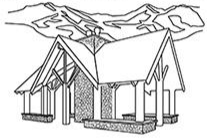


Abbott Loop



Community Council

AGENDA

GENERAL MEMBERSHIP MEETING

May 26th, 2022, 6:30-8:30 PM

LOCATION: Zoom

NEW ZOOM for 2022

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/88969066143?pwd=M3I0TVFTWDI0b1FhRkZvV2dTWkQ5Zz09>

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- A member of the Abbott Loop Community Council by adding the initials **ALCC** after your name. A member is anyone who resides in or has a business in the ALCC district.
- A guest by adding the word **Guest** or your affiliation after your name.

-Please do not use the chat for private conversations or to ask questions. The chat should be used only to add relevant information (links, contact information etc.)

-To ask a question or make a comment use the "raise hand" function.

-Prior to speaking each speaker should state their name, address (street and cross street is ok) if a member, or guest if a guest.

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

Call to order

- Round of Introductions
- Changes or additions to agenda
- Approval of minutes: Kathleen Easley
- Approval of treasurer's report: Heather Schrage

APD Report

- Report and Q & A- APD Officer

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

- Senator: Josh Revak: Report for May
- Representative: Calvin Schrage: Newsletter and report for May
- Representative Laddie Shaw

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

- Assembly member Felix Rivera
- Assembly member Meg Zaletel
- Assembly member Suzanne LaFrance
- Assembly member Randy Shulte
- School Board member Andy Holleman
- Mayor's Office Report
- JBER Community Engagement

Candidate Introductions

Reports

FCC Representative Bruce Roberts

Roads & Projects Committee: Emily Sullivan

- CIP update/Priority List due by June 15th, 2022.
- Spruce Street Extension Upgrade Project- Open House was 5/17

Parks & Rec Committee: Mark Miner

- Spruce and Winchester Parks
- Meadow Street Park/Picnic Shelter- Information and documents on website. [Resolution of Support](#), approved last month- signed, uploaded and emailed to Assembly.

Planning & Zoning Committee (munimaps.muni.org/planning/allcomments.cfm): Mary Miner

Cannabis & Alcohol Committee: Yolanda Meza

- Fred Meyer Stores Inc, Liquor License # 4160, Renewal Package Store
- V.F.W. Post #9978, Liquor License #1203, Renewal Club
- 88th St. Liquor Boutique, Liquor License # 5114, Renewal Package Store

Membership & Events: Lizzie Newell

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

Old Business

- Dowling Road and Seward Highway Interchange Construction Update- Seward Highway on- and off-ramps at Dowling Road to be CLOSED, as well as Dowling Road, from Brayton Drive through Homer Drive to construct the longer-term temporary Seward Highway DETOUR ROUTES. Homer Drive frontage road access to Dowling Road will be CLOSED. Business access will be maintained at all time. Brayton Drive will be maintained for the Alpine Apartment access.
- Jamestown Dr & Elcadore Dr Reclamation, Project No. 21-05. Start of construction May 16, 2022, with a completion date on or about July 20, 2022
- Statewide Redistricting Maps: Updates <https://www.akredistrict.org/>

New Business

- DOWL- Kenny Werth- MOA Navigation Center to be located on Tract 2, Tudor Municipal Campus Subdivision. DOWL will be assisting with the preparation of the Conditional Use Permit (CUP) application for the MOA Navigation Center. The site is located on the APD campus at the southeast corner of the intersection of Tudor Road and Elmore.

Announcements/Comments

Next Meetings:

- 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
- August 25th, 2022 TBA
- September 29th, 2022

Comments:

Adjourn

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/>
- Abbott Loop Community Council Facebook page: <https://www.facebook.com/abbottloopcc> or search @abbottloopcc
- Information about the Academy Dr- Vanguard Dr. Project <http://www.academyandvanguard.com/>
- Information for the [Dowling/Seward Highway project 2022/2023](#)
- State of Alaska DOT Seward Highway project O'Malley to Dimond can be found here: <http://www.sewardhighway.info/>
- Information for the Seward Highway & 36th Avenue Interchange Project <http://www.36thinterchange.com/>
- Anchorage Bowl Land Use Plan:
<http://www.muni.org/Departments/OCPD/Planning/Projects/AnchLandUse/Pages/default.aspx>
- 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=PLylc7U989Xcav5eQC9FmjAEofZD576ecb>

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.

