

Basher Community Council
February 11, 2021
Via Zoom

President Don Crafts
Secretary Margaret Nelson

Meeting called meeting to order at 7:05 a.m. by President Don Crafts. There were 10 people attending via Zoom.

State Legislative Report Rep. Liz Snyder. And staff Aliana and Ari Wiggin attended. Liz reported she is a member of the Democratic majority. She supports growth of Permanent Fund. Wants list of projects for East Anchorage to be considered. Our priorities have been sent to her.

Municipal Assembly Report.

Assemblyman Pete Peterson. Stated bonds will be coming out in April. 1.9 percent interest on these bonds. Public safety: Chief Doll retiring. Will be looking for a new chief. Looking at body cameras for police.

Assemblyman Forrest Dunbar. Stated Ph II of the trail to connect the Chugach Foothills to connect Campbell Airstrip Road is underway. There will be \$35 million in rental relief from AHFC. Stated Mayor has too much power. Mask mandate relief tabled for now. Stated there's foundational damage on two buildings so will not going to purchase them for homeless. Sullivan arena needs to be returned to public service.

Fire Department Report.

No one attended from Station 14

Limited Road Service Area (LRSA) Report.

Ted Trueblood.

1. The nomination of Lonnie Brown to fill Seat D on the LRSA Board of Supervisors, which was vacated by the resignation of Harry Haywood, has been approved, so the BoS again has a full five members.
2. Two seats on the LRSA BoS are up for a vote at the Municipal elections in April. Seat B, Eric Johnson incumbent, and Seat C, Jack Walker incumbent, are on the ballot. Both incumbents are running for reelection.
3. The next BoS meeting will likely again by ZOOM and will be announced in advance by a Community Council email and on NextDoor. This meeting will likely be in March, where we will discuss the summer work program and proposed changes to the equipment list for the new maintenance contract.
4. Winter road maintenance has been fairly typical of recent years. The contractor's grader operator has been plowing our roads for many years and has winged back the existing snow to provide for storage in expectation of another large snowfall.
5. Our Contract Administrator is Bob Groenweg. Either Bob or Jack Walker

can be contacted about maintenance issues.

6. We are still concerned about residential driveway snow being pushed across the roadway and/or piled up in the Right of Way. Municipal code (24.80.090) strictly forbids this practice and violations are subject to a \$300 fine for pushing snow across the roads. Use of the ROW for residential snow storage can result in a \$1000 fine. These practices are both unsafe and result in increased costs for road maintenance.

Discussion from membership about parking on the top of Basher Road at the trailhead blocking the road causing a problem with police and fire access. Ted stated it would be nice to have that section of road improved.

Ted: Improve the section of road –not even a fire lane.

Safety Patrol Report.

Troy Weiss not available so Margaret Nelson gave his report. The patrol is active with 7 solid members doing patrols and the group meets monthly. They are currently looking into placing a surveillance camera at Basher Trial Head Head or at fire station 14.

Park Grant Report for Interpretive Signs.

Ann M. Gabler update on grant received for interpretive sign. We were able to get the matching funds. Grant was submitted. However, the signage cost more than the grant so can no longer make the interpretive signs.

Don Crafts reported that there will be a meeting of all community councils March 8, 7 p.m. Monday.

Meeting adjourned 8:05 p.m.