

Campbell Park Community Council

Minutes

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Via Zoom

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- I. Call to order 7:06 pm Anna Hutchinson
- II. Approval of Agenda Anna Hutchinson moved, Michael Burke seconded
- III. Approval of meeting minutes; Kevin Fimon moved; Steve Johnson seconded
- IV. Guest Speaker:
 - A. Michael Burke, Rector of St. Mary's Episcopal Church, on long-range community planning. –19.5 acres at Southwest corner of Lake Otis and Tudor; 1960s formed FISH (friends and service to humanity) deliver meals, groceries, etc. Has state's oldest developmental preschool – non-religious; has transitional housing on the grounds; seven years ago formed housing company:” independent living community for elderly – 15 apartments, fully equipped, but allows elderly to socialize; every 10 years St. Mary's community asks what does the community need and how can we better serve. Michael wants to invite the community to be a part of the planning from the very beginning; engaged Agnew Beck to find out the needs of the community; Dowl has looked at limitations for what can and can't be done – taking pitches from end of May to mid-July. St. Mary's Community Discernment Process has two websites: www.Godsview.org
<https://www.dreamingourfuture.com/choices>
- V. Reports
 - A. Legislature Sen. Elvi Gray-Jackson: see her newsletter at the end of these minutes.

Question asked by Jordan Harary about SB140, banning trans girls from playing sports. Here is Sen. Gray-Jackson's written response: "I can affirm that no one should experience discrimination. I do agree that there are major problems that seek to undermine women's sports. I do not agree that these problems include transgender individuals but instead issues such as sexual harassment/abuse and unequal pay.

"Trans women are women, and trans girls are girls. They deserve to be treated just as everyone else, with dignity and respect. SB 140 is a blatantly discriminatory bill designed to exclude transgender girls and deny them the ability to participate fully in sports and in school community.

"Trans youth should be supported by the adults in their lives, and not vilified by politicians or used to create false fear. They should have the opportunity to live a healthy life, just like everyone else. Denying trans students the opportunity to participate in sports strips them of the many benefits associated with participating in sports, including better self-esteem and improved grades. Like all other students, trans students deserve the same chances to learn teamwork, sportsmanship, leadership, self-discipline, and to build a sense of belonging with their peers. That is the purpose of school sports. We have heard from hundreds of people who have called in and written to us on this bill. They have spoken to the importance school sports played in their lives and how they believe all youth deserve a chance to play.

"When trans athletes are excluded from participation on a sports team that aligns with their gender identity, the result is often complete exclusion from sports and extracurriculars. This leads to stigmatization and isolation of trans students, which undermines students' health, safety, and social and emotional development.

"Supporters of this bill will say it's about protecting Title IX, but Title IX is about expanding opportunities for people to benefit from true, meaningful participation in sports. Transgender people participating in sports doesn't change that; it is part of that. Including trans athletes promotes values of non-discrimination and inclusion among all student athletes, which leads to more cohesion and better athletic performance for the whole team. These are values and lessons we should be trying to instill in our student athletes and youth."

"I will continue to advocate for these issues with the hope that progress can be made to ensure that all people are protected in Alaska- including our transgender neighbors. We all deserve to be treated equally."

Rep. Andy Josephson – Impressed with St. Mary's decennial review. Andy vouched for Kevin Fimon for his position on Alaska Mental Health Trust (Kevin thanks him). Andy had been working on a worker's comp bill for 8 years, but put it inside a firefighter's bill sponsored by Roger Holland, which added breast cancer to firefighter's coverage, and other House members added many other cancers, which was not OK, there was not concurrence, but at 10 pm they resolved it, and Andy's bill stayed in and was passed. The main bill Andy passed in addition was HB226 got lots of pay raises for attorneys, court workers, and staff; Andy also successful "to a point" for defined benefits for first responders. Sen. Stedman killed the bill. Also, had a higher education investment fund for university and medical school scholarships, and Andy rolled his bill into another bill that protects that money from the sweep. Another bill that he thought he could get across but couldn't was to increase tax on fuel, but there was suspension of all motor fuel tax, so that killed it. He was upset

that he couldn't bolster this surcharge; 35% e-cigarette tax passed – this will discourage vaping; largest dividend in history; Question from Jordan Harary: question about funding of HB55 – state on the hook for undefined amount of money which could lead to talk of a tax or something like that. Answer: State actuary says that bill Andy sponsored would have cost the state 5-7 million per year, but the state is losing trained fire and police to other states that offer pensions. So cost neutral. Also, Andy's bill only covered 7% of all public employees – not teachers. Felix: asked how much money in the capital budget for the port: Answer 100 million. Mayor Bronson is a leader on this issue. People resent Anchorage. People in outlying areas love coming to our theaters and restaurants, but they do not care for Anchorage. Jordan Harary HB 172: proposed by the governor, creates health officers who can, without a judge or emergency court order, can come take you away. Answer: Andy's fear is that criminals could get lost in the purgatory of this system. We need a way of keeping potential threats to public safety from actually threatening public safety. This bill is not really talking about that. This is talking about people with mental health issues who are ending up in emergency rooms and clogging them up and not getting the real care that they need. Much of this is already happening, another alternative is that these people are going to jail. There is need. Harary: this country is facing an ideological war and bills like this create more loopholes and may be used for ideologically positioning. These loopholes will be used in nefarious ways. Answer: that hypothetical would not happen with this bill.