Dena'inaq e'nen'aq' gheshtnu ch'q'u yeshdu. (Dena'ina)

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

ABBOTT LOOP COMMUNITY COUNCIL

OFFICERS		DIRECTORS		
PRESIDENT	Bruce Roberts	Pat O'Hara	Lizzie Newell	Dan Rudder
VICE-PRESIDENT	Susan Soule	Mark Miner	Yolanda Meza	Emily Sullivan
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TREASURER	Heather Schrage			

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	Mary Miner Chair	Yolanda Meza Chair	Lizzie Newell Chair	Dan Rudder Lead	Kari Nore Chair
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					Phil Parks	



Dear Friends and Neighbors,

The 32nd Alaska State Legislature has finally come to an end. Much progress was made this session, particularly over the last few weeks, and I want to provide our friends and neighbors in the Lower Hillside Abbott Loop community with an end of session update, including an overview of the capital and operating budgets, important legislation, and the final redistricting map for the 2022 cycle.

As always, it is an honor to serve our community and I am here if you have questions, need assistance with an issue you may be facing, or to share your thoughts, ideas, or concerns. You can reach me by email at Rep.Calvin.Schrage@akleg, on my personal cell 907-240-8986, or our office 907-465-4931.

Operating Budget

The Alaska Legislature passed an operating and capital budget that invests in our state, funds the essential services Alaskans and our community depend on, and provides relief through a combined PFD/Energy Relief Check of approximately \$3,250, the largest payment in Alaska's history when excluding the Palin Energy Rebate. Although the budget isn't perfect, it delivers on my commitments to our community and sets our state up for long-term success.

A few highlights include:

- In addition to a \$2,600 dividend payment, each Alaskan will also receive a \$650 Energy Relief Check to help those struggling with high fuel prices and record inflation.
- \$2.4 billion total will be left in our FY22 savings accounts, with \$1.1 billion in the Statutory Budget Reserve and \$1.2 billion in the Constitutional Budget Reserve, helping our state prepare for when the price of oil drops again.
- Fully funds K-12 education this year, and adds \$57 million to account for inflation.
- \$711 million will be spent to forward fund K-12 education, providing budgetary certainty to our school districts and preventing teachers from receiving pink slips.

- \$359 million will be spent to refill the Higher Education Investment Fund, which helps Alaskan students looking to further their education, both for merit scholarships and needs-based assistance.
- \$2.5 million for Pre-K, giving Alaskan children entering school a head start in their learning and better preparing them for every stage of their education.
- Paid the full FY23 school bond debt reimbursement and Regional Educational Attendance Area (REAA) along with repaying previous years amounts that were reduced or vetoed, totaling \$299 million in school bond debt, and \$117 million for REAA. This should provide significant relief to property tax rates for Anchorage homeowners.
- Increased funding for the Council on Domestic Violence and Sexual Assault.
- Funded deferred maintenance projects on all six of Alaska's Pioneer Homes.
- Provided recruitment and retention bonuses for Public Health Nurses and other frontline employees.

Capital Budget

This year's capital budget will be the largest investment in Alaska's infrastructure in years. It directly funds nearly \$320 million to Anchorage projects and hundreds of millions for projects across the state. This will create thousands of good-paying jobs and help reboot our economy as we recover from COVID-19 and face record-high inflation. A disappointing reality is that the projects our community advocated for and that I fought to get funding for did not make it into the capital budget. This is in large part due to the fact that the House was completely cut out of the capital budget process by the Senate which incorporated the capital budget into the operating budget (also known as a "Turduken".) This is extremely disappointing but I will continue fighting to bring funds back to our district for capital projects.

