

**BASHER COMMUNITY COUNCIL**  
**Regular Quarterly meeting**  
**Baxter Elementary School Cafeteria**  
**Meeting Minutes, September 8, 2022**

President Jim Wojciehowski, present  
Vice President Chad Hufford, present  
Secretary Margaret Nelson, present  
Treasurer Jeff Allen, present  
At-Large members: Troy Weiss, present  
Ted Trueblood, excused absence  
Council members attendance list at the end of the minutes.

Meeting Called to order at 7 pm by President Jim Wojciehowski

**Presentation on Shall There Be a Constitutional Convention**

Presenters were both given 5 minutes.

**Presenters: Cathy Giessel**, presented a vote no on a constitution convention, she is running for Alaska State Senate and is a member of eight statewide co-chairs for the group called "No on One." For information go to [defendakconstitution.com](http://defendakconstitution.com).

Presentation. 5 minutes

**Jake Libby**, presented in favor of the constitutional convention. He is publisher of [AlaskaWatchman.com](http://AlaskaWatchman.com). For his point of view go to [alaskawatchman.com/2022/02/05/constitutional-convention-debate/](http://alaskawatchman.com/2022/02/05/constitutional-convention-debate/)

**President's Report, Jim Wojciehowski**

Jim reported the following:

Communication updates have been issued several times via email to council members. He, as the President of Basher Community Council, has been asked to participate in a wildfire planning session in September. He will report back to the council after the meeting. No current activity has occurred on a possible secondary road out of the neighborhood.

**Vice-President's Report, Chad Hufford**

No report.

**Secretary's Report, Margaret Nelson**

\*BCC will no longer using Nextdoor. Minutes of the meetings from the past 7 years were up on the Nextdoor website. However, Nextdoor significantly changed its platform this past summer deleted documents and events. Additionally, Next-door changed its algorithm so that one's usage determines what they see on Next-door, not the community activity. Therefore, the BCC will not be using Nextdoor for announcements. There will be general information posted. All information on community council activity will be sent to the members via email. Currently there are 213 email addresses representing member of the BCC on the email list serve. If you wish to be on the email list serve, please email [basherccsecretary@gmail.com](mailto:basherccsecretary@gmail.com).

**Treasurer's Report, Jeff Allen**

No report.

### **Federation of Community Council's (FCC) report**

**Don Crafts**, past president of the BCC, and current designee to the FCC indicated that the Federation of Community Councils, hasn't had any recent meetings, so nothing new to report.

### **Community Patrol report**

**Troy Weiss**, head of the community patrol, gave a report. Neighborhood trailheads are easy targets, therefore be cautious. Be sure to lock your car and if you have alarms, use them. Anyone interested in joining the community patrol or wanting additional information please feel free to contact Troy at bashercommunitypatrol@gmail.com.

### **LRSA Report**

**President Jim Wojciechowski** read the report from the LRSA as Ted Trueblood was excused from the meeting. The report is as follows:

1. LRSA Budget is in good shape.
2. Will not be putting RAP on Copper this year (it's too wet).
3. Basher "pond" has been drained. Culvert end was damaged and kinked. A new culvert extension was installed.
4. Hot mix asphalt will be available to patch potholes this fall.
5. Brush cutting is scheduled for this fall.

### **Assembly Report**

**Assemblyman Pete Peterson**. The Municipality of Anchorage has issued more than \$51 million of CARES act funding this month including \$8 million for child care and \$11 million to buy a hotel for homeless. To see where all the funds went go to [muni.org/Recovery](http://muni.org/Recovery). The Navigation Center design has been finished. The ground has been broken and construction has started. By November may be able to use as a warming facility. For more information on the Navigation Center and other plans and issues regarding the homeless go to [muni.org/Departments/health/HousingAndHomelessness](http://muni.org/Departments/health/HousingAndHomelessness).

**Assemblyman Forrest Dunbar**. \$4 million of the \$51 million was dedicated to Cook Inlet Housing for homeless. Forrest also pointed out that construction has begun along Elmore is the new Alaska Sled Dog & Racing Association home. Google the organization name for information and Facebook page.

### **School Board Report**

**School Board member Dave Donley**. The school district is now facing a \$68 million budget gap, Dave reported. The administration is now looking at proposals for reductions. The public will be asked to participate. Additionally, last year the legislature reimbursed Anchorage for all the years that it did not provide for reimbursement of costs of schools. Funds came in at about \$90 million. The school board is now determining how to use those funds.

### **Two Proposed By Law Changes**

**Secretary Margaret Nelson** read two proposed by law changes. They are as follows:

Strike through words to be removed.