- B. School Board (Carl Jacobs) – 7000 students participating in summer school. Margo Bellamy will remain president. Carl Jacobs will be Eagle River – Dora Wilson will be our new rep; new policy passed requiring school board members attend 50% of assigned community council meetings.
- C. Assembly (Felix River – 1. Housing and homelessness; upset that the meeting happened tonight; funding for homeless shelter at Elmore and Tudor still in flux. Lots of possibilities for funding. We need to see that the assembly's amended budget implemented as approved; all vetoes of mayor were overridden so must be implemented as approved. Muni received big batch of funds through Cares, then ARPA 1 and now ARPA 2 ; couple of messages went out to open up for applications; goal is to make funding decision by June 7; we want this to be long term transparent and equitable

. Youth representative approved for the assembly: Sarah Price – she will serve till June 21 then will go to Air Force. Kevin Fimon: concerned about such a short turnaround for public input about ARPA 2, June 7. Felix: that’s a legitimate concern. We will look at re-opening applications.

Steve Johnson: will there be any camp abatement in our area? There has apparently been none in our area. Felix: Last response I got from Head of Parks and Rec is that a “plan is in progress.” So my answer is there should be a plan, I don’t know why one isn’t be shared publicly, and I do not know anything about camp abatement throughout the municipality. Lindsay Durrand and Jordan Harary AO 2022-60: why can’t we keep politically stuff out and deal with it at a better time when it’s not so divisive. Felix: good point. Kicking the ball down the road is what got us here in the first place. There is just one sponsor of this bill (Assembly member Constant) and we as a body have to decide how to deal with it. There’s a process to dealing with it. We have to go through that.

- D. Mayor’s Office – no one present
- E. FCC (Kevin Fimon)
- F. Housing and Homelessness Committee (Michael Burke/Pat Dooley) – there was no meeting. Kevin: have Josh Durand, director of Parks and Rec, to speak about homeless stuff
- G. CPCC Chair (Anna Hutchinson)
- H. JBER: Kathleen Bryant – Between the 9th and 24th of June – exercised will be happening and there will be noise. In person Air show July 30 and July 31. Use the iSportsman App if you are going to recreating on base. A couple of Memorial Day events as well.
- VI. New Business: confirm no June CPCC meeting – decision to have DOWL come. We will not meet in July.
- VII. Next Meeting: June 16th, 2022, 7:00 p.m. Zoom
- VIII. Adjournment 8:58 pm Andrew Gray moved, Pat Dooley seconded (**16 members at most attended portion of meeting**)

Carl Jacobs’ websites and links:

ASD Hot Topics Page: <https://www.asdk12.org/hottopics>

2022 Graduation Info: <https://www.asdk12.org/graduations>

Most Recent Superintendent Report: <https://www.asdk12.org/Page/16184?fbclid=IwAR1-3YTvHS7GICdibvOWgor1hHJhlLBWspyPSSHDITmUflHM4sHQvG6ZrRA>

FY2022-2023 Budget: <https://www.asdk12.org/Page/18726>

Open enrollment for returning students is now open! Click here for the details:

<https://bit.ly/3OVrGnt>

ASD Citizen Complaints: <https://www.asdk12.org/Page/3293>

End of year student and family checklist: <https://bit.ly/3FTlp6o>

Upcoming ASD Board Meeting - 6/1 @ 6:00pm

Link to agenda (when available) and to register for testimony:

<https://www.asdk12.org/Page/4329>

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JBER REPORT

Boniface Visitor Center is open! Richardson Visitor Center is closed until September 2022

-Noise complaint filing information at <https://www.jber.jb.mil/Contact-Us/>

ELVI GRAY JACKSON'S NEWSLETTER:

My Senate Bills on the Move

SB 7 State Trooper Policies: Public Access. Passed the House floor on 5/16 on a vote of 29-9. It passed the Senate unanimously. It is now waiting for the governor's signature.

SB 80 Public Schools: Mental health Education. Passed House Finance on a vote of 7-4. Bill was heard on the floor with an additional amendment by Rep. Claman and Rep. Johnson that would have allowed the parents to object to and withdraw their students from the curriculum. Other amendments were also proposed and passed. These amendments include additional requirements for those helping to develop the mental health curriculum. Lastly, an amendment was made to limit the scope of the mental health curriculum by removing permissions to teach on topics related to gender identity. Unfortunately, the original intent of my bill became less clear with the addition of the amendments. Due to this fact, I withdrew my bill and will reintroduce it at a later

date. decided to withdraw the bill.

SB 222 Extend Physical Therapy & Occupational Therapy Board. Passed the House floor on a vote of 37-1 and is now waiting for the governor's signature.

Budget

Both the Operating and Capital budget have passed the Senate yesterday. The PFD amount approved is around \$3,200.

Community events:

We were invited to the ribbon cutting ceremony for the Alaskan Veterans Museum. The event marked its grand re-opening. If you have not had the chance to visit the museum, I highly suggest that you do. The museum is in the Sunshine Mall at 411 West 4th Ave.

I also attended the open house for Alaska Adoption Services. During the event, I was able to learn more about the mission and work of Alaska Adoption Services and how we all can help support families in need.

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