Capital Budget Highlights

- Invested \$200 million for the Port of Alaska in Anchorage which is in dire need of repairs and upgrades. The port provides over 70% of Alaska's food and fuel imports and is critical to our state and national security.
- \$350 thousand for the Abused Women in Aid in Crisis (AWIAC) shelter.
- Roughly \$3 million for the Anchorage trails, including the Alaska Long Trail and Crow Pass.
- Nearly \$1 million to Volunteers of America for school-based mental health services.

Legislative Update

Over the last two years, my office has focused on a handful of key pieces of legislation aimed at reinstating campaign contribution limits and empowering Alaska voters, supporting jobs and small businesses, promoting investments in clean and renewable energies, and streamlining government. Although one of our key pieces of legislation, HB 234 aimed at reinstating contribution limits, came short of passing, I'm proud that we passed four critical pieces of legislation this year. Beyond the legislation I sponsored, I am proud to have supported and co-sponsored countless other bills that will have a positive impact for our community and all Alaskans!

Our Bills

[HB 163 Vehicle Title Transfers, Drivers Licenses and Plates](#)

HB 163 is a simple straightforward bill that would allow the DMV to begin the process of using electronic signatures, instead of a ink signature, for vehicle title transfers. HB 163 was amended in the Senate to include two other bills. The amended version of HB 163 waves requirements for dual license plates on vehicles, with many newer models not being built for a front plate, and creating uniformity on the expiration dates for driver's licenses. HB 163 passed both bodies with overwhelming support.

[HB 227 Muni Energy Improvement Assessment Program:](#)

HB 227 is a key piece of legislation that will support small businesses, help create good-paying jobs, and expand access to renewable and clean energy across Alaska. HB 227 builds on the highly successful Commercial Property Assessed Clean Energy (C-PACE) program that provides fixed-rate, long-term financing for energy efficiency and renewable energy projects. It passed the House overwhelmingly on a vote of 31-4 and the Senate unanimously!

[HB 234 Political Contribution Limits:](#)

HB 234, our bill to reinstate fair, reasonable, and constitutional political contribution limits in Alaska elections, passed through the House and made it to the Senate State Affairs Committee where it had many hearings. Despite broad support, HB 234 did not move out of this committee but was incorporated, also known as being "Christmas Treed", into another campaign finance bill which we were nearly able to pass in the Senate. Unfortunately, however, politics got in the way and this legislation did not pass. That said, the fight is not over and I am committed to ensuring Alaska's elections are free from undue and outside interests. More on this to come soon!

[HB 402 Identification Requirements for Contractors and Home Inspectors](#)

HB 402 will streamline identification requirements for contractors and home inspectors in Alaska. Since 1968, contractors and home inspectors have been required to list their name, mailing address, address of the contractor's principal place of business, and contractor registration number in all advertising. With modern advertising, including print, radio, digital, or television, this provision can be costly and outdated. To fix this, HB 402 permits these contractors and inspectors to use a website address to a landing page that includes this information. HB 402 passed both bodies with unanimous support!

[HB 411 Municipal Tax Exemptions and Deferrals](#)

Our bill to allow municipalities to provide economic incentives, and tax exemptions or deferrals within a service area, in order to promote economic growth passed with overwhelming support from both bodies. HB 411 is all about removing state-level red tape to empower our local governments with greater control over their economic development efforts.

Other Important Legislation

[HB 5 / HB 325 Sexual Assaults and Definition of Consent](#)

Alaska's laws regarding sexual assault and the definition of consent were outdated and resulted in our legal system failing far too many victims of sexual assault. I am proud to have been an early co-sponsor of HB 5, introduced by Rep. Geran Tarr, which updates the legal definition of consent and requires that rape kits be analyzed within 6 months. This bill was later incorporated into HB 325, sponsored by Rep. Sara Rasmussen, which ties image-based sexual abuse crimes to our domestic violence laws. The passage of these two critical pieces of legislation will have a significant benefit for Alaskans. It also represents a significant step forward in addressing domestic violence and sexual assault in Alaska but much work remains to fully address this crisis.

