

**BASHER COMMUNITY COUNCIL QUARTERLY MEETING**  
**Basher Elementary School**  
**February 8, 2018**

President Don Crafts  
Vice President John Beebee  
Secretary Margaret Nelson  
Treasurer Hillary Morgan  
Directors at Large Dirk Sisson, Rick Kullberg

Meeting Called to order at 7:05pm by Council President Don Crafts  
There were 28 people in attendance.

**State Legislative Report, Rep. Lance Pruitt**

Rep. Lance Pruitt reported via telephone from Juneau:

\*That he is working on the state budget;

\*That no decision has been made, as far as he knows, about the location of the municipal bus barn. He has heard that the municipality will first decide on a location then go out for public comments.

**Municipal Clerk's Office Carolyn Hall**

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Carolyn Hall, education and outreach coordinator for the Municipal Clerk's office gave a presentation on the Anchorage vote by mail project. April 3 will be the first election using the new vote by mail system. Anchorage residents should receive a ballot in the mail by the 3<sup>rd</sup> week in March. If you do not, please contact the municipal clerk's office. Handouts by Carolyn are posted in the documents section of Nextdoor. Or you can see all the documents here:

<https://www.muni.org/departments/assembly/clerk/elections/Pages/default.aspx>.

**Limited Road Service Area Report Harry Haywood**

Harry Haywood of the LSRA reported that there are not too many issues with the road this winter, mostly due to lack of snow. Also, the LRSA members have not yet determined if there are funds available this year for any road projects, primarily due to the lack of reporting on fund availability from the municipality. He will keep us informed, however.

Haywood stated that Eric Johnson will be retiring from his service on the LRSA Board. He believes another resident has applied for that seat.

**Presentation by Resident Ann Gabler, Anchorage Park Foundation Grant**

Resident Ann Gabler, a Stuckagain Heights resident, gave a presentation to the council regarding a grant application she has written for \$1,500 to install signage for a nature preserve within Far North Bicentennial Park (FNBP). See attached grant application and map.

Ann explained to the council that many trails are being developed in FNBP both purposefully and by use by bikers using fat tire bikes.

As part of her presentation Rick Sinnott of Alaska Fish & Game gave a presentation of brown bear habitat within the park boundaries.

**Motion:**

Member Loren Baxter: "I make a motion to support the grant application for signage in Far North Bicentennial Park (FNBP) and setting aside a Nature Preserve."

Second: Matt Moore

President Don Crafts called for a showing of hands and declared the Motion Unanimously Approved.

**Motion:**

Member Loren Baxter: "I make a motion to support extending the Far North Bicentennial Park (FNBP) Nature Preserve across Campbell Airstrip Road to a parcel to the south of the proposed Nature Preserve."

Second: Matt Moore

President Don Crafts called for a showing of hands and declared the Motion Unanimously Approved.

**Presentation Beverly Churchill, Move to Amend**

Guest Beverly Churchill asked the council to consider approving a resolution that amends the US Constitution to state that only human beings are entitled to constitutional rights. By unanimous vote the topic was tabled.

**Muni Assembly Update, Assemblyman Pete Peterson**

Assemblyman Pete Peterson reported:

- On the April 3 ballot will be a question to the voters asking if the Muni should explore selling ML&P to Chugach Electric. You can find more information here: <https://www.muni.org/Departments/Assembly/Clerk/Elections/Pages/MLPChugachSale.aspx>. Pete explained that the sale price is now estimated at \$1.1 billion. Pete is generally in favor of the sale, he said. "We now have 2 utilities," Peterson said, "and one surrounds the other. It makes sense."  
In responding to questions, Pete said the Muni has not decided what will be done with the funds received from the sale. Either they could be used to pay down debt, or used to create a permanent fund to fund government.
- There are several bond issues on the April 3 ballot totaling \$50,656,500. You can see a list of what that entails here: <https://www.muni.org/Departments/Assembly/Clerk/Elections/2018%20Election/AO%202017-154.pdf>. Pete did not have an estimate of what it will cost property owners if the bond issue is approved.
- A local alcohol tax is not on the ballot. Pete stated that he is in favor of an alcohol tax as he considers this a "user fee."
- Has no new information on the bus barn location.
- Forrest Dunbar is working on an ordinance on the use of drones in the municipality.

**Anti-Crime in Stuckagain Heights**

Neighbor Geri Groeneweg stated that a January 18 meeting of those interested in combating crime and suspicious behavior brought out lots of neighbors. Ideas for the community include community service patrols, signage, video surveillance, neighborhood watch, among others.

A smaller group of neighbors formed to begin implementing these security measures. They are: Chair David Matthys, Geri Groeneweg, Brad Campbell, Barbara Luiten, Kat Karabelnikoff, Chris Northcutt and Troy Weiss. The next meeting of the anti-crime group is tentatively scheduled for Feb. 22.

Next Basher Community Council meeting: May 10.

Meeting adjourned at 9:51pm.