



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

BASHER COMMUNITY COUNCIL

Communication Update

May 17, 2022

Stuckagain Heights Neighbors,

New Officers

The Basher Community Council members elected new officers at its meeting May 12. The following are the present board members and their contact information.

President Jim Wojciechowski, jimwojobcc@gmail.com, 907-333-4462
Vice President Chad Hufford, Akmoneyman81@gmail.com, 907-727-7198
Secretary Margaret Nelson, mnelsonrealestate@gmail.com, 907-632-4594
Treasurer Jeff Allen, allenjs@gci.net, 907-306-0569
At-Large member Ted Trueblood, tedtath@gmail.com, 907-339-4872
At-Large member Troy Weiss, troydweiss@gmail.com, 907-223-0290
Past President Don Crafts, decrafts50@gmail.com, 907-343-8451

The BCC would like to honor those who selflessly served before us with our pledge to live up to the high bar of public service already established by them.

Through regular communication current board members have identified topics of concern as well as projects to work on for the benefit of our beautiful community. This update will be a short teaser synopsis, but our plan is to issue these communications at

least monthly. Hopefully by keeping the community informed we can foster increased community involvement. There is strength in numbers.

Hot Topic: The Homeless Navigation Center

Likely the most important issue presently facing Stuckagain Heights is the planned Navigation Center to be located at Elmore & Tudor. Regardless of our resolution opposing the center the Anchorage Assembly approved the site with our two District 5 Representatives Assemblymen Pete Peterson and Forrest Dunbar voting against it.

The center was discussed at the BCC meeting May 12th, but more dialogue is needed. Stuckagain has valid serious concerns about potential ramifications of the location. We have a single route of egress from this community. The downside of living in such a beautifully wooded community is the ever-present fire danger. If homeless camps are allowed to proliferate along Campbell Tract and Far North Bicentennial Park the fire danger increases exponentially. On top of that dry underbrush as well as Spruce Bark Beetle kill compounds the danger.

As President I hope to try and organize another special meeting with the Navigation Center planning team for our community to voice these concerns. A later update will be forth coming.

Upcoming BCC Meetings

Our next two regular Basher Community Council Meetings will be Thursday September 8th and Thursday December 8th starting at 7 PM. The much larger room at Basher Elementary has already been reserved so please mark your calendars and plan to attend.

BCC Email List

It has come to my attention that our email list of residents used to inform folks of upcoming meetings is in need of updating. I have two neighbors personally who have not received meeting notices. If you are reading this on Next-door and have not received an email with this update attached please contact our secretary Margaret Nelson, listed above, for inclusion on that email list. Take a moment and ask your neighbors if they are receiving emails from the BCC as well.

BCC Safety Patrol

Troy Weiss heads up our volunteer community patrol. He and the other volunteers do a wonderful job patrolling the community and now have expanded their route to keep an eye out for homeless camps. More volunteers are needed and welcome and Troy's contact info is also above as he holds a Director at Large position too.

Homeless Camps in Bicentennial Park

Anyone can report a homeless camp by going to <https://muniorg.maps.arcgis.com/apps/GeoForm/index.html?appid=34df4836db634b1>

[ba776705cbc2508fb](#) We encourage everyone to take this seriously. The process of camp mitigation begins with that step.

We heard from the community at the May 12th meeting that it is frustrating to report a camp and then have nothing happen by the Municipality of Anchorage (muni). This is due to various court cases and the process of mitigating camps. Here's two sources of information for those of you who want to dig into the situation: <https://addressing-homelessness-muniorg.hub.arcgis.com/pages/camp-abatement> and <https://www.muni.org/Departments/Assembly/Documents/Webpage%20-%20Committee%20on%20Housing%20and%20Homelessness/Assembly%20Slides%20-%20Legal%20Process%20for%20Abatement.pdf>.

Illegal Dumping

Illegal dumping is an ongoing problem along Campbell Airstrip Road. To report an illegal dump site call the Municipal Code Enforcement Hotline at 907-343-4141.

Fund Raising for Our Community

We are investigating our capability of having tax deductible donations for the Basher Community as a pass through from the Federation of Community Councils. As soon as we have the method verified we will put it in the next update. Raising funds will give us the ability to address some community needs such as signage and video monitoring of spots like Basher Trailhead. If anyone in the community is savvy at non-profit tax procedures and would like to help with the initial setup aiding our Treasurer, please contact either Jeff Allen or Margaret Nelson.

Community Picnic Anyone?

Hopefully we can once again have a community BBQ sometime this summer. Volunteers please contact Margaret Nelson so a date can be set and plans made.

Past Issues Update

***Moving Bus Barn to Elmore is Dead.** We have received word that this project, as well as building a new Health & Social Services building and grocery store on Tudor near Tozier Track is dead.

***Storm Drain Utility and Taxing for It.** This project is also dead.

***Basher Interpretive Sign Grant.** Neighbor Ann Gabler who headed up this project reports that her proposal that was submitted to the Anchorage Park Foundation for interpretive signs in Far North Bicentennial Park was not selected this time around. You may recall that it was selected before, however, the amount of funds needed to complete the project exceeded the grant, therefore it was not completed then. We thank Ann Gabler for her tireless work on this project. We hope to find another way of funding it in the future.

Lastly, I am speaking for all those elected to the BCC board. We appreciate this honor and are always open to suggestions and perceived needs in our community. Don't hesitate to contact any board member listed above.

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