BASHER COMMUNITY COUNCIL BYLAWS  
Revised ~~October 1, 2015~~ TBD

ARTICLE VII. Voting

A. Any member of the Council as defined in Article VI shall have one vote. ~~, provided he or she has attended at least one prior Council meeting in the preceding twelve months.~~

~~ARTICLE: XII FINANCES~~

~~A. Funds collected by the Council shall be deposited into an account or accounts at an established financial institution, with the Treasurer being responsible for all deposits and accountings.~~

~~B. The Treasurer shall sign each check or withdrawal. If the Treasurer is not available the President shall sign the check or withdrawal in place of the Treasurer.~~

~~C. A financial report signed by the Treasurer and the President and a person approved by the Membership showing all receipts and expenditures shall be made yearly to the Council prior to the election of new officers. Status reports shall be made to the Council at regularly scheduled meetings.~~

**ARTICLE XII: FINANCE: INCOME, EXPENDITURES; CHECKS, DEPOSITS; GIFTS**

Section 1. Income Source. The Council may accept gifts, grants, or contributions, in cash or in kind, from individuals, organizations, government, business, industry, educational institutions, foundations, or any other source. Any gift, grant or contribution shall be conveyed to the Council by an appropriate legal instrument, and it may be accepted for any general or special Council purpose. A full report of any gift, grant or contribution to the Council shall be made by the Treasurer at the next Council meeting after the gift, grant or contribution has been made and accepted by the Executive Board.

Section 2. Checks, Drafts; Other Evidences of Indebtedness. All checks, drafts or orders for the payment of money, notes, or other evidences of indebtedness issued in the name of the Council shall be signed by an officer or officers, agent or agents, of the Council in the manner the Executive Board, or the Council determines. In the absence of that determination, these instruments shall be signed by any two of the following Council officers: the President, Vice President, Secretary or Treasurer.

Section 3. Limitations on Expenditures. No officer, without the approval of the Executive Board or the Council membership, may expend, or authorize the expenditure, of more

than \$200 of Council funds. All receipts and expenditures will be documented by the treasurer and reported at general membership meetings.

Section 4. Banking. All Council funds shall be deposited in a timely manner to the credit of the Council in the banks, trust companies, credit unions or other depositories, including but not limited to a savings and loan association, that the Executive Board or the Council may select. Deposits, withdrawals and special accounts may be managed in a manner prescribed by the Executive Board. However, the Treasurer shall make a financial report at each regular Council meeting, and at each Executive Board Meeting; that report is subject to the approval of the Council membership.

Section 5. Annual Financial Review. The financial records of the Council shall be reviewed annually by a person or by a committee selected by the Council membership at the end of each fiscal year. The annual financial review shall be circulated among the Council membership.

Section 6. Fiscal Year. The fiscal year of the Council shall begin on the first day of January and end on the last day of December of each calendar year.

Discussion regarding the bylaws took place among those in attendance.

Barbara Hood proposed an amendment stating: "And any contributions above \$1,000 shall be presented for approval by the Council."

The membership, by call of the chair, approved the change.

The bylaw changes will be up for discussion and final approval at the next community council meeting.

**Meeting Adjourned** 8:32 p.m.

Minutes approved by the Basher Community Council members at the meeting November 10, 2022.

Signed:

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*Jim Wojciechowski*  
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Jim Wojciechowski, President

Members in attendance: Jeff Allen, Susan Allen, Jim Wojciechowski, Margaret Nelson, Don Crafts, Ann Gabler, Michele Hansen, Gwen Hufford, Wayne Jones, Vana Jones, Dave Keddington, Kris Keddington, Robert Bundtzen, Loren Baxter, Duby Baxter, John Kress, Rick Kullberg, Kris Mann, Chris Marchant, Gary Meacham, Melanie Meacham, Rob Merchant, Dodi Merchant, Chris Miller, Matt Moore, Ted Popely, Carlton Roberts, Peggy Rotan, Diane Schenker, JoAnn Schnellbaecher, Tim Silbaugh, Cat Silbaugh, Nanette Stevenson, Bruce Talbot, Ted Vacek, Sandra Wagar, Donald Wagar, Neverly Wake, Frank Wake, Troy Weiss, Janet Weiss, Jessie Kullberg, Richard Lanctot, Dena Strait, Barbara Hood, Dirk Sisson

Guests in attendance: Jake Libby, Cathy Giessel, Dave Donley, Forrest Dunbar, Pete Peterson, Jim Minnery