

Bayshore/Klatt Community Council

Council Meeting - February 16th 2023 - 7:00-9:00

Call to Order & Approve Minutes

- The meeting was called to order at 7:01 p.m.
- Board members Ryan and Bruce were present.
- Bruce moves to approve previous minutes, Ryan Seconds.
- One Person was “in person” and 6 people on Zoom.

Matt Claman update

- State senate is working on amending the budget and addressing budget shortfalls.
- Having discussions on SNAP food program
- They are reviewing the Governors proposal of tax credits/ carbon credits.
- Working on getting ASD funding.
- HHS will be addressing the staging last year at the library.
- Question: Can you summarize the Governors carbon credit program
- Answer: There are 2 parts. First is timber resources. We can grow timber to get tax credits. Most of the valuable growing lands are native owned. Also, we can get credits for not harvesting timber assuming those trees would otherwise be harvested. Second is injecting carbon into the ground to eliminate it from the air.
- Question: The BSA increase has been discussed at \$1,000 and \$1,200, is there any discussion of adding an inflation element? Or vouchers?
- Answer: No discussion of vouchers, inflation has been discussed but probably not on the table at this point.

No JBER update

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Randy Sulte update

- Assembly meeting on the 21st. Will be discussion opening up more snow dumps.
- There will be an AO for 3rd party reviews of building plans.
- By 2025 they need to spend \$15 million on homeless or they will lose it.
- The special meeting ended up calling back approval on the contract for Holtan Hills development in Girdwood.
- Question: What happened with the Holtan Hills project?
- Answer: As the Assembly member representing South Anchorage and Girdwood, the public showed up in force to oppose this. It became clear that this was just not the right project for Girdwood. It would have increased Girdwood by 1/3 of the total homes. The release of land from the HLB is supposed to be for the “public good”. The residents are working now on a firewood area plan for future development. Places like Breckenridge have stipulations of up to 80% workforce housing for new developments.

- Randy makes sure to remind everyone to VOTE this April and be sure to track your vote!
- Question: why cant we use the Sullivan Arena for homeless in the summer until we find a better option?
- Answer: We can, sort of. We will be using it at a limited capacity over the summer. There is talk of purchasing the Arctic Rec Center to develop for a homeless facility.
- There is a 2400 home deficit in Anchorage and that is part of the problem with homelessness and that is why we are making great strides to simplify the process of development in Anchorage.

Open to audience for comments or questions for the good of the order

- No more questions

Ryan moves to Adjourn, Bruce seconds the motion.
Adjourned 7:44 p.m.