project corridor.
  - Questions/Comments: Samantha & Sara Harris- 67th traffic concerns with kids and dogs. Emily Sullivan- is against the Spruce extension. Community is split on this. Clear that all want upgrades but concern is with the extension, many do not want this. Bruce Roberts- that this has been on Roads & PProjects for sometime- in the design process, no funding for completion- no money committed beyond design. Janice Park- Spruce traffic calming measures. Flashing lights and so on, against extension down 84th through Spruce. Bruce Roberts- Muni side- access point off of Dowling to get into neighborhoods. Norm Drive has gotten a lot of use. Spruce would lessen this increase of traffic. Emily Sullivan- N. Norm extension doesn't seem to be about traffic relief. Date from 2018, don't understand the need.

### New Business

- Wildfire and Egress volunteers- Jen Schmidt and John See UAA, gave a presentation to ALCC. Looking for help to update the GIS database with names of streets. Then help identify areas of concern to reduce fuel hazards using the wildfire exposure map, evacuation routes, and local knowledge. Email [jischmidt@alaska.edu](mailto:jischmidt@alaska.edu)

### Announcements/Comments

- Talk about meeting in person or staying on Zoom. Various comments. Will stay on Zoom for now- it works for many people. June is ALC Park picnic. July Whisper Faith-outdoor informal gathering 6:30-8pm. August in person tentatively.
- Bruce: Last day to apply for the PFD

### Next Meetings:

- May, 26th, 2022 Abbott Loop Community Council Monthly Meeting
- June 30th, 2022 Abbott Loop Community Park, 8101 Elmore Rd. 4-8pm, Picnic.
- July 28th, 2022 Whisper Faith Kovach Park, 1904 Lore Rd. 6:30-8pm. Informal gathering.

### Adjourn 8:45pm