[HB 265 Health Care Services by Telehealth](#)

Throughout the COVID-19 pandemic, Alaskans across our state have turned to telehealth as a convenient, accessible, and cost-effective alternative to in-patient doctor visits. Up until this point, Alaskans had been faced with regulatory barriers to accessing telehealth visits which had been temporarily relaxed in response to COVID-19. HB 265 will remove burdensome regulations to expand access to telehealth and expand Alaska Medicaid to cover telehealth services. HB 265, sponsored by Rep. Ivy Spohnholz, passed both bodies with broad support!

[SJR 12 Social Security Benefit Windfall Provision Repeal](#)

SJR 12 urges Congress to repeal the Windfall Elimination Provision and Government Pension Offset of the Social Security Act. These provisions punish Alaska's public employees who have already paid into Social Security through a private-sector job by

reducing the amount of Social Security benefits they would otherwise be entitled to at retirement. This legislation was passed with overwhelming support from both bodies.

[HB 246 Marijuana Conviction Records](#)

The Alaska State House overwhelmingly passed HB 246 to remove minor marijuana-related crimes that took place prior to 2014 from Court View records. After Alaskans voted to legalize marijuana in 2014, these same charges would be legal today. Despite that, such low-level marijuana crimes can add serious barriers to employment and housing. HB 246 reclassifies minor-marijuana crimes for adults 18 to 20 from a misdemeanor to a violation. HB 246 passed out of the House with overwhelming support but did not make it out of the Senate.

[HB 55 and HB 220 Retirement System for Public Safety and Public Employees](#)

Alaska's public safety and public employees have been advocating for a fair, livable, and predictable retirement system since our state moved away from a pension plan to a defined contribution plan. This has been a key force in our challenges with recruiting and retaining quality workers, from educators to police and fire, and has resulted in an exodus to states which offer a competitive pension plan. Both of these bills would have made significant progress and provided a real retirement plan for Alaska's workers but were unable to pass.

[HB 66 - Elections, Voting, and Ballots](#)

HB 66 represents a compromise election reform bill that would expand access to Alaska's elections for eligible voters, allow ballot curing and same-day voter registration, increased compensation for election workers, and helped to keep our elections secure. Although this legislation did not pass, there was much progress made on this legislation which will carry over to the next legislature.

[HB 131 - Workers Compensation and Presumptive Benefits for Firefighters](#)

HB 131 updates workers' compensation and disability benefits for firefighters by adding breast cancer to the list of presumptive illnesses to qualify for compensation benefits. It also increases the compensation amount for partial impairment benefits and death benefits for workers across Alaska!

Election for U.S. Congress

With the passing of Don Young, Alaska is in the process of a special election to fill Alaska's only congressional seat which will remain vacant until a new congressional candidate is elected. A special primary election has been scheduled for June 11th which will take place mostly by mail, with ballots sent automatically to all registered voters. Ballots have been sent to registered voters and if you have not received yours, please

contact the division of elections. For the special primary election, Alaskan voters may only vote for one candidate. The top four vote-getters will then advance to an Aug. 16 special general election, in which ranked-choice voting will be used.

Elections officials are encouraging voters to check their listed address online at myvoterinformation.alaska.gov. If the address is incorrect, update it at voterregistration.alaska.gov. Users will need an Alaska driver's license or other state ID.

Redistricting Update

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Contact the Anchorage LIO – You can reach the LIO by phone (907-269-0111) or email: LIO.Anchorage@akleg.gov.

Warmly,
Representative Schrage

PS - I am honored to serve as your Representative. Please do not hesitate to reach out to me or our office anytime.

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